

## PARRETT AND AXE PARISH COUNCIL

### **Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at 7.50pm at Chedington Village Hall.**

Present: Cllrs Mike Johnson (Chairman), Kate Organ (Vice-Chairman), Sue Coutanche, Liz Fray and Peter Simmons. Also in attendance: District Cllrs Janet Page and Caroline Payne, clerk Angela Gillingham and 4 residents.

#### **1256. APOLOGIES / GRANT OF DISPENSATIONS**

Apologies were received from Cllr Anita Legg, County Cllr Rebecca Knox, PCSO Alex Bishop and Dominie de la Poer.

1257. **MINUTES** of the Parish Council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2014 were approved and signed as a correct record. (Proposed by Cllr Organ, seconded by Cllr Simmons)

#### **1258. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND POLICE OFFICERS**

District Cllr Janet Page reported that Government cuts were now taking effect in the District Council and there would be service reviews over the next few years. The District Council will consult with parish and town councils over any changes, which could possibly include charging for elections, reviewing emergency planning, closing tourist information centres and some public toilets.

District Cllr Caroline Payne reported that Which? Consumer magazine was looking at whether local authorities were carrying out their inspections of food outlets. WDDC was in the top quartile for inspections. West Dorset and Weymouth & Portland were considering the possibility of saving money by joining up with North Dorset District Council.

In a written report, PCSO Alex Bishop reported that crime had again been low in the area, but urged caution and vigilance and asked for anyone in the area to report any suspicious behaviour or vehicles (on tel number 101). He advised that at this time of year there is an increase in tourists to the area and this can bring with it the risk of thefts from unattended vehicles.

Cllr Peter Simmons advised that a series of ram raids had been carried out in nearby areas of Mosterton, Charmouth and Maiden Newton.

The Chairman thanked the above representatives for their reports.

#### **1259. MATTERS ARISING**

##### **a) A356 Road Issues –**

The Vice-Chairman reported that she had spoken to Phil Abley at Dorset Highways who had confirmed that the whole road would be closed from 27<sup>th</sup> May to 7<sup>th</sup> June, from 9.00am – 4.00pm Monday to Friday, from the Mosterton junction above Winyards Gap to the Misterton crossroads, in order for remedial and resurfacing work to be carried out. The remedial works will include works to the footway kerb and to the Pound. During the closure there will be access for residents but inevitably there will be delays.

## b) **Minor Roads in Chedington –**

The Chairman referred to the state of the road surface in Chedington, particularly outside Sandy Knapp and up the hill to Chedington Lane. This has been raised repeatedly with Dorset Highways but the road has not yet been scheduled for repair. Cllr Peter Simmons advised that he had reported the pot holes and eroding road edges in Pretty Box Lane, which were causing HGVs to get stuck. The clerk to write to Phil Abley to request that these works are carried out while the repair teams are working on the A356.

*Action: Mrs Gillingham*

## c) **Matters arising from the two Village Meetings –**

### **South Perrott**

The Vice-Chairman reported on the following issues –

#### A356

- The dip in the road on the Crewkerne side, which floods, needs to have the drainage pipe enlarged. Clerk to write to Highways. *Action: Mrs Gillingham*
- white lines are needed to delineate the edge of the road from the old golf course down to the village to improve visibility in fog. Clerk to write to Highways. *Action: Mrs Gillingham*
- Drivers still accelerate too fast out of the village and up the hill towards Winyards Gap.

#### Junction of Lecher Lane and A3066

- There is still concern about this dangerous junction.

#### Refurbishment of The Pound

- Highways will assist with laying the tarmac and slabs.

#### Land behind the Village Hall

- The Vice-Chairman advised that the land behind her property had severe drainage problems and she was concerned about the volume of water which flowed out into Pipplepen Lane during heavy rain. She was in contact with the Environment Agency and Dorset Highways about this.

### **Chedington**

The Chairman reported on the following issues –

- Penny's Hill site – no change but the enforcement officer was aware of the situation.
- Phone Box – the clerk confirmed that it was scheduled for painting this year.
- Footpath – a gate is wired up and a stile is collapsing on the path running from above Sandy Knapp across Broadleaze Farm to Beaminster. The Clerk to report to Jill Exton. *Action: Mrs Gillingham*
- Chedington councillors are considering a proposal that Chedington comes out of the Parrett & Axe Parish Council and simply has annual village meetings. There will be a further report at the next meeting.

## d) **Drop-in Breakfast Consultation, 8<sup>th</sup> June**

The Vice-Chairman reported that Jo Morgan and Dave McSkelly had organised this event. Most of the catering supplies had been donated, but a request was made for a contribution towards the remaining costs. It was agreed that a maximum of £20 would be made available. (Proposed by Cllr Johnson, seconded by Cllr Organ).

**e) Proposed Bench Seat in Manor Close**

The Clerk reported that a request had been made for a bench seat to be placed on the grassed area at the entrance to Manor Close in memory of Ian Wylie. The grass is owned by Highways and they have been consulted and have no objection to the proposal. Concerns were raised that Manor Close residents ought also to be consulted.

The Clerk advised that the cost of insuring the seat, and also the proposed seat in the Pound, would amount to an additional £10 per annum.

**1260. CORRESPONDENCE**

**Correspondence In**

1. DAPTC Chief Executive's Circular 3/14
2. Email from WDDC with guidance note on Planning Applications
3. DCC – new timetable for Bridport Mobile Library
4. Dorset Waste Partnership - Spring Clean 2014
5. DCC – Temporary Road Traffic Regulation Order – A356 Winyards Gap to South Perrott
6. DCC – Highway Planned/Routine Vegetation Management Programme 2014/15
7. Clerk & Councils Direct newsletter, May 2014.

**Correspondence Out**

1. Email to PC Tim Poole thanking him for attending the incident on 14<sup>th</sup> February when a tree brought down the power lines in Pipplepen Lane.

**1261. PLANNING**

a) Applications handled since last meeting:

WD/D/14/000805 8 West Side, Chedington – rebuild chimney over party wall of nos. 7 & 8 West Side. PC comments – no concerns.

WD/D/14/000410 Pickett Farm, South Perrott – construct 1000 tonne open silage clamp. PC comments - concerns about the height of the proposed structure which will be visible from Chedington.

b) Decisions notified by WDDC since last meeting:

WD/D/14/000190 Mount Pleasant, South Perrott – replace concrete floor in lounge with second-hand Blue Lias natural stone flagstones, and provision of 900mm high red roll-top chimney pot to top of brick chimney. Approval of Listed Building Consent. (NB: the parish council was not consulted on this application.)

c) New applications to be considered: None.

d) Tree Applications: None.

**1262. FINANCE**

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| a) Income received:                      |           |
| Precept (1 <sup>st</sup> half)           | £1,900.00 |
| b) Payments made since the last meeting: | None      |
| c) Payments to be made:                  |           |
| Footprintz (photocopying for newsletter) | £50.00    |
| Community First annual insurance         | £173.23   |

Clerk's salary for Apr & May 2014	£282.72
Clerk's expenses	£15.00

The above payments were proposed by Cllr Johnson and seconded by Cllr Coutanche.

Bank account as at 28 April 2014:	£4,944.96
Balance after above cheques agreed:	£4,424.01

**1263. MATTERS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

a) The Chairman – none.

b) Clerk – none.

c) Members –

- Cllr Coutanche recorded her thanks to the volunteers who helped with the village clean-up. She requested items for the Pump & Pound by the deadline of 19 May. She reported that residents in Manor Close had complained about overgrown foliage at the entrance to the road and there is confusion about who is responsible.

d) Footpaths Officers – no report.

**1264. PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

Chedington planning applications - in response to a question, the Chairman confirmed that if Chedington comes out of the Parish Council, it would be the chairman of the village meeting who would be consulted on planning applications.

Green garden waste bags – Dave McSkelly reported a difficulty in buying these from WDDC.

**1265. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2014 in South Perrott Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

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