

## PARRETT AND AXE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at 7.30pm at Chedington Village Hall.

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

#### 1354. PUBLIC SESSION

Jill Turner asked about a possible change in Highway policy to allow a 20mph speed limit in South Perrott. *Clerk to make enquiries*

Dave McSkelly requested items for the Pump & Pound by 20<sup>th</sup> November.

Sue Lucas advised that there are two potholes at the bottom of Lamorna's drive in Chedington. *Clerk to report*

#### 1355. APOLOGIES / DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST / GRANT OF DISPENSATIONS

Apologies were received from Cllr Sue Coutanche, County Cllr Rebecca Knox, PCSO Alex Bishop and Dominie de la Poer (footpaths officer).

Grant of Dispensations – applications had been received from all members for a dispensation to enable them to speak and vote on the setting of the parish Precept. The dispensation was granted.

1356. **MINUTES** of the Parish Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2015 were approved and signed as a correct record. (Proposed by Cllr de la Poer, seconded by Cllr Cooper)

#### 1357. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND POLICE OFFICERS

District Cllr Tony Alford reported that the Local Plan had been formally adopted by the Council, and there is now a six-week wait in case of a challenge before it is fully adopted. There were no results yet on the reviews being undertaken on the voluntary and community organisations. The roll-out of the new waste collection service across the district had gone very smoothly.

In a written report, PCSO Alex Bishop advised that there had been a report of a man, who said he was a charity collector, acting suspiciously in South Perrott. PCSO Bishop advised residents to be wary of all charity collectors and to consider using door chains and asking for ID. On the same date there was criminal damage to a gate in Parrett Mead, although nothing was stolen. Residents need to be vigilant, particularly to houses that are empty or holiday/rental homes, and for anything suspicious or for advice on security, to call Dorset Police on 101.

The Chairman thanked the above representatives for their reports.

#### 1358. MATTERS ARISING

##### a) Matters arising from minutes

The Chairman and Clerk reported on the following matters –

##### (1348) Highways issues –

Blair Turner, the new Highways officer, made a site visit on 22<sup>nd</sup> September and has reported as follows -

- Hill Farm Corner, South Perrott – water tracking across road - Blair Turner has spoken to Andrew Bradley who hopes to get the gully altered so that it picks up surface water from Lecher lane under the planned remedial works to the traffic calming to be carried out early next year.
- Railings in Picket Lane, South Perrott - Dorset Highways say they are not the riparian land owner of the bank that edges the highway and therefore are not responsible for the repair or maintenance of the wooden post and metal railings. Members discussed this topic and expressed frustration that Highways is not taking responsibility for the repairs. Clerk to write again to Highways. *Action: Mrs Gillingham*
- A356, White Lines - Blair Turner will produce an order to have the centre line road markings re-sprayed.
- A356, Cats Eyes - He agreed that the lack of consistency is not good for drivers and that the missing cats eyes should be replaced, but the policy is only to replace cats eyes as part of a resurfacing project.
- Chedington - He has put the D class roads around Sandy Knapp forward for surface dressing but it is unlikely that they will be put onto a programme for a least another 2 years. He will monitor the current situation and undertake any repairs once they reach intervention level.
- Dip in road, west of South Perrott - He cleared the gully and will monitor and clear this as required.
- Crossing outside Bakers Arms – Andrew Bradley has confirmed that it has been agreed to remove the “crossing” point outside the Bakers Arms in South Perrott and there will be a full road closure on 18/19 January 2016 to undertake the work.

#### (1348) **Superfast Broadband**

- Both South Perrott and Chedington have now had a green cabinet installed, and BT is in the process of arranging electricity supplies and fibre optic connections before they can become operational. The target date is still early 2016.

#### b) **Mobile Phone Coverage report by Professor David Lines**

David Lines presented his report on mobile phone reception in South Perrott. It was noted that there is a consistently poor signal indoors throughout the village and that the centre of the village (postcodes DT8 3HA, DT8 3HZ and DT8 3PQ) is a 'not-spot' area with no indoor signal at all.

Members discussed the report and its recommendations and agreed that the report should be sent to Ofcom, with a copy to Oliver Letwin MP. In addition, a flyer should be sent to all residents explaining ways to improve mobile reception via the internet.

*Action: Mr Lines / Mrs Gillingham*

Mr Lines was thanked for his report.

#### c) **Recycling**

Cllr Chris Birtwhistle reported on the site visit on 15<sup>th</sup> September to the new Recycling and Waste Transfer Station at Broomhills, Bridport. He described the facilities at the site where large vehicles carrying waste material pass over a weighbridge and transfer their load to bulk containers for onward travel to bulking stations around the country. The household recycling is a separate split-level facility. It is an impressive facility and well landscaped.

District Cllr Tony Alford advised that very little waste goes to landfill and Dorset Waste Partnership is working on a new "materials recycling facility" project whereby mixed waste is sorted and the separate components are sold as products.

d) **"Working Together" Report – a pilot project for locality working in Dorset**

This item was deferred as some members had not had the opportunity to read the report.

e) **Dog Waste in Chedington**

Cllr Liz Fray reported complaints from two Chedington residents that dog walkers were depositing dog waste bags in bushes and trees around the village. Dorset Waste Partnership had quoted an annual cost of £161 for supplying and emptying a 240 litre wheeled bin, plus initial £400 for secure housing. Cllr Fray will make further investigations. It was agreed that an item should appear in Pump & Pound asking dog walkers to take the bags home.

1359. **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. DAPTC re. Transparency Fund for Smaller Councils.
2. Dorset Community Action re. invitation to join BAVLAP.
3. Local Government Boundary Commission re. Electoral Review of Dorset: Final Recommendations.
4. DAPTC re. Dorset Community Action News.
5. Blair Turner, DCC Highways re. issues discussed at site meeting.
6. Mike Haines, Dorset Waste Partnership re. request for dog waste bin in Chedington Lane.
7. PCSO Alex Bishop re. Engaging with communities.
8. Life Education Wessex re. funding request for Parrett & Axe School.
9. DAPTC re. Auto-enrolment in Pension Scheme.
10. WDDC re. Adoption of West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland Local Plan 2011-2031.
11. WDDC re. new email addresses for council partnership staff.
12. Dorset Waste Partnership – a guide for councillors.
13. DAPTC Magazine – Autumn 2015.
14. Clerks & Councils Direct newsletter, November 2015.
15. DAPTC Annual Report 2014-2015.

1360. **PLANNING**

a) Applications handled since last meeting:

WD/D/15/001704 Threshers Barn, South Perrott – replace existing wooden windows with uPVC. PC response – very concerned; the property is Grade II listed and the replacement windows and doors should not only match the existing in appearance but should be made of wood.

b) Decisions notified by WDDC since last meeting: None.

c) New applications to be considered: None.

d) Tree Applications: None

e) Other Planning Issues:

The Chairman referred to the concerns she had raised at the previous meeting regarding unauthorised building works on properties in South Perrott, and reported as follows –

- The District Council enforcement officer has visited Bellamy Farm and Maple Cottage and requested that retrospective planning applications are submitted. These have been received by the planning department but further information has been requested in order that they can be processed.

- No further development has taken place on the strip of land opposite Shepherds Farm Bungalow.

In addition, the Chairman raised concerns in respect of building works being undertaken at the Coach & Horses pub. She advised that planning consent was obtained in 2001 for a two-storey and single storey extension, but the new building has not adhered to the plans. It was also noted that subsequent plans approved in 2014 for a new garage and cold store did not show the proposed 2001 works. The enforcement officer has visited the site and requested that a retrospective planning application is submitted. When this is received, the parish council will be given the opportunity to comment and will consult neighbours who are affected by the new building.

### 1361. **FINANCE**

a) Income received:	None
b) Payments made since the last meeting:	None
c) Payments to be made:	
Footprintz (photocopying for newsletter)	£50.00
Sunnyside Web Design – annual website maintenance	£150.00
Clerk’s salary for October & November 2015	£288.93
Clerk’s expenses	£36.03

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

Bank account as at 2 October 2015:	£6,606.73
Balance after above cheques agreed:	£6,081.77

The Clerk advised that she had purchased a new printer, following approval to do so at the last meeting, and the cost would figure in the accounts at the next meeting.

### d) **Approval of Budget and Precept for 2016-2017**

The Chairman advised that she was considering whether the parish council should join with other local parishes in developing a neighbourhood plan. This would have cost implications which would need to be reflected in the Budget and it was agreed therefore to defer consideration of the Budget and Precept until the next meeting.

### 1362. **MATTERS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

- a) The Chairman reported a lot of surface water in Lecher Lane, Pipplepen Lane and Picket Lane, following recent heavy rain. Some drains are either blocked or in the wrong place.  
*Clerk to report to Highways*
- b) Clerk – none.
- c) Members –
  - Cllr de la Poer reported a drain cover on Hill Farm corner which is a danger to cyclists.  
*Clerk to report to Highways*
  - In a written note, Cllr Coutanche reported that we did not win the Dorset Best Village Neighbourliness Award this year.
- d) Footpaths Officers – none.

e) River Warden – Martyn Gillingham advised that leaves on the roads were blocking gullies and asked if all residents could keep drain covers outside their properties clear of leaves.

**1363. DATES OF NEXT YEAR’S MEETINGS**

Members agreed the following dates for next year’s meetings –

- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2016 - Chedington
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016 – South Perrott
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2016 (incl AGM) - Chedington
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2016 – South Perrott
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2016 - Chedington
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2016 – South Perrott

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Signed .....

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