

PARRETT AND AXE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11th May 2017 at South Perrott Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Kate Organ (Chairman), Chris Birtwhistle, Sue Coutanche, Anthony de la Poer. Also in attendance: District Cllrs Tony Alford and Peter Barrowcliff, Clerk Angela Gillingham and 10 residents.

1458. PUBLIC SESSION

No items were raised.

1459. APOLOGIES / DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST / GRANT OF DISPENSATIONS

Apologies were received from Cllr Liz Fray (due to continuing ill health), Cllr Jane Cooper, Dave McSkelly and Bob Buckland.

1460. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th March 2017 were approved and signed as a correct record. (Proposed by Cllr de la Poer, seconded by Cllr Coutanche)

1461. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND POLICE OFFICERS

District Cllr Tony Alford reported on the Local Government Review – the application has been made to the Secretary of State but his informal decision on the proposals for the new unitaries has been delayed by the local and general elections. If the response is positive, it is hoped that the three dissenting councils will decide voluntarily to support the proposals.

District Cllr Peter Barrowcliff reported that the first meeting had been held with the newly-elected local councillors. There is a new committee structure with a Strategy Committee replacing the Executive Committee.

There was no Police report but Members now receive regular Dorset Alert messages.

There were no further reports.

The Chairman thanked the above representatives for their reports.

1462. 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:

<i>Report No.</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Defect</i>	<i>Status</i>
1074075	Chedington, near The Court	Pothole	Reported and repaired
1075682	Pipplepen Lane	Potholes	Reported and listed for repair
1075684	Pipplepen Lane, near Sewage works	Gullies blocked	Reported and cleared
1076902	Junction A3066/ Lecher Lane	Grass verge is long and obscures traffic	Reported

b) DAPTC Annual Conference, 23rd March

Cllr Anthony de la Poer reported on the conference he had attended. The theme was on self-reliance and town and parish councils would need to recruit volunteers to get non-essential work done. Councils were being encouraged to combine to share the costs or to establish a pool of volunteers. He was concerned that small councils with a small precept would be driven back to become combined authorities – district councils by another name.

District Cllr Tony Alford commented that where town and parish councils had already combined forces it had been successful.

c) Parish and Town Councils Planning Training, 5th April

The Chairman reported on the training seminar she had attended. Although she had found it interesting, it was not relevant to small communities. It was aimed at large developments in large communities. Another meeting is planned for October which will cover smaller planning issues.

d) Matters arising from South Perrott Village Meeting, 2nd May

The Chairman reported on the following issues arising from the South Perrott village meeting –
Village clean-up – to be held this year on Sunday 16th July.

Broadband – it was noted that fibre has been available in the village for a year but those who have signed up were still receiving a variable service, and those who had not signed up were experiencing a worse signal than before.

Millennium Green – it was noted that the play equipment is to be removed as it is beyond economical repair. The Trustees are still looking for an organisation to take on responsibility for the Green.

Local residents had reported nuisances caused by daytime bonfires, dog fouling and litter from discarded flower wrappings in the churchyard. An item to go into Pump & Pound asking people to be more thoughtful.
Action: Cllr Coutanche

It was noted that Chedington's village meeting will be held on 16th May and matters will be reported to the next meeting of the parish council

e) Footpath Map

Cllr Anthony de la Poer explained that Desmond Thomas, an artist in South Perrott, had produced an illustrated map showing the footpaths around South Perrott and Chedington. Cllr de la Poer had arranged an initial print run from Footprintz of 50 x A4 copies and 4 larger copies at a total cost of £35. These will be offered for sale to residents. It was agreed a letter of thanks should be sent to Mr Thomas.
Action: Mrs Gillingham

1463. CORRESPONDENCE

1. DAPTC Chief Executive's Circular, 15th March 2017.
2. DAPTC Chief Executive's Circular, 31 March 2017.
3. NALC re. Parish Precepts.
4. NALC re. Housing White Paper.
5. DAPTC email re. BT Adopt a Kiosk Scheme.
6. Dorset Police & Crime Plan 2017-2021.
7. Dorset, Poole & Bournemouth Local Access Forum re. Definitive Map
8. Email correspondence with Merriott PC re. footway scheme in South Perrott.
9. DCC email re. Town and Parish Training.
10. DAPTC Western Area Committee, minutes of meeting 9th February 2017.
11. Email to Symonds and Sampson Estate Agents re. Rose Cottage, South Perrott.
12. Government poster re. Better Broadband Subsidy Scheme.
13. Dorset Road Safe newsletter, Spring 2017.

14. Dorset Police – Dorset Alerts for March/April 2017.

1464. **PLANNING**

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

WD/D/17/000717 Land adjacent Lecher Bridge, South Perrott – erect extension to existing agricultural building. PC comments – no concerns.

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

WD/D/16/002856 Cornerways, South Perrott – partial compliance with conditions set out in planning approval WD/D/15/001181.

WD/D/17/000002 Court Farm, Chedington – proposed dormers. Approval of Planning Permission.

WD/D/17/000187 Holts Farm, South Perrott – single storey extension. Approval of Planning Permission.

WD/D/16/002537 Maple Cottage, South Perrott – replacement of rotten wooden windows with double glazed wood effect upvc windows. Application Withdrawn.

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

WD/D/17/001050 Holt Farm, South Perrott – erect extension to existing agricultural building. Members raised no concerns about this application.

d) **Tree Applications:**

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%. Approved.

WD/CA/17/00082 Chedington Village Hall. 1 x Cherry – fell. Approved.

WD/CA/17/00119, 2 Manor Close, South Perrott. 1 x Conifer – fell. PC comments – no concerns. Approved.

WD/CA/17/00166 Bellamy Farm, South Perrott. 2 x Silver Birch – fell. PC comments – no concerns.

e) **Other planning issues:** None.

1465. **FINANCE**

a)	Income received:	
	Precept and Local Government Grant (first half)	£2,250.00
b)	Payments made since the last meeting:	None
c)	Payments to be made:	
	Footprintz (photocopying for newsletter)	£50.00
	Community First annual insurance	£176.55
	Anthony de la Poer (reimbursement for money paid to Footprintz for the new footpath maps)	£35.00
	Clerk's salary for April & May 2017	£291.84
	Clerk's expenses	£23.50

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

Bank account stands at:	£8,032.73
Balance after payment of the above cheques:	£7,455.84

1466. MATTERS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- a) Chairman – advised that Mosterton Pre-School have requested financial help to fund the new pre-school building. It was suggested that someone from the pre-school could be invited to speak at our next meeting.
- b) Clerk – advised that the cost of hiring South Perrott village hall for parish council meetings is to rise from £12 to £15 as from 1st September.
- c) Members –
 - Cllr Birtwhistle reminded members of Chedington’s village meeting on 16th May.
 - Cllr Coutanche requested items for Pump & Pound by 21st May.
- d) Footpaths Officers – None.
- e) River Warden – none.

1467. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 13th July 2017, at 7.30pm in Chedington Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

Signed

Date