

CHESIL BANK PARISH COUNCIL

INCORPORATING THE PARISHES OF PORTESHAM, ABBOTSBURY, LANGTON HERRING AND FLEET

Chairman Ian White

Clerk M Harding



Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 6th March 2023, 7.30pm at Strangways Hall, Abbotsbury

Councillors Present:

Abbotsbury Cllrs

Kevin Donnelly (KD) (Parish Chair)
Lorraine Dalley (LD)
Mark Hardway (MH)

Fleet Cllrs

Ian White (IW) (Chair of the Group Council)
John Coombe (JC)

Langton Herring Cllrs

Cate Killoch (CK)

Portesham Cllrs

David Collins (DJC)- (Parish Chair)
Sharon Murdoch (SM)
Sue Weeden (SW)
Martin Bartlett (MB)
Marsha White
Ruth Chipp-Marshall

In attendance:

Mrs M Harding (Clerk) Cllr Mark Roberts (MR) Dorset Council 6 members of the public

- 23/03-1** **Welcome, Chairs opening remarks-** IW welcomed all to the meeting noting housekeeping.
- 23/03-2** **Apologies for absence we received and accepted from** – Cllr Anne Kerins who is unwell at and Graham Roper who is on annual leave.
- 23/03-3** **To receive declarations of personal or pecuniary interests and grants of dispensation-**none
- 23/03-4** **To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 30th January 2023 as an accurate record.** Proposed SW Seconded JC
- 23/03-5** **Matters arising from the minutes for info only-**JC asked if there was any updates on the speaker regarding the 20 is plenty campaign, it was explained that they were unavailable for this meeting but hoped to attend a meeting in April.
- 23/03-6** **Democratic Forum –**
MR spoke on the budget for Dorset Council which has now been confirmed as a raise of 4% which is 2% council tax and 2% social care. Grants are being made available for the cost-of-living crisis and this will be for funding foodbanks and those most in need for one year, to the value of £2M. The cabinet voted to double the council tax for second homes providing this has government approval. This could raise a further £9.5M per year. Increase in parking times has been agreed to 3 hours.
MR also commented that Jurassic Fibre is now surveying through the valley in competition, this is to try to cover those not spots, the fibre will be located on poles. IW commented that Openreach are currently working in the fields in Fleet where there were 7 vans and 7 men digging trenches by hand instead of using mechanical diggers.
- 23/03-7** **Finance**
i. **To approve the finance report of payments and receipts**
All payments due were authorised to be paid in line with the necessary internal controls and contracts. The report of payments, receipts and the bank reconciliation were circulated prior to the meeting and placed on the PC website.

Receipts to 28-02-23		
Abbotsbury rec collection pot		£34.83
Allotment rents		£66.67

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Playing field hire		£62.50
Bank Interest		£15.30
Payments approved Feb-Mar 23		
DAPTC	Training	£35.00
Barriers Direct	4 x grit bins	£1154.64
Dorset Planning Co	NP professional fees	£662.70
Symonds & Sampson	Prof fees	£568.97
PVH	2 x meetings	£19.50
Toller Tree care	Churchyard vegetation	£1212.00
Strangways hall	2 x meetings	£30.00
H Soper	Grass contract/Allotment stream maintenance	£590.00
Dorset Council	Solar equipment for SID	£630.00
M Jolliffe	Grass contract	£233.33
Wessex Ground Services	Contract	£272.34
Admin/Office expenses	2 months	£1136.41

Bank balances to the end of 28th February 2023 2022 £73,753.16 Proposed DJC Seconded SW

ii. To consider the funding for the Coronation celebrations for the parishes

Following the agreement to set aside £2500 towards the Coronation for the parishes the Cllrs discussed how this should be distributed. Some would like to have supplied mugs for children, most of the villages have events being planned from afternoon teas, picnics and a barn dance.

A further suggestion was to contribute to the lighting of St Catherines Chapel during the bank holiday weekend as it was for the Jubilee. Mr Paul Suggs was invited to speak on the proposal, he had previously sent a quote for the lighting which was paid for by the estate for the Jubilee, this would be at a cost of £1215.61 for 5th to 9th May. A picture had been supplied of the chapel lit for the Jubilee. The estate is not in a position to cover all of this full cost for the Coronation.

KD proposed that the PC supports this cost, JC supported the purchase of mugs, DJC explained that this is difficult to manage when we do not have access to the numbers of children who live in the village.

Cllrs agreed to calculate based on the £2500 agreed, divided by the number of electors in each of the parishes to fund events in each of the villages and make the Abbotsbury share available for the lighting. Proposed KD Seconded SW - This was agreed by all.

23/03-8 Planning consultations

i. To receive any planning consultations-

- i. P/FUL/2022/07098 Proposal: Retention of reception building, alterations to access arrangements including wooden post & retractable metal posts, 3 electrical & water hookups, self-service vending machine & new steps Location: Portesham Dairy Farm Camp Site 7 Bramdon Lane- *this is a retrospective application following the works carried out over the last few years- no comments*
- ii. P/TRC/2023/01170 Proposal: T1 & T2 Cypress - Fell - in decline, allow small shrubs to develop Location: 10 Winters Lane, Portesham- *no objections*
- iii. P/HOU/2023/01054 Proposal: Retain Summer House. Location: 8 Fleetway Cottage, Shop Lane, Langton Herring- *CK asked that a site meeting is held to ensure that the design is that reflected within the application. P&DWG to attend, Clerk to make this request.*

- ii. **To receive an update on planning /enforcement or ongoing issues-** Fleet Wood enforcement action is still ongoing- the enforcement officer has been in contact with JC and a report has been sent to residents of Fleet, this will be shared with the rest of the Council.

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- iii. **To receive the report from the NPSG-** Regulation 16 Consultation was completed on 3rd March the NPSG await feedback. The independent examination will be carried out by Mr Andrew Mead of Intelligent Plans and Examinations, Ipe.

23/03-9 Highways- reports

- i. **To receive any highways issues -**

RCM reported that the water is still coming up out of the road by the Spring on Back Street, highways had been out and closed the job off but it has become a danger as someone had slipped on the road.

MB asked if there had been any further responses to the road edge repairs in Friar Wadden after the National Grid project.

DJC- the pavement raised by a resident has not been completed, there is still a raised manhole cover.

Fleet- new bollards have been installed but no signs or soil placed in the layby areas.

DJC noted that the sofas have at least now been removed from the laybys on the B3157.

SM noted that Wessex Water will be carrying out repairs near Goosehill in due course.

23/03-10 Countryside & Rights of Way reports

- i. **To receive any Rights of way issues-** none

23/03-11 Recreation and Council Property-

- i. **To receive the report and recommendations from the recreation group**

- a. **Abbotsbury Recreation Ground-**£34.83 has been banked from the collection pot at the play area, the stone walls have been repaired by the estate.

- b. **Fleet-** still waiting for Openreach to move the telegraph pole away from the gates.

- c. **Langton Herring-** The bench has been secured and access path cleaned and swept of leaves.

- d. **Portesham-**moss needs to be cleaned off the play area surface, a quote of £80 has been gathered for this work- Proposed CK seconded SM.

The lease is still not forthcoming for the play area from the agents of the Diocese, this will be revisited in May and an inspection carried out to monitor play area as some equipment may need to be closed if any issues are found for H & S purposes.

- e. **Churchyard-** the clearing of the vegetation has been carried out and the removal of ivy from the tree in the rectory. The PCC had noted that they feel they are no longer able to support the living churchyard following these works. The PC felt this was a shame but will continue to carry out its grass cutting contract.

- f. **Allotments-** The container is no longer fit for purpose as it is very rusted out in places, costs will be gathered to replace this, it was suggested that a container with sections inside could be costed in order to secure items at the site, if required in the future.

- g. **Update on the Pavilion planning-** further information has been requested by the case officer regarding the flood zone.

- h. **Walking path from Portesham-** this is still ongoing and will be pursued along side the Playing field project by the recreation group.

- i. **Trailway project-** Whilst the Solar project in this area is still ongoing no further progress can be made to this project, as much of the land along the potential route is within parts of the proposal area. Cllrs commented on the current project for the battery store following the event with CPRE but until the Parish Council is consulted there would not be any further discuss at this time.

- j. **Dog Poo signs-** a request has been made for dog poo signs for the playing field as it is being used more regularly by dog walkers. This was agreed CK noted that the Dog poo bins in Langton Herring are working really well.

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ii. **To consider the recommendation to change the focus of the Pavilion project to a MUGA/Tennis court refurb and update facilities on the Portesham Playing field.**

Following the recreation meeting this item was added to the agenda in order to consider the Pavilion project given the potential costs involved, the availability of funding to Parish Council's the project plan required in order to take this forward as well as the end user and how these costs could be recovered.

RCM commenced the discussions and asked that the minutes of the recreation group meeting are amended to note that a request had actually been made by the Scout leader at the time verbally to Cllr Marsha White to request a Scout Hut on the site. The current Scout leader after being informed that the Hut/Pavilion was being reconsidered was very disappointed especially as they had hoped to use the site for camping this year. Also, there would be certain facilities required on the site for the Scout group to meet their H & S procedures, i.e toilet and running water. RCM explained that the project was never intended to be a £200,000.00 project and it has been going on for such a long time. It has taken many man hours and admin hours plus a survey of the parishes concluded there was over whelming support for a pavilion. Having done lots of research RCM explained that a simple purpose-built building would be in the region of £50 to 55,000.00. MW commented that RCM has done a lot of personal fundraising for the project.

MB noted he didn't disagree with the comments, but an income is needed and the funding of such a project by the PC is almost impossible.

MH asked who we would be providing this facility for, if it is just storage for the scouts who will pay for this, can we not just put in storage or a toilet facility, we need to know the end user of the project, and agreed the PC does not have the skill sets for this type of project as volunteers.

RCM had suggested a much smaller building and then other scout groups could use it as the site already has the Sea Scouts who use the area, currently with no charge as they have in the past assisted with the tents for the Chesil Fayre. Also, RCM asked would this mean using the money raised for the MUGA and Tennis court refurb, will there be a charge for these facilities? An honesty box was suggested. The field lends itself to other sports.

CK explained that the scouts would not need the site in the winter months and school holidays, so it has to be multi-purpose as they use the VH 3 times a week.

MB suggested that these discussions need to be taken back to the recreation group for further debate.

JC noted that there used to be a Playing field committee this developed into the Chesil Fayre group also dates need to be so that all members can attend, it was noted that many of the Cllrs work full time.

CK noted that if for some reason Cllrs cannot attend the meetings arranged then they should send a report so their point of view is taken into account, although they cannot vote.

A date of the 24th April was set for a recreation meeting to look at the finer details of the project and bring this back to the full PC at the May meeting, all Cllrs would be welcome at the meeting.

iii. **To consider the proposal to extend the Cemetery to the north**

MB reported that the Council had approached the Estate regarding extending to the cemetery. CBPC had taken into account the feeling of residents of Cemetery Road but the Estate have confirmed that any extension would be to the north of the site. RCM asked if there was a right to roam on the site as some use it for walking their dogs, the PC were not aware of this. The PC will now explore the costs and implications with the Estate and any searches carried out will find any rights of way, we do not know the value of the land so professional advice will need to be sought.
Proposed SW Seconded SM

i. **Parish Reports**

- i. **Abbotsbury-** Annual Parish meeting is on the 13th March 2023, a letter had been received regarding the 20mph options, this will be discussed at the meeting.

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- ii. **Fleet-** no date yet, likely to be the end of May when the weather is warmer using the Church for the meeting.
- iii. **Langton Herring-**The date will be arranged for the APA when Cllrs are available.
- iv. **Portesham-** The APA will be on 27th March.
- v. **To agree the siting of a Bug Hotel in the Churchyard-** The PC had received a request for permission to install a bug hotel in the Churchyard as the PC are responsible for the care and maintenance of the Churchyard as it is closed. The suggested design and size was thought to be too large for the location, it was agreed that a smaller design located near the Churchyard wall would be more suitable.

Proposed RCM Seconded MW 4 For -2 Against 6 abstentions.

The PC had received a complaint about trees being planted on the greenspace at Goosehill and had passed this to the tree team at DC as this is not a PC responsibility. It was noted that in order to plant trees on Dorset Council land a licence is required which involves a consultation with residents taking into account the future management of the trees and the type of trees planted.

23/03-12 **To consider all correspondence received for decision, consultation, and information-**

- i. The new SID will cost £750 plus vat for deployment by Dorset Council unless the PC can gather volunteers to move this around the village, it was also noted that the SID can only be used in Portesham due the other villages currently not meeting the criteria and the rotation of the 3 sites.
- ii. The PC receive weekly emails regarding licence applications from Dorset Council, one that has come to the PC is the Chesil Rocks licence, the Langton Herring Councillors had provided some points for the PC to consider noting that the PC are not objecting to the event but some restrictions for the benefit of the community and residents affected by the event.

- Limitation of numbers attending as the new licence would be for up to 5000.
- Restriction of the number of days to 3
- Suitable parking provision
- Traffic safety management
- Finishing times to be reduced
- Public liability Insurance by the event organisers

A report will be circulated to Cllrs prior to submission to Dorset Council.

Proposed MB Seconded KD

23/03-13 **To confirm the date and items for the next Parish Council meeting 3rd April and confirm the Portesham meetings to be held in the PVH going forward.**

Cllrs commented that the response from the PVH was disappointing regarding the use of the VH and their comments on hall hire charges especially as the PC had given a great deal of financial support when it was built, the benefits of the hall is the parking and internet, and the PC has a lockable cupboard for PC documents. The PC pays the other village halls a nominal fee of £15 per meeting, this was agreed to be in line with the use of the Main Hall in PVH some years ago. It was agreed to try the April meeting in the RDR to see how this works in the smaller room before going to the Methodist Hall which is cheaper to hire at £9 per meeting.

Proposed DJC Seconded KD

23/03-14 **Democratic Forum 15 minutes on any other items-**

Two of the leaders for the Chesil scouts attended the meeting and asked what would happen to the funds raised, specifically by the Scout group towards the Scout Hut/Pavilion project if it does not go ahead? This would be discussed by the recreation group at their next meeting to recommend to the full PC.

The Hamper raffle in aid of the QEII Bus shelter is being organised and LD agreed to sell tickets, posters and a number square draw sheet was provided, this will be advertised, and the draw will take place on the 3rd April PC meeting.

Meeting closed at 21:25