

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 Tuesday 9th May 2023, 7.30pm at Langton Herring 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) (Vice and Parish Chair)
Vacancy

Portesham Cllrs

David Collins (DJC)- (Parish Chair)
Sharon Murdoch (SM)
Sue Weeden (SW)
Martin Bartlett (MB)
Martin Jolliffe (MJ)
Andy Horne (AH)

Fleet Cllrs

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

In attendance:

Mrs. M Harding (Clerk) 11 members of the public

23/05-1 Election of Chair for 2023-24 and sign acceptance of office

IW was nominated by DJC and seconded by SW all in favour. IW accepted the position.

23/05-2 Election of Vice Chair for 2023-24 and sign acceptance of office

CK was nominated by SW and seconded by DJC all in favour. CK accepted the position.

23/05-3 To receive apologies for absence– received and recorded from Lorraine Dalley and Cllr Mark Roberts Ward Cllr

23/05-4 To receive declarations of personal or pecuniary interests and grants of dispensation-none

23/05-5 To consider the Co-option of Councillors for Portesham and Langton Herring

Following the vacancy notice 2 candidates had come forward for in Portesham. No candidates for LH at this stage.

Mr Andy Horne and Mr Martin Jolliffe had both completed the co-option form and as there were 2 vacancies both candidates were co-opted and signed the acceptance of office.

Proposed SW Seconded GR All agreed.

AH and MJ joined the Councillors in the meeting.

23/05-6 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3rd April 2023, these were approved as an accurate record. Proposed KD Seconded GR

23/05-7 Matters arising from the minutes for info only-none.

23/05-8 Democratic Forum – none.

23/05-9 To confirm the roles and responsibilities of Councillors for the coming year

These were updated and will be circulated and added to the website, new Cllrs MJ took on emergency planning and AH took on the RoWLO for Portesham. DJC took on the Portesham Village Hall and Flood group rep.

23/05-10 To confirm the meeting dates and venues for the year- these were updated and will be placed on the website and the various village halls informed.

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23/05-11 To reaffirm the Council is eligible to use the General Power of Competence

The PC reaffirmed that it meets the criteria with a qualified Clerk and two thirds of Cllrs elected or stood for election. Proposed KD Seconded JC

23/05-12 To reaffirm the Standing Orders, Financial regulations, and Code of Conduct

No changes to these documents currently. Proposed KD Seconded SW

23/05-13 Planning consultations

- i. **To receive any planning consultations-**
 - i. P/NMA/2023/02033 Proposal: non-material amendment - removal of informative no 1 on the LBC application (error by Council) on planning approval P/LBC/2023/05035 - Internal alterations to facilitate restoration and repair of house Location: 34 Front Street, Portesham. *For Info only.*
 - ii. P/TRC/2023/02090 Proposal: T1 Cypress - Remove southern stem - extensive rot in co-dominant union at base & leaning towards house. T2 Cypress - Remove completely Location: 10 Winters Lane- *no objections.*
 - iii. P/OUT/2022/06092 - Recreation Ground Elworth, Portesham- application withdrawn new application to be considered- *for information.*
 - iv. P/FUL/2023/02119 Proposal: Erect indoor arena & viewing space and apply external cladding to existing buildings (partial demolition of existing store and redundant retaining structure) Location: Goldcombe Farm- *Cllrs to review the application and comment.*
- ii. **To receive an update on planning /enforcement or ongoing issues-** Fleet Wood enforcement action is still ongoing with Dorset Council's legal department.
- iii. **To receive the report from the NPSG-** The Chair of the steering group had circulated a report and an annual report of progress so far. As mentioned in the previous report, Dorset Council submitted all relevant documents to the Independent Examiner on the 23rd of March 2023. The Examiner started work on Monday 27th March 2023 as expected. On the 29th of March we received a letter of clarification from the Examiner stating that subject to his detailed assessment of the Plan, he had not identified any very significant and obvious flaws in the Plan that might lead him to advise that the examination should not proceed. In addition, he mentioned that he would carry out a site visit to the neighbourhood plan area during the week beginning 3 April 2023. He had a number of questions which he wanted answered by April 12th. Seven of these questions are directed at Dorset Council for them to respond, the remaining five are for the NPSG to answer on behalf of the CBPC. Our responses were made by the deadline of the 12th, but Dorset Council asked for an extension to the 19th. Our submitted comments are available on the Dorset Council website please refer to the link below. <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planningpolicy/neighbourhood-planning/chesil-bank-neighbourhood-plan>. The Chair did notify the PC that there are currently no funds as the grant awarded for the year 2022-23 was completed and the underspend returned. At present the Locality grant scheme has not been announced for 2023-24. There is still some work to be done to finalise the NP once the examiner has completed his report and any amendments made plus printing of the final version prior to the referendum.

23/05-14 Finance

i. To approve the Annual Insurance 2023-24

The PC is currently in an LTA until 2024- Proposed SW Seconded GR

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- ii. **To consider the purchase of Coronation Benches for Portesham**
DJC explained that Portesham would like to spend their coronation allocation on benches to commemorate the Coronation. MB had gathered quotes for a bench for the green and some benches for the new Community Garden near the school with the possibility of a free bench, any funds left would be ring fenced for future Portesham projects. Portesham Cllrs would hold a site meeting and confirm the benches to be purchased and place the order. This was agreed. Proposed SM Seconded JC
IW commented that Fleet would also like a bench, but a location needs to be found.
- iii. **To consider a grant towards the Candles on the Hill event-** Cllrs supported the event for another year of £120.00 Proposed DJC Seconded CK
- iv. **To consider the purchase of a new container for the Portesham playing field (allotments)**
MB reported that he and the Clerk had gathered quotes to replace the Allotment container at a cost of between £2500 to £3000 this would include the delivery and removal of the old container for scrap. Quotes had also been gathered for a second hand one at a cost of £900 plus vat. It was agreed that MB would follow this up and order a new container whilst the weather is dry enough to get onto the site. Proposed KD Seconded SW
- v. **To confirm that CBPC does not have a conflict of interest with BDO (External auditor)**
This was confirmed Proposed KD Seconded MB
- vi. **To receive the internal audit 2022-23-** Received and accepted.
- vii. **To approve the Annual Governance Statement 2022-23 (section1)**
This was approved – Proposed SW Seconded DJC
- viii. **To approve the Statement the Accounts 2022-2023**
This was approved – Proposed KD Seconded SW
- ix. **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 30-04-23		
Hamper Draw		£322.00
Sale of Strimmer and Mower		£850.00
HMRC	Vat refund	£2141.10
Precept		£15000.00
Burial Income		£75.00
Playing field hire		£62.50
Bank Interest		£15.55
Payments approved May		
DAPTC	Annual Subs	£534.41
Coronation	LH	£43.92
Flowers	Gifts for Cllrs	£11.98
Painting and cards	Gifts for Cllrs	£51.50
20's plenty	Wheelie bin stickers	£10.00

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PVH	Hall hire	£42.75
LHVH	Hall hire	£15.00
Toolstation	Poo bags (LH)	£9.19
H Soper	Grass contract/repairs	£230.00
M Jolliffe	Grass contract	£237.50
Wessex Grounds services	Grass contract	£139.51
Zurich	Annual Ins	£743.72
Admin/Office expenses		£870.71

Bank balances to the end of 30th April 2023 £82,808.09 Proposed SM Seconded GR

23/05-15 Council Property and Recreation - To receive reports -

IW reported that the Openreach Pole has still not been moved and is still attached to the gates.

There has still not been a response to the lease for the Play area, SW noted that the vicar had said she would assist.

The Gate to the play area in LH has been repaired but the fence around the play equipment needs replacement as it is rotten, this will be considered at a future meeting.

DJC noted that gates to the Bier House are bowed and need replacing, MJ explained that they have been that way for some years but are in working order, they do require treating.

23/05-16 Highways- reports

- i. **To consider the adoption of the trees at Goose Hill planted by PV and the removal of others as agreed with highways and the tree officer, also to agree the TOR for the Volunteer working group. (DJC)**

DJC reported on the site meeting with highways, the tree officer, Cllrs, and members of the PV to look at the trees planted on the area of green on Goose hill. Some trees and shrubs were identified to be removed in the autumn. The PC using the planting out licence had been asked to take on this responsibility on behalf of the volunteers in conjunction with Dorset Council. DJC would set up a working group with Cllrs and PV members to work together going forward for works in the village. This was agreed. Proposed DJC Seconded MB

- ii. **Report on the highways meetings held in Portesham and 20's plenty campaign (DJC)**

DJC reported on the presentation given by Dilys Gartside on the 20's plenty campaign. The presentation was circulated to all. At the meeting there were wheelie bin stickers available to purchase and more could be ordered if there was a need. The posters are not legal but serve as a reminder that 20 is plenty.

DJC also reported on the site meeting on Front Street looking at HGV's white lines and a potential 20mph speed limit. The highways officer will proceed with looking at the criteria for an HGV and weight restriction on Front Street but would need support from local parishes who may be affected as well. She would also look to replace the white lines on the bend by the old school.

Potholes were also reported on Bishop's hill and on Fleet Road.

23/05-17 Countryside & Rights of Way reports - none

23/05-18 To consider all correspondence received for decision, consultation, and information-

The Car boot organiser is hoping to start up again, MB would take on the communication for this with the organiser. It was noted that the signs need to be more professional.

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23/05-19 Parish Reports

- i. **Abbotsbury**- KD reported on the disappointing weather over the coronation weekend so St Catherines Chapel was not very visible in the fog.
- ii. **Fleet**- The APA will be held on 18th May at the Church.
- iii. **Langton Herring**- CK reported that the celebrations went well for the coronation weekend, with the lighting of the beacon, BBQ, and pasty on the village green, a picnic on the Sunday and the children under 11 from the village were given mugs and some were also purchased. A tree had been kindly donated to commemorate the coronation; a location is yet to be decided. The APA is due to be held on 24th May.
- iv. **Portesham**- DJC reported on the coronation event in Cemetery Road where a road closure was in force but due to weather this was held in the Methodist Hall.
The APA was held on 24th April, and these were the items discussed:
The SID training took place on 26th April where 7 volunteers attended, Sally Holland has taken the lead on this. Thanks were given to those volunteers.
SM reported that the CSW is continuing to catch people.
The PV gave a report at the APA as did the organisers of the Millennium for Portesham and Abbotsbury.
SM reported on the Flood report and some actions yet to be completed, including the water run off due to be carried out on Portesham Hill but due to the works carried out at Goose hill this has not happened and could be added to a future budget. The data from the rain gauge was reported.
SM also reported that there is a TRO on Front Street which prevents a speed enforcement van to attend, further info to be gathered.
Dog fouling is proving an issue in the village and the Horse signs for Portesham are to be installed.

23/05-20 Items for the next Parish Council meeting on 5th June

Update on the Benches

23/05-21 Democratic Forum 15 minutes on any other items-

Mr Tim Warren the organiser of Chesil Rocks read out a statement,

STATEMENT TO CHESIL BANK PARISH COUNCIL

A number of comments and assertions submitted by Chesil Bank Parish Council about Chesil Rocks to the licensing committee were disappointing, insomuch as they were factually incorrect, exaggerated or lacked an evidential base to back them up.

In my police career, I attended a number of suicides, dealing with the aftermath – the families, the relatives and the inquests – and I remember the devastation left behind. I also remember in this very village, the mother of two young boys who took her own life.

Langton Herring is on the map for being a doubly thankful village and isn't it wonderful, that with the support and active participation of so many people of this village, it is now also on the map as being the greatest source of income for the Dorset branch of Samaritans. Because of that, they are able to spend less time worrying about fundraising, and more time doing what they do best – that is something to be proud of.

The PC did not respond to this statement.

Another resident commented on the issue of the path and gully along from Portesham House to the Doctors Surgery, he had reported this before, and nothing had been done also the overhanging hedge.

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DJC commented that this was brought up at the site meeting with the highways officer and she commented that there is nothing wrong with the path. DJC to follow this up with the resident.

JC congratulated Mr Warren on his words and the success of the event and that he did not agree with the PC's comments to the licensing committee and the PC should learn from this.

The meeting closed at 8.37pm