

# 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 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023, 7.30pm at Fleet Church

### Councillors Present:

#### Abbotsbury Cllrs

Kevin Donnelly (KD) (Parish Chair)

Lorraine Dalley (LD)

Graham Roper (GR)

Mark Hardway (MH)

#### Fleet Cllrs

John Coombe (JC)

#### Langton Herring Cllrs

None

#### Portesham Cllrs

David Collins (DJC)- (Parish Chair)

Sue Weeden (SW)

Martin Bartlett (MB)

Martin Jolliffe (MJ)

### In attendance:

Mrs. M Harding (Clerk) and Cllr Mark Roberts (Ward Cllr)

7 members of the public

The Clerk opened the meeting at 7.30pm as the Chair and Vice were not in attendance and asked for nominations for Chair of the meeting.

### 23/07-1 Election of a Chair for the meeting due to the absence of the Chair and Vice

DJC Nominated Cllr Kevin Donnelly, seconded by MJ. KD accepted and took the Chair.

### 23/07-2 Welcome, Chairs opening remarks- conduct at meetings.

Cllr Donnelly thanked everyone for attending the meeting and apologised for the awkward seating but there is no suitable alternative meeting place available in Fleet.

He explained that three of the four Chairs recently held a meeting to formulate proposals to improve the quality of meetings. Meetings are too long and have become disorganised he also reminded Cllrs to act in accordance with the adopted Standing Orders, to declare interests, address the Chair when speaking, and not hold discussions between themselves during the meeting. Also, when making a comment to make it clear if their comments are their personal opinion.

The 4 chairs going forward will sit at the top table and Cllrs are requested to mix amongst the parishes. In order to keep the meetings to a timely manner the two democratic forums will be amalgamated and take place immediately after the Chairmans introduction. Members of the public will then be able to leave if they wish.

#### Democratic Forum

*A democratic discussion period lasting no more than thirty minutes will take place at the beginning of the meeting. Members of the public have the opportunity to speak for a maximum of three minutes. The Parish Council meeting will commence as soon as the last comments have been made.*

A set of rules for the democratic forum had been circulated to ensure the smooth running of the meeting and ensure that items raised in this part of the meeting are handled correctly.

The Dorset Councillor for Chesil Bank Ward, Cllr Mark Roberts gave his report:

Cllr Roberts spoke on the issues surrounding the Barge in Portland Port and the support that Dorset Council are having to provide although against it. The passengers will start to arrive in about 4 weeks and there will be 50 over 18 years olds on board at the start, the lead member of children's services is concerned that there should not be anyone under 18 as the cost of care would have to be borne by Dorset Council. A resident asked what affect this will have on the health service, MR reported that

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there will be basic first aid on board but if an emergency occurred then A & E would be available as it would for any visitor to the area.

A resident commented on the piece in the Chesil magazine by the local MP on net zero and the impact this will have on the many residents with oil fired boilers, if they are no longer supported by 2026. This is just not achievable and will create a great deal of worry for many residents in west Dorset. The resident asked if the MP could be asked to visit and speak to the community on this topic. The PC will look into this.

A member of the Portesham Volunteers spoke on the recent informal survey carried out on 27<sup>th</sup> June between 8am and 11am by a Portesham resident from private land, studying the HGV's currently using Front Street as a thoroughfare. He explained that based on the data collected there could be in excess of 30 HGVs on average per day that travel via Front Street. The resident asked if this information would be useful to councillor Roberts.

Councillor Roberts commented that this would be useful but what we need to ensure is we don't create an issue for local business and agricultural vehicles. Mark also reported on his conversation with the highways officer regarding the potential TRO for Portesham. Currently Dorset council are discussing this with the police and how this will be enforced as it would need to stand up in court and the closest Weighbridge is in Bournemouth. However, progress is being made albeit slow.

One of the organisers for the Portesham motor show spoke on the success of the event which has been running since 2017 raising funds for MS this year. He made a request to the council that the event organisers could place two classic tractors on the village green by the telephone box. This would have to be considered by the parish council at the September meeting. Councillors commented that maybe the event could be moved to the recreation ground at West Elworth given the show has grown, this may be considered by the motor show organisers.

**23/07-3 To receive apologies for absence**— received and recorded from Ian White, Cate Killoch, Andy Horne and Dom Found

**23/07-4 To receive declarations of personal or pecuniary interests and grants of dispensation**-MJ on a finance item and LD on discussions regarding the houses at Glebe Close Abbotsbury.

**23/07-5 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023 and sign the same**, these were approved as an accurate record. Proposed GR Seconded MB all agreed.

**23/07-6 Update on actions from previous meetings and matters arising for info only-**

23/06-12 DJC commented on the siting of the container following a site visit and the need for a base prior to the delivery. MB and DJC will follow this up and prepare a suitable base.

DJC also reported on the recent site visit at Portesham play area following a complaint from a parent at Portesham school on the safety of the equipment, DJC had inspected the area and confirmed that the area was safe for use.

**23/07-7 Finance and procedural matters**

- i. To approve the finance report of payments and receipts due or paid since the last meeting. Proposed SW Seconded MH agreed
- ii. To receive the Summary of accounts to end of June. Received and noted. The PC require 2 further bank signatories MH and KD volunteered; a bank mandate will be prepared.
- iii. To arrange an interim Finance meeting to update the budget as required. The Clerk will arrange a meeting during August.
- iv. Induction/Training- To arrange a training session with DAPTC for all Councillors. Cllrs considered the proposal from DAPTC for face-to-face training at a cost of £672 for all Cllrs and agreed that this would be a good idea after the September meeting when the co-option of the LH Cllr has been carried out. It was also suggested that an invitation for other parishes

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could reduce the cost of the training. Proposed SW                      Seconded DJC                      all agreed.

- v. Meeting time- to consider commencing meetings at 7pm and reducing the meeting time to 2 hours (at the Council's discretion if a matter requires debate) Cllrs discussed this and agreed to arrive at the meeting for 7pm and commence at 7.15pm allowing time for sharing of information to aid the meeting process. Members of the public will be invited into the meeting for the 7.15pm start. The draft standing orders had been circulated with the changes based on these alterations for approval.  
Proposed KD                      Seconded DJC                      all agreed.
- vi. All Cllrs to have the dedicated "chesilbankparish.org" email address for GDPR purposes. DJC commented that this came to light as he had been using a Gmail address and emails were not being delivered, this was agreed the clerk will set up the email addresses.
- vii. All agenda items will be supported by reports and led by Cllrs. This is to aid with the efficiency of the meetings, reports will be supplied for agenda items where required and led by Cllrs.

## 23/07-8                      **Planning**

- i. **To consider all planning applications in circulation**  
P/PABA/2023/03603 Proposal: Erection of a covered yard area. Location: Higher Farm, Higher Farm Access Lane- *for information only*  
P/LBC/2023/03429 Proposal: Replacement of 4 windows Location: 8 Market Street, Abbotsbury- *no objections*  
P/HOU/2023/03428 Proposal: Replacement of 4 windows Location: 8 Market Street Abbotsbury- *no objections*
- ii. **To receive an update on planning/enforcement or ongoing issues**  
Application is now due for the single storey property following the installation of roof lights at Trafalgar farm.  
No further news on Fleet wood issues  
Old Rectory concerns, railway extension in Portesham, no action required.  
Nethergrove query sent to Enforcement ref the Gallery now being let for holiday use.
- iii. **To receive a report from the NPSG (NPSG)**  
The Chesil Bank Neighbourhood Plan Referendum will take place on Thursday September 28th 2023. There will be three polling stations: Portesham Village Hall (CHB11), Strangways Hall (CHB1) and Chickerell Methodist Church (CHB5 and CHB7). The last date for registration will be Tuesday 12th September and for receipt of postal vote applications the 13th September. The Chair of the NPSG explained that there are strict regulations on canvassing the NP referendum so the NPSG will ensure that these are met.

## 23/07-9                      **Highways- Reports**

- i. **To receive any Highways issues**  
Fly tipping -Fridge reported on Portesham hill.  
Water on Back Street, there have been some repairs but not yet complete.  
30mph signs reported as faded.  
Bishop's hill reported uneven surface following accidents.  
Burton Road pothole reported, there is an issue with a water leak which needs to be repaired before the repair can be made.
- ii. **Update on HGV restrictions for Front Street.**  
As previously explained, there is work in the background with the Police and Highways legal team.

## 23/07-10                      **Countryside & RoW**

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

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## 23/07-11 Recreation and Council Property reports

### i. To consider the play inspection actions and any repairs required.

A recreation group meeting is required to go through the repairs and actions following the play inspection reports. The weekly visual inspections need to be logged for insurance purposes. It was agreed that a site visit will be arranged to look at all the PC assets with new Cllrs and those Cllrs responsible for the assets prior to the Sep meeting.

### ii. To consider the lease for the Play area at the Glebe Portesham.

This is currently with our solicitors.

### iii. To consider the costs of the projects at the Chesil Recreation ground.

This will be considered by the recreation group during the site visits in August.

### iv. To consider the Millenium Project for Dovecote land in Portesham.

The PC had previously been sent a request for support for the project but there are further discussions required with the PV who are leading this project as no costings had been provided.

## 23/07-12 Parish reports from Abbotsbury, Fleet, Langton Herring and Portesham

i. **Abbotsbury (KD)**- The Grit bin on the road to the gardens needs to be replaced, Abbotsbury Tourism to be contacted. Issues of motorbikes on Sunday mornings is becoming a noise issue. MR will try to speak to the Police Crime commissioner on this issue.

ii. **Fleet (JC)**- The Bollards in the laybys now have no parking stickers on them. The pole at Fleet gates has still not been moved and no response from BT complaints. None of the verges have been cut yet on Fleet Road and this is used daily by walkers.

iii. **Langton Herring** - none

### iv. Portesham -Volunteers report on works

DJC asked the PV to comment on their works in the village, the PV need to discuss the TOR and the licence further prior to providing quotes for the Dovecote project. DJC will meet with PV to follow this up for the Sep meeting.

The coronation benches have been delivered for Portesham; these are currently flat packed. These will be built and placed on the village green and 2 to be placed at the new Outdoor classroom area by Portesham school. DJC asked the PV to report on the area and its use for the community as it would be good to have a noticeboard or sign so that the community know when it can be accessed.

The PV reported that they have been asked to attend the opening of the area on 14<sup>th</sup> July and would like the benches installed by then if possible. They will speak to the school and project organisers on the use of the area going forward.

DJC reported that he had delivered flowers to Sharon, who thanked the PC for their gift and explained that she is happy to continue with the CSW, but volunteers are still needed.

The stream in Front Street is rising due to an increase in silt, letters have been given to some riparian owners. The water course/ drain by Ducks is also high at present and needs reporting.

MJ asked if the white lines will be replaced at the top of Front Street as these have become faded. This will be followed up.

## 23/07-13 To receive the list of correspondence for information or future agenda items.

There has been a claim made against the PC ref the grit bin in Rosemary Lane as a car drove into the bin and damaged their car was damaged to a value of £778, this is being disputed as the PC do not own the grit bin. This is ongoing.

Further investigation is required into the Glebe houses ref rents and house swaps. Also, the increase in fees by the management company. It was agreed to arrange a meeting with Stonewater as per the S106 agreement.

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It is hoped to have desk mics at the Portesham PC meeting in Sep, DJC to follow up in July at the VH meeting, the PC may need to assist with a contribution.

## **23/07-14 To confirm the items for the next Parish Council meeting on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at Portesham (no meeting in August)**

Co-option of LH Cllr, Stonewater meeting, recreation group report, Training, Grant finding for the Dovecote project, Use of the Green in Portesham for the Motor show.

The PC meeting closed at 20.44.

Resident's comments:

A resident asked about the Goalan Heights issue, JC explained that he is not at liberty to discuss it as the legal team are investigating this.

A resident commented that from a general public point of view it is good to hear that Cllrs have different points of view.

It was suggested that the NP referendum could be published in the Contact magazine as this covers all Fleet residents. This will be looked into.