

CHETNOLE AND STOCKWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 14 September 2016 in Chetnole Village *(Meeting Number 4 – 2016-2017 council year)*

Present: Councillors O Pope (Chairman), G Ratcliffe (Vice-Chairman),
S Darley, M Gallimore, W Henry, J Hume and J Meier and

In Attendance: Mrs S Woodford (Clerk)
Cllr M Lawrence (WDDC)
Cllr R Legg (WDDC)

Public Forum

Cllr Lawrence (WDDC) spoke about the consultation presently taking place on the unitary proposals for Dorset and she explained the two options which are proposed, Cllr Legg (WDDC) gave further information on aspects of the proposal. (This topic appears at item 4.13 in the minutes below.)

4.1 Apologies for Absence: Cllr J Hume and Councillor M Hall (DCC Ward Member)

4.2 Minutes of the Meetings held on 13 July 2016

RESOLVED: Proposed Cllr Gallimore, Seconded Cllr Henry and agreed unanimously – that the Minutes be signed as a correct record.

4.3 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Cllr Gallimore declared an interest in item 4.5.2 as he is a neighbour of the applicant.
Cllr Ratcliffe declared an interest in Item 4.8.1 as he lives adjacent to the site.

4.4 Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meetings held on 14 July

None raised.

4.5 Planning:

**4.5.1 WD/D/16/000759 (Full) and /WD/D/16/000760 (LBC) – The Old Forge Cottage, Mill Lane. Refurbishment, partial demolition and two storey extension.
(The Parish Council had no objection)**

**4.5.2 WD/D/16/001702 (Variation of condition) – 1 Grove Cottages, Mill Lane. Variation of condition no.1 of planning approval 1/D/12/000527 - to allow alterations to elevation material finishes
(The Parish Council had no objection)**

4.6 Finances

4.6.1 Accounts for Payment (See Appendix A for details)

It was resolved to approve payment of £1192,57 in total from the PC Current Account and £14.75 from the Playing Field Management Team Account.

**Total assets at 14 September 2016: Parish Council £6,854.56
Playing Field Fund £2,140.02**

RESOLVED: Proposed Cllr Henry, Seconded Cllr Meier and agreed unanimously to approve the accounts for payment and balances recorded.

4.7 Grants and Donations

A grant application had been received from St. Peters (Chetnole) Parochial Church Council. The PCC thanked the council for their previous donation towards the repairs to the windows and now sought funds to assist with repairs to the Church Clock specifically to repair the mechanism that stops the chiming from continuing through the night.

RESOLVED: Proposed Cllr Ratcliffe, Seconded Cllr Meier and agreed (5 in favour and 1 against) to approve a grant of £200 to the Chetnole Parochial Church Council.

4.8 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman highlighted a few items received over the last two months, including a response he has received from the Football Association regarding grants towards football facilities in Playing Fields, which he will raise at the next Management Team meeting.

4.8.1. Members were in receipt of a copy of a letter received from Mr Russell of Church View, Church Close. Mr Russell wished to crown the trees directly in front of Church View which are obscuring his view of the Church, which he would like to restore.

Mr Russell offered to pay for the work to be carried out, but the Clerk pointed out that it may require permission from the District Council as it is within a Conservation Area and the trees are listed as part of the Playing Field shelter belt.

RESOLVED: Proposed Cllr Meier, Seconded Cllr Henry and agreed unanimously to approve the topping/crowning of the trees directly in front of Church View provided the necessary permissions have been sought and gained.

4.9 Reports from Members on other bodies

4.9.1 Flood Warden – Cllr Ratcliffe

Cllr Ratcliffe reported that the depth gauge at Deep Ford on the Eastern bank of the Wriggle has been repaired by the Highways department. Installation of the two electronic signs in the Deep Ford Lane is not yet completed as it is awaiting the mounting of a special bracket for the pole opposite Humbers. A completion date of end September is anticipated, depending on how soon a power supply contract can be set up between the EA and SSE.

The Council had previously appointed Jill Street to be part of the team who erect the temporary flood warning signs, she has now moved away, so Members approved a new appointment of Mr Bill Joliffe and the agreement will be amended accordingly.

4.9.2 Home Watch – Nothing to report.

4.9.3 Boyles – nothing to report.

4.10 Highways Issues

- Cllr Meier reported that the spring water which bubbles up at Stockwood by the road adjacent to Manor Farm, has got considerably worse.
- The surface of Neals Lane is deteriorating and a surface dressing is required.
- Cllr Ratcliffe reported on the group, which has formed as a spin-off of the initial Neighbourhood Plan meetings, to establish a safe route to Chetnole Halt to make it more accessible along with provision for parking. He reported that there is an old sunken lane which runs parallel to the road towards the halt, they are attempting to establish the ownership of this lane as it would be an ideal route to the Halt.

4.11 Playing Field

4.11.1 Playing Field Management Team meeting held on 19 July 2016.

Members were in receipt of the notes of the above meeting.

Resolved: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 19 July.

- It was noted that the bins in the field are overflowing and this will be reported to the Management Team.

- The Football nets are in poor state and Cllr Gallimore suggested the Management Team give consideration to their replacement.
- Cllr Ratcliffe suggested the council write to thank Mrs Anne Flew for her help in keeping the field clean and tidy by emptying the dog mess bins and providing free dog mess bags for those who use the field. Agreed that the Clerk should write to Mrs Flew on behalf of the Council.
- Cllr Ratcliffe also reported an increase in dog excrement in the field, suggesting that the majority of dog walkers are very diligent, but there are a few who are not. Various suggestions were put forward as to how this should be dealt with, finally it was agreed that Cllr Darley would put something in the Wriggle Valley Magazine and the Clerk would put something on the website and possibly via the e-Noticeboard stressing how important it is to pick up after your dog.

4.12 Neighbourhood Plan

The Chairman invited Cllr Ratcliffe to speak with regards to the progress being made with the proposed Chetnole and Stockwood Neighbourhood Plan. Following the two information sessions held in June, a Neighbourhood Plan feedback form was delivered to every property in the parish, with a disappointing response as only 53 of the forms were returned, indicating that 50 are in favour of the preparation of a Plan, 2 are unsure and 1 feels that a plan is unnecessary. 23 people are willing to assist with the plan. The concerns expressed by residents are similar to those recorded in the Parish Plan in 2010, preferring any development to focus on affordable housing, suitable for both the elderly as well as for young families. Top of the list of resident's concerns was the need for a safer more convenient access to Chetnole Halt on foot or by car, an issue relevant to a Neighbourhood Plan as it forms part of the transport infrastructure, which will ultimately affect the development potential in the village. Other issues of concern included traffic calming, improved bus service, flood avoidance, protection of local environment, wildlife, valued open spaces, views and improvements to the local sewage network. Although the Local Plan is targeting larger communities for development at present, this may change as the pressure for new build homes is increased.

The next step in the lengthy process of a Neighbourhood Plan is to form a Steering Committee made up of local volunteers and Cllr Ratcliffe recommended the booklet published by CPRE entitled 'How to Shape Where you Live'.

4.13 Matters requiring the attention of the Council

None raised.

4.14 Date of next Meeting: Thursday 9 November 2016.

Public Form

John Head – referred to the dog mess issue and suggested that some further or simply new signs are erected at the Playing Field to make the public aware of the problem.

Mr Russell spoke about the Neighbourhood Plan, having had experience of working with one in the past, he recommended proceeding with it.

Reported that some of the road signs are obscured and the vegetation around them needs to be cleared away.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

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Chairman