

PARRETT AND AXE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11th January 2018 at Chedington Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Kate Organ (Chairman), Chris Birtwhistle (Vice Chairman), Asha Braginton, Jane Cooper, Sue Coutanche and Anthony de la Poer, Also in attendance: District Cllrs Tony Alford and Peter Barrowcliff, Clerk Angela Gillingham and 5 residents.

1502. PUBLIC SESSION

Dave McSkelly advised that the three kerbstones outside his drive had been repaired, but not replaced.

Peter Hinton reported that the sides of the tarmac in Picket Lane, between the Engineers Road and the Nursery, were crumbling away and needed to be repaired. Mike Johnson reported that the same was happening to the road surface between Penny's Hill Cottage and the main road. Clerk to contact Highways.

Action: Mrs Gillingham

1503. APOLOGIES / DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST / GRANT OF DISPENSATIONS

No apologies were received.

1504. MINUTES

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

1505. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

District Cllr Peter Barrowcliff reported on the Local Government Reorganisation. The consultation period had ended and all Districts, with the exception of Christchurch, supported the proposal for two unitary authorities. Councils were now waiting for the Secretary of State to decide whether to push through the proposals. It was hoped that his decision would be made in the next few weeks to enable work to progress towards elections to take place in May 2019. The District Council's budget will be set by the end of February.

District Cllr Tony Alford reported on Dorset Waste Partnership. There have been discussions about setting up "bring bank" containers in car parks to collect and recycle used hot drink cups, which are normally not recyclable, but one particular organisation will take them. It was noted that one "bring bank" in Morrisons, Bridport will accept tetrapaks. West Dorset was achieving just over 60% recycling of waste. Dorset Waste Partnership came out top for the carbon content of its recycled material.

The Chairman thanked the Councillors for their reports. There were no further reports.

1506. MATTERS ARISING

a) 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>
1089097	A356 outside Sarum, S Perrott	Gullies blocked, causing flooding in heavy rain.	Enquiry closed – permanently repaired.
1081148	A356 on approaches to South Perrott	Vegetation obscuring 30mph signs	Highways have taken no action on this, despite persistent chasing. Tim Bartlett has now cut the hedges.
1082182	Shire Cottage, SP	Roof damaged by HGV turning into Lecher Lane	Works instructed for improved signage
1089107	Section of footpath outside Coach & Horses	Complaints about noise of heavy vehicles driving over the kerb.	Enquiry closed – does not contravene DCC intervention levels.

1089106	Both ends of road into Chedington.	Speed safety signs requested.	Works instructed. Enquiry closed – permanently repaired.
1091148	Opposite Book Tree Cottage, Chedington	Large pothole on side of carriageway.	Reported and works have been instructed.
	Winyards Gap junction with A356	Request for a grit bin to be placed at this location.	Highways say that they currently grit this location so an additional bin would need to be a community bin (which we would have to purchase and refill)
	A356, South Perrott	Concerns about issues resulting from the road/footway scheme.	Mike Westwood, Community Highways Manager, has agreed to attend our PC meeting on 8 th March, to discuss concerns. He will make a site visit beforehand.

In addition, it was reported that –

- the kerbstones outside the Coach & Horses were broken and loose.
- Two “slow” signs had been painted on the tarmac on the approaches to Chedington, but the one at the Sandy Knapp end cannot be seen because of its positioning. One is also needed outside Winyards Gap.
- The pothole outside Book Tree Cottage, Chedington, has been filled in by a local resident.

Clerk to report these matters Highways.

Action: Mrs Gillingham

Grit Bin – Following the discussion at the previous meeting regarding a request for a grit bin at the Winyards Gap junction, it was agreed that if Highways were not willing to provide a “strategic” bin at this location, then the parish council should purchase a “community” bin, using money from its Miscellaneous Environmental Works budget. (Proposed by Cllr Organ, seconded by Cllr de la Poer). Permission would need to be obtained from the owners of the Winyards Gap Inn to install the grit bin on the corner of their beer garden. *Action: Mrs Gillingham*

b) **Mobile Telephone Reception in South Perrott**

The Clerk reported that Oliver Letwin MP had forwarded a copy of a letter from the Home Office which explained that the timetable for EE’s proposed upgrade of the existing mobile telephone masts had slipped by a few months, but that the area of South Perrott should benefit from a good outdoor 4G coverage by the end of March this year. Sir Oliver had asked for the parish council to inform him immediately if EE customers cannot get a good signal by the end of March. Members noted this information.

c) **Chedington Public Telephone Kiosk**

The Chairman advised that the parish council had now received from BT a contract for the adoption of the Chedington telephone kiosk for the sum of £1. She reminded members that a year ago Liz Fray had canvassed most of the residents in Chedington and they were overwhelmingly in favour of adopting the kiosk. Mike Johnson advised that the Chedington Village Hall committee may be willing to take over the kiosk from the parish council.

It was agreed that the parish council should purchase the telephone kiosk from BT for the price of £1, but subject to clarification from the Village Hall committee as to whether they wished to take it over. (Proposed by Cllr Organ, seconded by Cllr de la Poer). The clerk to seek clarification. *Action: Mrs Gillingham*

1507. **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Email correspondence with Oliver Letwin MP re. mobile phone reception.
2. Mosterton Pre-School – thanking us for donation.
3. DAPTC re. parish and town council precepts.
4. DAPTC re. new Data Protection laws.
5. Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments re. external auditor appointments.

6. DAPTC re. NALC's new diversity commission.
7. DAPTC re. integrated Transport Review.
8. WDDC re. confirmation of Tax Base 2018/19.
9. Woodland Trust re. Tree Charter Legacy Tree.
10. Email correspondence with DCC re. Grit Bin at Winyards Gap junction.
11. Dorset Police – Dorset Alerts since previous meeting.
12. Clerks & Councils Direct newsletter, January 2018.

1508. **PLANNING**

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

WD/D/17/002488 Highfield House, Chedington. Erect garden room with natural slate to roof and rendered walls (resubmission). PC comments – the amendments to the previously approved plans will further enhance what was constructed in 1989. The proposed garden room will be a great improvement from the utilitarian original conservatory.

WD/D/17/002514 & 002515 Bridge Farmhouse, South Perrott. Change of use and conversion of former granary to holiday let. PC comments – makes good use of an essentially derelict building and the proposed works are sympathetic to the character of the building. Only concern is the lack of information on the finish of the window and door on the south elevation on Bailey's Lane.

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

WD/D/17/002514 & 002515 Bridge Farmhouse South Perrott. Change of use and conversion of former granary to dwelling (amended description). Approval of Planning Permission and Listed Building Consent.

[Received since meeting:] WD/D/17/002488 Highfield House, Chedington. Erect garden room with natural slate to roof and rendered walls. Approval of Planning Permission.

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

d) **Tree Applications:** None.

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

1509. **FINANCE**

a) Income received:	None
b) Payments made since the last meeting:	None
c) Payments to be made:	
Footprintz (photocopying for newsletter)	£50.00
Tim Bartlett (cutting hedges around 30mph signs)	£30.00
Clerk's salary for December 2017 & January 2018	£291.84
Clerk's expenses	£30.45

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

Bank account stands at:	£8,111.43
Balance after payment of the above cheques:	£7,708.14

d) **Approval of Budget and Precept for 2018-2019**

Members had previously approved the Budget for 2018-2019 and now, following the District Council's announcement of the Council Tax Base, members approved the Precept for 2018-2019 of £4,635, which represents a 3% increase on the current year (proposed by Cllr Coutanche, seconded by Cllr Cooper).

1510. ADOPTION OF STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Standing Orders –

The Council’s Standing Orders were reviewed and one small amendment was made. (Proposed by Cllr Organ, seconded by Cllr de la Poer)

Financial Regulations –

The Council’s Financial Regulations were reviewed and no amendments were made. (Proposed by Cllr Coutanche, seconded by Cllr de la Poer)

1511. MATTERS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- a) Chairman – none.
- b) Clerk – none.
- c) Members –
 - Cllr Coutanche requested items for Pump & Pound by 20th January. She also advised that Mosterton Pre-School now had 35 children enrolled, five of whom came from South Perrott.
 - Cllr Birtwhistle reported that garden rubbish was repeatedly being dumped by the side gate to his property. Cllr Cooper reported that it was also being dumped at a gateway in Chedington Lane. It was agreed that an item about fly-tipping should be put in the Pump & Pound.
- d) Footpaths Officers – none.
- e) River Warden – Martyn Gillingham advised that Highways will need to jet one of the gullies on the A356 where it floods in heavy rain. *Action: Mrs Gillingham*
The Chairman thanked Mr Gillingham for his work in keeping drains and gullies clear of debris.

Mike Johnson recorded his thanks to the P&P editors for getting a late item into the last edition.

1512. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 8th March 2018, at 7.30pm in South Perrott Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Signed

Date