

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 3rd April 2023, 7.30pm at Portesham VH

Councillors Present:

Abbotsbury Cllrs

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

Langton Herring Cllrs

Cate Killoch (CK)
Vacancy

Portesham Cllrs

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

Fleet Cllrs

Ian White (IW) (Chair of the Group Council)

In attendance:

Mrs M Harding (Clerk) Cllr Mark Roberts (MR) Dorset Council 23 members of the public

23/04-1 Welcome, Chairs opening remarks- IW welcomed all to the meeting noting housekeeping. The Chair reminded Councillors when speaking at meetings to speak one at a time and address the chair at all times taking note of the standing orders and the current code of conduct. The chairman commented on the use of the village hall and the issue of safeguarding when sharing the hall with other users for the future. Following the resignation of Anne Kerins the Chair gave a vote of thanks to Anne for her time on the Council. A card and some flowers would be delivered in due course.

23/04-2 Apologies for absence we received and accepted from – John Coombe (JC).

23/04-3 To receive declarations of personal or pecuniary interests and grants of dispensation-Cllr Ruth Chipp-Marshall registered an interest in item 11iv.

23/04-4 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th March 2023 as an accurate record. Proposed KD Seconded DJC

23/04-5 Matters arising from the minutes for info only-IW reminded Cllrs about the Coronation funding available to parishes, Abbotsbury are spending their allocation on the lighting of St Catherines Chapel over the weekend. DJC asked for an update on the pavement issue in Portesham, this has been chased with highways as only part of the works had been carried out. DJC also updated the minutes to confirm the Annual Parish Meeting in Portesham is to be held on 24th April.

23/04-6 Democratic Forum –

MR introduced himself to those at the meeting as Ward Councillor for Chesil Bank. He reported on the planned introduction of double fees for council tax for second homes, but this has been deferred by government. There is further cost of living grants available. The 260 car parking meters in Dorset will be updated in due course and the charges have been extended from 2 to 3 hours, The Boundary commission consultation is being considered for Southwest Dorset which may not affect our parishes. Landowners are being asked to submit areas of potential development for the local plan. The scrutiny committee are looking at bus services. A grant application was submitted for regeneration to the Government but was not successful, but Bournemouth was. There is however a grant of 3M for potholes in West Dorset.

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A resident commented on the overgrown hedge coming out over the pavement on the way towards the Surgery.

Hamper Draw- LD had managed to sell many tickets for the QEII Bus shelter and the draw was carried out. A member of the public was asked to draw the winning ticket, Karen Kennedy of Bagwell was the winner, the actual funds raised will be announced once collected in, it is hoped to be in excess of £350. Thanks to all those who supported the cause.

23/04-7 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 31-03-23		
Stonewater	Glebe house rents	£1189.36
Hamper Draw		£82.00
Playing field hire		£62.50
Bank Interest		£12.13
Payments approved April		
DAPTC	Annual Subs	£534.41
Water 2 Business	Cemetery	£42.81
Water 2 Business	Playing field	£39.94
PVH	Hall hire	£11.37
H Soper	Grass contract/repairs	£285.00
M Jolliffe	Grass contract	£233.33
Admin/Office expenses		£1060.57

Bank balances to the end of 31st March 2023 £69,337.54 Proposed GR Seconded MH

23/04-8 Planning consultations

i. To receive any planning consultations-

- i. P/HOU/2023/01558 Proposal: Erect rear extension and internal alterations. Location: 15 Back Street, Abbotsbury- *no objections*
- ii. P/LBC/2023/01560 Proposal: Erect rear extension and internal alterations. Location: 15 Back Street, Abbotsbury- *no objections*
- iii. P/NMA/2023/01911 Proposal: Non-material amendment to Planning permission WD/D/18/000047. The proposal comprises the following main elements: Installation of approximately 8.8km of 400kV underground cables; Construction of two cable sealing end compounds (SECs) including permanent access roads, required to connect the new underground cables to the existing overhead line; Dismantling and permanent removal of 8.25km of 400kV overhead line including 22 pylons Temporary works to facilitate road works and construction access. Replacement of one terminal pylon and approximately 0.6km of new 400kV overhead line (separate consent under s37 of the Electricity Act) Location: Land from Winterborne Abbas to Friar Waddon including Bradford Peverell, Compton Vallance, Frampton, Martinstown, Portesham, Winterbourne Abbas and Wlinterbone Steepleton- *for information*
- iv. Licensing Sub Committee - Chesil Rocks- The PC have submitted their comments, this will be considered by the licensing committee on 13th April. The PC will not be attending the hearing.

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- ii. **To withdraw the planning application for the outline planning of the pavilion in its current form.**
At the recreation meeting the members discussed withdrawing the application given the costs, the size of the project and future users of the pavilion/hut and to concentrate on updating the facilities on site first.

Following information from the architect assisting the PC with the project, it was suggested that the PC should continue with the outline planning assuming that further costs are not incurred at this time. This was agreed and that architect would be asked to speak to the case officer on behalf of the PC.

- iii. **To consider the current asset on the site to see if this can be renovated in the near future subject to any planning permissions required.**

Cllrs had discussed this option at the recreation meeting, and it was suggested in the light of the information from the architect that the PC will look into what can be done to the current building on site under permitted development and costs to renovate, MB, DJC and MH to have a site meeting and report at the June PC meeting to give time to gather costings.

- iv. **To consider the request to refund some of the funds donated to the project specifically the pavilion/hut to the Scout Group.**

A request had been made to refund the monies personally raised and donated to the pavilion project by RCM, this was given the uncertainty of the project for the pavilion/Hut for the benefit of the scouts. The amount to be refunded would be £907.28. This was discussed and agreed. Following the request by RCM the PC will refund these funds directly to the Chesil Scout group. It was noted that there is currently £24,662.14 in the Project fund and the funds to be returned will be taken from this pot.

Proposed MW Seconded KD

i. Parish Reports

- i. **Abbotsbury-** The Annual Parish meeting was held on the 13th March 2023, only 2 members of the public in attendance but the meeting went well.
- ii. **Fleet-** Openreach have not been to move the telegraph pole yet.
- iii. **Langton Herring-** As there is only 1 Cllr there is no date set for the APA.
- iv. **Portesham-** The APA is now to be held on 24th April with a speaker from the 20 is plenty campaign. DJC also noted that the meeting will be discussing working together with the volunteers' other issues in the village. SM asked if the PC could follow up on the original Flood report and any of the quick wins that have been completed as there has been no feedback from the initial report other than the Flood project undertaken at Goose hill. Clerk to follow up.

23/04-12 To consider all correspondence received for decision, consultation, and information-

- i. The Jurassic Challenge event is happening on 13th and 14th May.
- ii. Dorset VIP event at Martinstown on 24th May- SW and Clerk to attend.
- iii. DJC asked for feedback on the current SID from residents.

23/04-13 To confirm the date and items for the Annual Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 9th May 2023.

At this meeting the PC will elect the Chair and Vice for the coming year and approve the annual business, procedures and Annual finances for 2022-23.

23/04-14 Democratic Forum 15 minutes on any other items-

DJC asked if the VH could be approached to have a desk microphone for the use in meetings, MW noted the VH are looking into this. Clerk to request.

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CK commented that it is obvious that we could not hold meetings in the RDR due to the number of attendees and Cllrs and asked the members of the Scout group their thoughts on the use of the hall for meetings given the issues of sharing the facility. One of the Chesil leaders spoke on behalf of the group to say that this has not been a problem in the past and the group has been happy to either relocate or hold outdoor activities if the hall is needed by another hirer. The Chesil Scout group were thanked for their comments as the PC did not want to push users out of the hall unnecessarily.

RCM asked what had happened to the mower and strimmer that were to be sold as not required, the Clerk explained that this was being stored over the winter at her address as it required moving from Abbotsbury and no Cllrs had been able to store the equipment, the mower required a new battery and cover which have been ordered and as soon as these were in stock the items would be advertised for sale.

MR commented that following the recent news that a barge has been proposed to be sited at Portland Port for asylum seekers that Dorset Council are not in support, but this is ongoing. MR also commented on the issues at Poole Harbour and contamination given this area is the largest Oyster farm in Britain, this is also ongoing.

A resident commented on the discussions regarding the issues with HGV's and his request for a senior member of the Highways authority to be at the meeting to answer questions. He recalled back in 2010/11 when the relief road was being built that something would be done to deter the HGV's from using Front Street. DJC commented that he too was in support of these restrictions.

In response to the request, there was not enough time to request an officer for the PC meeting, but a site meeting is going to be arranged with highways in due course to look at the issue, MR offered to be at the meeting and assist with this problem.

A resident commented about vegetation growing over the wall in the way of pedestrians from Portesham House, Portesham Cllrs will look into this.

An offer to be a SID deployment volunteer came forward at the meeting, this would then save the PC £700 per year, more volunteers are needed but the PC were very pleased with the interest.

A resident commented that the speed restriction signs are faded, MR commented that this can be reported to DC on the online portal as well as many highways' issues.

The meeting closed at 9pm