

PARRETT AND AXE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14th May 2015 at 7.30pm at South Perrott Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Kate Organ (Chairman), Chris Birtwhistle, Jane Cooper, Sue Coutanche, Anthony de la Poer and Liz Fray. Also in attendance: District Cllrs Tony Alford and Peter Barrowcliff, County Cllr Rebecca Knox, clerk Angela Gillingham and 10 residents.

1324. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

David Lines advised that the phone box in South Perrott had been used for an emergency call.

Martyn Gillingham advised that there are no mobile phone infrastructure sites planned for our area, and we needed to put pressure on phone providers to improve reception by sharing masts. David Lines offered to carry out a survey in South Perrott to ascertain where there is some reception from any of the providers and where there is no reception at all.

1325. APOLOGIES / DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST / GRANT OF DISPENSATIONS

None.

1326. **MINUTES** of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th March 2015 were approved and signed as a correct record. (Proposed by Cllr Coutanche, seconded by Cllr Organ)

1327. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND POLICE OFFICERS

County Cllr Rebecca Knox reported on the following issues –

- Superfast Broadband is coming to South Perrott this year from the Corscombe exchange. There is a postcode checker on the Superfast Broadband website and Cllr Knox encouraged Chedington residents to check regularly to keep the pressure on for an installation in 2016.
- Road traffic collisions - Cllr Knox is encouraging highways to tell parish councils when an accident is caused by a technical fault on the road, as opposed to driver error.
- Health – Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group is carrying out a review of how healthcare is delivered in Dorset, looking at acute hospitals and more services for primary and secondary treatments.
- Bus contracts will be reviewed in 2016 and will take in demographic changes.
- Dorset Fire Service is merging with Wiltshire which should result in £4-6 million savings.

District Cllr Alford advised that WDDC has a serious interest in Superfast Broadband and has invested over £1 million in the project. The Council is now working in partnership with North Dorset District Council.

District Cllr Peter Barrowcliff thanked people for their support in his election.

There was no Police report.

The Chairman thanked the above representatives for their reports.

1328. **MATTERS ARISING**

a) **Public Session**

Following its trial period, the Chairman invited views on whether the Public Session should remain at the start of meetings, or revert to the end. After discussion it was agreed that the Public Session would remain at the start of meetings. (Proposed by Cllr Organ, seconded by Cllr Coutanche.)

b) **Matters arising from the two Village Meetings**

South Perrott

The Chairman reported on the following issues which had been discussed –

Safety – be on the alert for telephone fraudsters trying to obtain people’s bank account details.

Millennium Green – the annual inspection is due and the inspector will make recommendations for any action to be taken.

Junction of Lecher Lane and A3066 – the parish council has put in a formal request for a dedicated right-turn at this junction.

A356 – the crossing outside Bakers Arms is to be removed and the missing white lines and cats eyes on the road towards Chedington will be reinstated. It was reported that the road surface on the Hill Farm bend is breaking up. There is space for a speed gun position on land above Sockety Cottage.

Refurbishment of The Pound – thanks were recorded to Mr Gillingham and Mr Chatfield for laying paving slabs, and to Mrs Turner for planting up the planter.

Village Breakfasts – these were successful and it was hoped that they would continue.

Land behind the Village Hall – it was noted that the Village Hall was not able to take up the offer of the land behind it.

Coach & Horses –the pub will close on 1st September for a major refurbishment and reopen the following Spring/Summer as a hotel/pub. There was concern about the loss of this amenity.

Bell Tower Appeal – over £9,000 had been raised in donations, fund-raising events and grants from various organisations. Work on the tower is due to start in August.

Chedington

Mike Johnson reported on the following issues which had been discussed –

Elections – residents were being encouraged to consider being co-opted to fill the two vacancies on the parish council.

Dog dirt bags – were being left on walls in the village.

Penny’s Hill – there was concern about the site where an enforcement notice had been issued.

Highways – the deteriorating state of the road near Sandy Knapp was highlighted. The broken drain cover outside Chedington Court had been repaired. Hedges at Chedington Court and at Court Farm could soon become an obstruction.

c) **Phone Box in South Perrott**

The clerk advised that, following the parish council's robust arguments in favour of retaining a functioning telephone box in South Perrott, BT have advised that a phone box will not be removed where a council has objected to its removal.

d) **South Perrott & Chedington NeighbourCar Scheme**

The clerk advised that the Country Cars scheme has been replaced by the NeighbourCar scheme, which is run by the local communities. Mrs Gillingham has taken over from Joyce Osborne as organiser with Joyce and Wendy Hutton remaining as the drivers. An additional driver is needed. The parish council's insurers have taken on public liability for the scheme at no additional cost.

1329. **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. DAPTC Chief Executive's Circulars 4/15 & 5/15.
2. Email from DCC re. Recycling Service delayed until October.
3. Letter from Police re. 'Project Genesis' neighbourhood policing.
4. Clerks & Councils Direct newsletter, May 2015
5. Local Government Boundarty Commission re. Electoral Review of Dorset.

1330. **PLANNING**

- a) Applications handled since last meeting: None
- b) Decisions notified by WDDC since last meeting: None
- c) New applications to be considered:

WD/D/15/000713 Pea Mead, Chedington – erect a new general storage building. Members considered this application and noted that a public footpath runs alongside the site. The owner has agreed to plant a native hedge to screen the building, and a request was made to ensure outside lighting did not cause a nuisance to neighbours.

d) Tree Applications:

WD/CA/14/00059 The Wintons, South Perrott – fell 1 x Alder. PC comments – no concerns. Approved.

WD/TP/15/00078 Hilbrook House, South Perrott – reduce crown of Silver Birch by 15-20%. PC comments – no concerns. Approved.

WD/CA/15/00103 Rehoboth, South Perrott – fell 2 Silver Birch. PC – comments – no concerns. Approved.

WD/CA/15/00108 Stoneleigh, South Perrott – fell 2 Apple, 1 Silver Birch, 1 Ash. PC comments – no concerns. Approved.

1331. **FINANCE**

- a) Income received:

Precept and Local Government Grant (first half)	£1,900
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- b) Payments made since the last meeting: None
- c) Payments to be made:

Footprintz (photocopying of newsletter)	£50.00
Community First annual insurance	£158.60
Clerk's salary for April & May 2015	£288.93
Clerk's expenses	£22.88

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

Bank account as at 23 April 2015:	£6,118.48
Balance after above cheques agreed:	£5,598.07

1332. MATTERS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- a) The Chairman reported a near-miss at the Misterton crossroads before the white lines were repainted following the resurfacing work.
- b) Clerk – advised the training dates for newly elected members.
- c) Members –
 - Cllr Coutanche advised that the South Perrott village clean-up would be held on Sunday 24 May.
 - Cllr Coutanche requested items for the Pump & Pound by the deadline of 23 May.
- d) Footpaths Officers – no further report.

1333. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 9th July 2015, in Chedington Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

Signed

Date