

## PARRETT AND AXE PARISH COUNCIL

### **Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 7.30pm at Chedington Village Hall.**

Present: Cllrs Kate Organ (Chairman), Chris Birtwhistle, Jane Cooper, Sue Coutanche, Anthony de la Poer. Also in attendance: County Cllr Rebecca Knox, District Cllr Tony Alford, Clerk Angela Gillingham and 5 residents.

#### **1442. PUBLIC SESSION**

Sue Lucas reported a pothole in Chedington near the entrance to The Court. *Clerk to report.*

#### **1443. APOLOGIES / DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST / GRANT OF DISPENSATIONS**

Apologies were received from Cllr Liz Fray, District Cllr Peter Barrowcliff, Dominic de la Poer and David McSkelly.

#### **1444. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017 were approved and signed as a correct record. (Proposed by Cllr Coutanche, seconded by Cllr Cooper)

#### **1445. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND POLICE OFFICERS**

County Cllr Rebecca Knox reported on the following issues –

- The Government's Budget includes £2 billion for Social Care over the next three years. Dorset's share of this is £7.4m in 2017/18, £5.5m in 2018/19 and £2.7m in 2019/20. The funding will go some way towards reducing the deficit on funding for adult social care.
- In response to press reports about GP services being cut, Cllr Knox is encouraging everyone to support their GPs by using their services more. Social care can operate closer with our GPs than with hospitals. More joined up working is needed.
- Public Health in Dorset is trying to help the issue of overweight children at an early stage by working with colleagues in Highways and Public Rights of Way, encouraging schoolchildren to get out walking in the countryside. The volunteer system has really taken off.
- Mobile phone coverage – the Government's contract with EE should ensure 4G coverage everywhere once the switch-over happens at the start of 2019.
- Local Government Reform – Cllr Knox is encouraging everyone to put forward their suggestions for improvements.

District Cllr Tony Alford reported on the following issues –

- Planning policy – the consultation on possible sites to be allocated for housing is underway and a road show is going round the districts.
- Local Government re-organisation – Six councils agreed to submit proposals to the Secretary of State, who will give a preliminary opinion by the end of March. The six councils will continue to engage in discussions with the three dissenting councils (Christchurch, East Dorset and Purbeck) in the hope they might change their views. If the re-organisation is approved it is likely to happen in 2019, but meanwhile discussions will continue with towns and parishes about what the changes will mean to them.

There was no Police report. Cllr Knox advised that Beaminster Neighbourhood Police reports are on Facebook and email circulation lists. *Clerk to request to be added to circulation list.*

There were no further reports.

The Chairman thanked the above representatives for their reports.

#### 1446. **MATTERS ARISING**

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

###### Highway issues

The Chairman reported on the progress of a number of Highways issues, logged with the Highways Dept, as follows:

1070601 – Lecher Lane - a pothole has been reported and repaired.

1072195 – A356 outside Cornerways, South Perrott – a pothole has been reported and repaired.

1073197 – opposite Book Tree Cottage, Chedington – a pothole has been reported.

###### Picket Lane Railings

The Chairman advised that the Parish Council is going to try to get funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund to cover the cost of the repairs to a further section of the railings and riverbank in Picket Lane. One of the funds, called "Sharing Heritage", encourages communities to apply for a grant of between £3,000 and £10,000 towards the costs of a project which will benefit the local community.

*Action: Mrs Gillingham/All*

#### 1447. **CORRESPONDENCE**

##### Correspondence In -

1. Email from Dorset Community Action re. Dorset Best Village Competitions 2017.
2. Email from DAPTC re. Appointed Auditors for Dorset.
3. Email from Ryan Leigh, Ricochet Ltd. re. seeking items for BBC2 programme "The Repair Shop".
4. Email from DCC re. Local Government Reorganisation update.
5. Email from DAPTC re. training dates for DAPTC courses in 2017.
6. Email from Dorset Councils Partnership re. Planning Training for Town and Parish Councils.
7. Email from Dorset Councils online re. Consultation for West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland joint Local Plan Review.
8. News Release from Southern Dorset re. Grants from Southern Dorset Local Action Group.
9. Email from DAPTC re. Peer Power and the Dorset Renewables Grand Tour.
10. Email from Dorset Community Action re. Voluntary Sector Events 2017.
11. Future Dorset: Proposals for the reorganisation of local government – submission to the Secretary of State.
12. DAPTC Magazine, Winter 2016/17.
13. Clerks & Councils Direct newsletter, March 2017.

##### Correspondence Out –

1. Letter from Kate Organ to Stephen Hill, Dorset Councils Partnership, re. Retrospective Planning Applications, and reply from Jean Marshall, Head of Planning.

#### 1448. **PLANNING**

##### a) **Applications handled since last meeting:**

WD/D/17/000002 Court Farm, Chedington – Proposed Dormers. PC comments – no concerns.

##### b) **Decisions notified by WDDC since last meeting:**

WD/D/16/002173 Rowan Tree Cottage, South Perrott – Replacement of existing outbuilding to form garage/carport (amended plans). Approval of Planning Permission.

WD/D/16/002625 Winterhayes, South Perrott – Proposed extension, detached garage, carport and vehicle access. Approval of Planning Permission.

c) **New applications to be considered:**

WD/D/17/000187 Holt Farm, South Perrott – single storey extension. Members had no concerns about this application.

WD/D/16/002537 Maple Cottage, South Perrott – Replacement of rotten wooden windows with double glazed wood effect upvc windows. Members discussed this application and agreed that because the property is Grade II listed, the replacement windows should replicate the existing, i.e. single glazed white painted wood.

d) **Tree Applications:**

WD/CA/16/00429 Church Hill Cottage, South Perrott – Beech Tree, reduce by 30%. Approved.

WD/CA/16/00490, 4 Parrett Mead, South Perrott – Fell one Silver Birch and one other tree (unknown). Approved.

WD/TP/17/00080 Riverside Orchard, South Perrott. 1 x Alder - fell, 1 x Alder - reduce by 30%, 1 x oak - fell, 1 x oak - reduce by 30%. PC comments – no concerns.

WD/CA/17/00082 Chedington Village Hall. 1 x Cherry - fell. PC comments – no concerns.

e) **Other planning issues:**

The Clerk advised that the District Council will shortly stop sending out paper copies of planning applications. She had obtained costs from Footprintz for printing large plans (A3 size - 50p for each black & white page, £1 for colour). Members agreed that one set of each application should be printed, so that it can be circulated around. The Clerk will print any A4 size pages and will arrange with Footprintz to print the A3 or larger pages. *Action: Mrs Gillingham*

1449. **FINANCE**

a)	Income received:	None
b)	Payments made since the last meeting:	None
c)	Payments to be made:	
	Footprintz (photocopying for newsletter)	£50.00
	Hire of Chedington Village Hall (May 2016 – Mar 2017)	£60.00
	Hire of South Perrott Village Hall (July 2016 – Jan 2017)	£36.00
	Clerk's salary for February & March 2017	£291.84
	Clerk's expenses	£23.50

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

Bank account stands at:	£6,244.07
Balance after payment of the above cheques:	£5,782.73

**Risk Assessment**

The Parish Council's Risk Assessment was reviewed. It was approved without amendment and duly signed. (Proposed by Cllr Organ, seconded by Cllr de la Poer)

1450. **ADOPTION OF FOI PUBLICATION SCHEME**

The Clerk explained that under the Freedom of Information Act all councils are required to have documents relating to Council business available for the public to see. In addition, councils should also publish a list of the documents that are available. Recently the DAPTC has been chasing up

parish councils to ensure that we all have a published list, called a "Publication Scheme". The Clerk presented a draft publication scheme compiled for our parish council, based on the NALC model publication scheme. Members agreed to adopt the proposed publication scheme. (Proposed by Cllr Organ, seconded by Cllr Cooper).

**1451. MATTERS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

- a) Chairman – advised that Mike Charles had begun work on the repair of the fingerposts.
- b) Clerk – none.
- Members –
- Cllr de la Poer reported that he had been working with Desmond Thomas in South Perrott to produce a map showing all the local footpaths, which could be given to newcomers to the two villages.
- Cllr Coutanche referred to the increase in dog fouling around South Perrott and suggested putting a note in Pump & Pound reminding owners to clear up after their dog.
- Cllr Coutanche advised that she had recently completed a 'Charter for Trees' survey which is aimed at encouraging communities to look after their trees.
- Cllr Coutanche requested items for Pump & Pound by 24<sup>th</sup> March.
- Cllr Birtwhistle advised that there had been an arson attack a few weeks ago at Winyards Gap Inn when two cars had been burnt out. Also, a hay rack had been stolen from his paddock.
- c) Footpaths Officers – None.
- d) River Warden – Martyn Gillingham reported that he had been contacted by a prospective purchaser of one of the properties for sale in South Perrott asking about the flood risk in the area.

**1452. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017, at 7.30pm (including AGM) in South Perrott Village Hall.

**Dates of Annual Village Meetings**

South Perrott – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, at 7.30pm in South Perrott Village Hall  
Chedington – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May, at 7.15pm in Chedington Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Signed .....

Date .....