

## PARRETT AND AXE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2017 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, Clerk Angela Gillingham and 4 residents.

#### 1468. PUBLIC SESSION

Jill Turner spoke on the subject of Superfast Broadband. She reported that a number of properties in the area between South Perrott and Chedington were in a "not spot" area and not able to benefit from the fibre network in either village. Jonathan Baker, in South Perrott, had produced a very comprehensive report on the options available to these properties under DCC's Better Broadband Subsidy Scheme. The Chairman responded that the Parish Council should support this initiative and proposed that a meeting should be arranged with the owners of all affected properties. The Chairman thanked Jill Turner for her work. *Action: Mrs Gillingham*

Martyn Gillingham advised that the new Defibrillator, sited on the wall of the village hall in South Perrott was now up and running, linked to the South West Ambulance Service. Jonathan Baker, who lives opposite the village hall has agreed to undertake the monthly monitoring of the live status of the device. It is intended to offer a CPR training session to local residents.

Peter Simmons referred to the telephone and internet cables which hung on poles cutting across the corner of one of his fields which were at risk from damage from his baling machine. *Clerk to alert BT.* Mr Simmons also reported the theft of two milk churns, taken from a shed. He failed to get through to the Police to report the theft and later saw the items for sale on Facebook. County Cllr Rebecca Knox advised that there is a link from Facebook to the Police's Safer Neighbourhood website for reporting crimes. *This link to be put in Pump & Pound.*

#### 1469. APOLOGIES / DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST / GRANT OF DISPENSATIONS

The Clerk reported that she had received the resignation of Cllr Liz Fray for the reason of her continuing ill health. Thanks were recorded for all her work in keeping everyone in Chedington informed.

Apologies were received from District Cllrs Tony Alford and Peter Barrowcliff, Dave McSkelly and Peter Hinton.

#### 1470. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Cllr Chris Birtwhistle was nominated to become Vice-Chairman. There were no further nominations and Cllr Birtwhistle was duly elected as Vice-Chairman to serve for the remainder of the year. (Proposed by Cllr Organ, seconded by Cllr de la Poer). A declaration of Acceptance of Office was duly signed.

#### 1471. MINUTES

The minutes of the AGM held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017 were approved, and signed as a correct record. (Proposed by Cllr Coutanche, seconded by Cllr de la Poer)

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017 were approved and signed as a correct record. (Proposed by Cllr de la Poer, seconded by Cllr Coutanche)

## 1472. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

County Cllr Rebecca Knox reported that the recent Local and General Elections had taken up a lot of time at County Hall. They were still waiting to hear the Secretary of State's informal decision on the proposals for Local Government Reform. East Dorset and Purbeck District Councils, which had not signed up to the proposals, were now interested in discussing the possibility of joining up with the other councils. Cllr Knox was working to improve closer liaison of the separate services in County, District and Borough Councils so that, for instance, social care and housing supply are linked together, and school admissions teams and transport teams work together.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Knox for her report and members congratulated her on her election as Leader of Dorset County Council.

There were no further reports.

## 1473. MOSTERTON PRE-SCHOOL

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

## 1474. 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>
1079604	Outside Bakers Arms South Perrott	Broken Finger Post	Reported
1079759	Chedington Lane	Pothole	Reported
1076902	Junction A3066/ Lecher Lane	Grass verge	The verge was cut following our previous request in May, and we have now reported that it needs cutting again.

#### Picket Lane Railings

The Clerk advised that she had discussed the repair work with Pete Blackwell, who had recommended using longer wooden posts, slightly repositioned, to avoid the need to build a wall along the riverbank.

The Chairman suggested that the eroded section of retaining wall could possibly be built of pre-cast concrete slabs which would save having to use longer re-aligned posts. It was agreed that a third contractor should be contacted and the name of Philip Hardwill was put forward. *Action: Mrs Gillingham*

#### Footpath Maps

The Clerk advised that the footpath maps designed by Desmond Thomas were proving popular with residents. They were selling at £1 for the small A4 size and £5 for the large A2 size. The initial cost of production would soon be recouped.

#### Footpath Officer for South Perrott

The Clerk reported that Peter Edwards, of School Hill, had offered to take on the role of Footpath Officer for South Perrott. Members were pleased to accept his offer.

## b) **Matters arising from Chedington Village Meeting, 16<sup>th</sup> May**

The Vice-Chairman reported on the Chedington village meeting. There were 14 residents present and the following items were discussed –

Millennium Green - residents were advised of the status of the play equipment which had been condemned.

Mobile Library – the service has now ceased.

Telephone Box – likely to be decommissioned.

Previous year's proposal that Chedington should cease to be represented on the Parish Council – no further action had been taken on this.

Dog fouling – a suggestion to raise money for a dog waste bin, but insufficient support for the idea.

Chedington sign obscured – a local resident has now cut back the vegetation.

## 1475. **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Dorset Wildlife Trust re. road verge cutting.
2. Email correspondence re. BT phone box in Mosterton (for our information)
3. Letter to Desmond Thomas re. footpath map, and his response.
4. DAPTC Extraordinary Chief Executive's Circular, 22 May 2017.
5. Seafarers UK re. Merchant Navy Day.
6. Ministry of Defence re. Armed Forces Day.
7. DAPTC re. grants available from the Trusthouse Charitable Foundation.
8. DAPTC re. NHS Dorset CCG responses to consultation.
9. DAPTC re. NALC legal topic note on Planning and Building Control.
10. DAPTC re. Dorset Coast Forum – West Bay consultation.
11. DCC re. funding opportunity for local path networks.
12. Rotary Club of Yeovil re. Charity Last Night of the Proms Concert.
13. Dorset Police – Dorset Alerts since previous meeting.

## 1476. **PLANNING**

a) **Applications handled since last meeting:** None.

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

WD/D/17/000717 Land adjacent Lecher Bridge, South Perrott – erect extension to existing agricultural building. Approval of Planning Permission.

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

c) **New applications to be considered:** None.

d) **Tree Applications:**

WD/CA/17/00166 Bellamy Farm, South Perrott. 2 x Silver Birch – fell. Approved.

WD/CA/17/00266 Court Byre Cottage, South Perrott. 4 x Conifers - fell, 1 x Apple Tree – fell, 1 x Apple Tree – reduce crown, 1 x Holly Bush - fell. PC comments – no concerns.

WD/CA/17/00282 Swing Gate Cottage, South Perrott. 1 x Conifer – fell. PC comments – no concerns.

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

1477. **FINANCE**

a) Income received:	None
b) Payments made since the last meeting:	None
c) Payments to be made:	
Footprintz (photocopying for newsletter)	£50.00
Clerk’s salary for June & July 2017	£291.84
Clerk’s expenses	£60.84

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

Bank account stands at:	£7,455.84
Balance after payment of the above cheques:	£7,053.16

1478. **MATTERS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

- a) Chairman – raised her concerns about the vegetation blocking the 30mph signs on the A356 at both ends of South Perrott. *Clerk to report.*
- b) Clerk –asked if she should request Highways to remove the “new road layout” signs from both ends of South Perrott, which had been in place since the works were carried out in 2011. This was agreed.

The Clerk also reported that Barry Chatfield had kindly re-varnished the parish noticeboard in The Pound. Members recorded their thanks to him.

- c) Members –
  - Cllr de la Poer gave his apologies for the next meeting because he will be on holiday.
  - Cllr Coutanche advised that the Village Clean-Up is arranged for Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July.
  - Cllr Coutanche requested items for Pump & Pound by 20<sup>th</sup> July.
- d) Footpaths Officers – none.
- e) River Warden – Martyn Gillingham advised that he will be putting an item into P&P reminding residents, whose properties border the river, of their riparian duties.

1479. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017, at 7.30pm in South Perrott Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

Signed .....

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