

## PARRETT AND AXE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2010 at 7.30pm at Chedington Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Anthony de la Poer, (chairman) Mike Johnson (vice chairman), Kate Organ, Peter Simmons & David Lines. District Cllr. Jan Page, County Cllr Rebecca Knox, 2 footpaths officers, clerk Vicky Reed and 7 residents.

1001. APOLOGIES Cllr. Euan Alexander, District Cllr Caroline Payne. PCSO Alex Bishop & PC Tim Bishop.

1002. MINUTES of the parish council meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> July 2010 were approved and signed.

1003. Rachel McCarthy Rural Advice officer. Rachel explained the work of the outreach scheme designed to prevent homelessness, which is aimed particularly at those living in rural areas. The scheme is not restricted to those in social housing. Should anyone require her help, Rachel can arrange home visits. Rachel will forward some publicity material for display.

1004. Reports from County & District Councillors & Police Officers

County Councillor Knox advised that Regional Development Agencies (RDA's) are being replaced with Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEP's) and Dorset is submitting its bid for local business funding shortly.

Waste transport is being reviewed, with a view to waste being taken to the Broomhill site, rather than the previously proposed Gore Cross site. There will be much publicity and discussion about this in the coming months.

Dorset Fire Authority is keen to talk to local communities about fire safety – clerk to invite to a future meeting.

The number and size of potholes on Dorset roads is an ongoing issue. There have been a number of single vehicle incidents on the A356 near Chedington Golf club. The re-surfacing of this road will be done as part of the A356 rural roads scheme.

District Councillor Jan Page discussed the joint procurement scheme running within the district, whereby parish councils can benefit from reduced costs by buying in conjunction with other councils. Weymouth and Portland District councils have agreed to share 1 set of staff and 1 chief executive in a bid to save money.

PCSO Alex Bishop sent a report to the meeting asking that incidences of fly tipping be reported to the police as well as the local authorities. It was raised in the meeting that some household waste sites are reducing their opening hours in an attempt to save money, and this could be contributing to the increase in fly tipping.

There have been some incidences of 2 men approaching homeowners and offering to carry out gardening work, then charging very high amounts for very little work; residents are advised to be aware.

1005. MATTERS ARISING.

- a) Millennium Green Trust – The trustees of the Millennium Green (MG) wish to stand down and one option is that the parish council becomes the sole trustee of the MG. The MG committee would stay in existence in order to fundraise and continue the day to day management of the green. It was agreed that the MG would hold an AGM, preferably before the next parish council meeting to collect public opinion on the future of the MG, and the parish council would explore the legal implications of the matter and re-agenda the item for the next meeting in November.
- b) Chedington Golf Club - The company owning the golf club has gone into administration. A number of options for the future of the club are being looked at, including a possible members buy out. No action required from the parish council at this time.

- c) A356 Rural Roads Scheme – a full safety audit has been carried out and detailed plans taking into account the audit are now being drafted. These plans will be shown to the parish council prior to adoption. It is hoped that a further update will be available for the November meeting.
- d) Riparian Ownership & Riverside foliage – Cllr Organ has been to see most people whose properties adjoin the river and explained their responsibilities extend to the riverbed. The Parish Maintenance Unit has been given a detailed list of areas which they will attend to on the roadside of the river banks. The Environment Agency has confirmed they failed to pull the Himalayan Balsam near the Millennium Green this year, and assured that it will be done next year.
- e) Cllr de la Poer announced that Mrs Angela Gillingham has been appointed to the post of clerk with effect 1<sup>st</sup> October and welcomed her to the council.

#### 1006. CORRESPONDENCE

##### Correspondence received

DAPTC Chief Executives Circulars 06/10,07/10, 08/10 & 09/10

DAPTC Newsletter Summer 2010

DCA Community newsletter Summer 2010

No Need for Nuclear letter

DCC Wessex Ridgeway Project publications list

Clerks & Councils Direct Newsletter

Copy letter from Environment Agency to Millennium green trust

Letter from Environment Agency to advise keys wit Millennium Green Trustees

WDDC Byelaw for the regulation of Acupuncture, tattooing, semi-permanent skin colouring, cosmetic piercing and electrolysis

Letter from planning department regarding works at Rose Cottage, Lecher Lane, South Perrott

DCC Letter and leaflet regarding new vegetation

Local Council Review newsletter

SW Ambulance service newsletter

##### Correspondence Out

Letter to Mrs A Gillingham offering the post of Clerk to the Parish Council

Letter to South Perrott Village Hall committee regarding decision on grant request

#### 1007. PLANNING

- a) Applications handled since last meeting:

None

- b) Decisions notified by WDDC since last meeting:

None

- c) New applications

1/D/10/0001177 Bridge Farmhouse, Pickett Lane, South Perrott. Internal & external alterations, Listed building consent – no comments

1/D/10/0001251 Waylands Farm, Chedington, Retain barn as unit of holiday accommodation – outside of parish – no comments

1/D/10/0001404 Old St James, High Street Chedington, Internal alterations, listed building consent – no objections

Copy of appeal against enforcement notice at Waylands farm, Chedington- outside of parish – no comments

- d) Tree Applications

CA/10/000207 Sandy Knapp, High Street, Chedington – application and approval

CA/10/000209 Lower Farm Cottage, Chedington – application and approval

#### 1008. FINANCE

a) Income received:	None
b) Payments made since the last meeting:	None
c) Payments to be made	
Nildram email provider	£ 42.30
Sunnyside Web design	£ 48.00
BDO Stoy Hayward	£ 88.13
Clerks Salary for August & Sept 2010	£ 279.90
Clerks expenses	£ 27.75
Printer costs	£ 70.00
Wooden posts for footpath signs	£ 14.29
Bank statement as at 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2010	£ 2821.29
Balance after above cheques agreed	£ 2257.22

The above payments were proposed by Cllr Lines and seconded by Cllr de la Poer.

The Source newsletter was designed by Cllr Lines, it was agreed that the parish council would purchase an ink cartridge to cover the cost of draft copies being printed.

The external audit has been completed and returned with no issues or matters arising.

The financial regulations governing the parish council were reviewed (copies previously circulated) These were adopted, proposed by Cllr Lines and seconded by Cllr de la Poer.

#### 1009. MATTERS OF REPORT.

- a) Chairman – Cllr de la Poer discussed the bus service through the village of South Perrott. The lack of public awareness has been raised by Mr Ray Hughes. A circular will be drafted for distribution in the village and the item to be included in the next edition of The Source.
- b) Clerk – The minutes register has reached minute number 1000.
- c) Members – None
- d) Footpaths Officer – Mr Lucas confirmed that 2 replacement Footpaths signs have been erected. Mrs de la Poer advised that the Rights of Way officers are carrying out a review of missing or damaged signage and a number of items have been reported, including the sign between Coombe Cottage and Bakers Arms.

#### 1010. PUBLIC DISCUSSION.

Mr Coles commented on the parish council website which is very accessible, but requested that more information about events from Chedington be included. Cllr Lines advised that he is happy to include any information provided regarding Chedington both the website and in The Source newsletter.

The back road through Chedington appears to have been widened slightly as a result of recent highways works.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

Date of next meeting 11<sup>th</sup> November in South Perrott Village Hall.

Signed.....

Date.....