

## PARRETT AND AXE PARISH COUNCIL

### **Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 7.30pm at Chedington Village Hall.**

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

In the absence of Cllr Kate Organ, Cllr Liz Fray took the Chair.

#### **1364. PUBLIC SESSION**

David McSkelly raised a concern about the review of the Rural Bus Services (see item 1368(e) below).

Peter Coles advised that the road surface in Chedington Lane was continuing to deteriorate.

Sue Lucas raised her concerns with the District Councillors that it would be more cost-effective for householders to sort their recycling before it was collected. District Cllr Tony Alford advised that currently the mixed material is collected and taken to North Wales to be sorted by technology into its different types. It is thought that more material will be put out for collection if it does not have to be sorted, and it is still cheaper than sending it to landfill. It is proposed that a local sorting facility will be set up in due course.

Sue Lucas asked about the old WDDC offices, and was advised that they will be developed for residential accommodation. The historic Shire Hall will be preserved as a visitor attraction.

#### **1365. APOLOGIES / DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST / GRANT OF DISPENSATIONS**

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

1366. **MINUTES** of the Parish Council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2015 were approved, with one amendment, and signed as a correct record. (Proposed by Cllr Fray , seconded by Cllr de la Poer)

#### **1367. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND POLICE OFFICERS**

District Cllr Tony Alford reported that the District Council and County Council were monitoring the situation with the Syrian refugees. No settlements were planned for the immediate area but 20 families may be settled in Bournemouth. A petition regarding this has been presented, requiring a referendum on 5<sup>th</sup> May.

In a written report, PCSO Alex Bishop advised, following reports of fly-tipping, that the local authority will only deal with offences and collection/disposal if it is on public land. If on private land, it becomes the responsibility of the landowner. The Police will only take action if someone is caught fly-tipping or if there is anything evidential within the waste to identify the offender. Cllr Jane Cooper advised that the fly-tipping in Chedington Lane had been cleared quickly.

The Chairman thanked the above representatives for their reports.

## 1368. **MATTERS ARISING**

### a) **Matters arising from minutes**

The Chairman and Clerk reported on the following matters –

(1354) Public Session – 20mph speed limit through South Perrott – information has been received from County Cllr Knox which will be considered at the next meeting.

(1358) Highways issues –

Potholes – outside Lamorna in Chedington were reported and have been filled in.

Drainage – Picket Lane blockages were reported and gullies have been cleared.

- Dip in A356 west of South Perrott – the flooding has been reported. Martyn Gillingham and Jane Cooper were thanked for attempting to unblock the gullies.
- Land drain behind village hall, South Perrott – Blair Turner, Highways, has inspected this drain and reported that the highways drainage system is not designed to cope with the volume of water flowing from the ditch in times of high rain fall, and it would be necessary to install a minor head wall and spillway to direct the flow of water into the gully.
- Drain cover on Hill Farm corner – this was reported as a danger to cyclists and a new cover has been fitted.

Crossing outside Bakers Arms, South Perrott – members were reminded that there was due to be a road closure on 18/19 January in order that the crossing point could be removed.

Superfast Broadband – Martyn Gillingham reported that the South Perrott green cabinet is awaiting connection to the electricity supply before becoming operational. An electricity supply has already been provided for the Chedington green cabinet but we still await a date when it will become operational.

Mobile Phone coverage – the report by David Lines has been sent to Ofcom, but no response has been received, despite chasing. However, Oliver Letwin MP has offered to come to South Perrott for a meeting on 30 January to discuss the issue.

Working Together report – this was a consultation paper on closer working between DCC and town and parish councils, which was deferred from the previous meeting. The Parish Council has submitted its comments which, whilst applauding the intention, were critical of the lack of detail.

Dog Waste in Chedington – Cllr Liz Fray and the Clerk are still in communication with Dorset Waste Partnership about the provision of a suitable bin.

### b) **Picket Lane Railings**

Martyn Gillingham advised that Highways have confirmed that whilst highway rights extend over Picket Lane and the grass bank they are not responsible for the maintenance of the railings. Enquiries at the Land Registry have revealed that the grass bank is in unknown ownership and it is also beyond the riparian ownership of the adjoining properties.

Cllr Coutanche referred to a meeting with Highways in 2006 about riparian ownership [but a subsequent look at the minutes of this meeting has not revealed ownership of the railings].

### c) **Neighbourhood Plans**

Cllr Liz Fray reported that she, Cllr Organ and the Clerk had attended a Neighbourhood Plans meeting in Beaminster on 24<sup>th</sup> November. The meeting was chaired by Terry Sneller, WDDC's Local Plan Team Leader. He advised that neighbourhood plans could take up to three years to formulate. However, there was little point in small villages without a defined development boundary, such as Chedington and South Perrott, producing a plan because no development proposals would be approved on the basis that these villages are too rural and isolated to sustain additional housing.

### d) **Flood Warning Signs Agreement**

Martyn Gillingham reported that the flood warning signs have now been delivered and he had been instructed on their use. DCC requires that volunteers must be formally appointed by the Parish Council and covered under the PC's insurance policy. Martyn Gillingham and Donald Hargreaves were duly authorised to undertake this work. (Proposed by Cllr Fray and seconded by Cllr de la Poer.)

### e) **Rural Bus Services Review**

The Clerk advised that DCC was conducting a review of the rural bus services which was open for consultation until 8<sup>th</sup> February.

Members expressed their disappointment at the proposed cutting of the weekly 213 bus service to Dorchester. Cllr Fray spoke of the valuable social aspect of a community bus in preference to a community car. Cllr Coutanche suggested that BAVLAP should get involved.

It was agreed that the Clerk would send a response to the consultation, on similar lines to the response used in 2013 when the 204 bus service was under threat. *Action: Mrs Gillingham*

## 1369. **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. DAPTC Chief Executive's Circular, December 2015.
2. DAPTC Extraordinary Chief Executive's Circular, December 2015.
3. Working Together Report – parish council's response to consultation.
4. PCSO Alex Bishop, email correspondence re. fly-tipping in South Perrott.
5. Blair Turner, Highways, email re. drainage behind SP village hall.
6. Rebecca Knox, email correspondence re. railings in Picket Lane.
7. DCC re. Dorset Home Choice (housing register).
8. Magna Housing, email re. School Hill.
9. Environment Agency notice re. groundwater flooding.

## 1370. **PLANNING**

### a) Applications handled since last meeting:

WD/D/15/001751 Broadleaze Farm, Chedington – erect bird hide and store (retrospective).  
PC comments – no concerns.

WD/D/15/002365 Bellamy Farm, South Perrott – conversion of Coach House and single storey garage into granny annexe (retrospective). PC comments – significant concerns that the "granny annexe" has been rebuilt to a totally different design from the original plans and has lost the character of the original coach house. If approval is granted, the PC wants limitations attached to the approval to prevent the building being sold off separately from the farmhouse.

WD/D/15/002767 Riverside, South Perrott – insertion of rooflight on rear roof slope.  
PC comments – no objection in principle but would want wooden construction and single pane of glass to match conservatory.

b) Decisions notified by WDDC since last meeting:

WD/D/15/001704 Threshers Barn, South Perrott – replace existing wooden windows with uPVC. This application has been withdrawn.

c) New applications to be considered:

WD/D/15/002440 (Listed Building Consent) Maple Cottage, South Perrott – return of double garage to living accommodation, infill of garage door (retrospective). Members considered this application and listened to concerns raised by the owners of the neighbouring property. Members were concerned that turning the double garage into residential accommodation had left the property with no parking provision, and that the current parking arrangements blocked access to the property behind, and to the farmer's field.

d) Tree Applications:

WD/CA/15/00345, 1 Parrett Mead, South Perrott – fell 1 Silver Birch.  
PC comments – no concerns. Approved.

WD/CA/15/00374 Coach & Horses, South Perrott – reduce height of 1 Horse Chestnut.  
PC comments – no concerns. Approved.

WD/CA/15/00411, 7 Parrett Mead, South Perrott – reduce Silver Birch by one-third.  
PC comments – no concerns.

WD/CA/15/00412, 3 Parrett Mead, South Perrott – fell 1 Hawthorn and 1 Gleditsia.  
PC comments – no concerns.

e) Other planning issues:

The Clerk reported on the following ongoing planning issues –

Coach & Horses pub – a retrospective planning application has been received by the Planning Department but further information has been requested in order that it can be processed.

Cornerways Cottage – this application has stalled due to lack of detail in the information supplied and the Planners are working with the owner to try to resolve outstanding issues.

### 1371. **FINANCE**

a) Income received:	
HMRC – VAT repayment	£8.56
b) Payments made since the last meeting:	None
c) Payments to be made:	
Footprintz (photocopying for newsletter)	£50.00
Angela Gillingham (purchase of new printer and inks)	£65.95
Clerk's salary for December 2015 & January 2016	£288.93
Clerk's expenses	£28.15

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

Bank account as at 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2015:	£6,090.33
Balance after payment of the above cheques:	£5,657.30

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

Members approved the Budget and approved the Precept for 2016-2017 of £3,800 (proposed by Cllr Fray, seconded by Cllr de la Poer).

**1372. REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

*Standing Orders –*

The Council’s Standing Orders were reviewed and no amendments were made. (Proposed by Cllr Fray, seconded by Cllr Birtwhistle)

*Financial Regulations –*

The Council’s Financial Regulations were reviewed and no amendments were made. (Proposed by Cllr Fray, seconded by Cllr Birtwhistle)

**1373. MATTERS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

- a) Chairman – none.
- b) Clerk – advised that she had obtained a copy of WDDC’s new Local Plan.
- c) Members – Cllr Coutanche requested items for the Pump & Pound by 22<sup>nd</sup> January.
- d) Footpaths Officers – none.
- e) River Warden – none.

**1374. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016, in South Perrott Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

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