

CHETNOLE AND STOCKWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council
held on 14 January 2016 in the Chetnole Village Hall**
(Meeting Number 6 – 2015-2016 council year)

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

In Attendance: Mrs S Woodford (Clerk)

Public Forum

- 6.1 Apologies for Absence:** Cllr S Darley
Councillor M Bevan (DCC Ward Member)
Councillor M Lawrence (WDDC Ward Member)
Councillor R Legg (WDDC Ward Member)
- 6.2 Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 November 2015**
The Minutes were signed as a correct record.
- 6.3 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**
None declared.
- 6.4 Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 September 2015**
It was noted that the new notice board outside the Post Office is now in place.
The wall adjacent to the playing field on Church Path is under repair.
The drains have been cleared.
The website is progressing and should 'go live' shortly.
- 6.5 Planning:**
No applications received or determined.
- 6.6 Finances**
6.6.1 Accounts for Payment (See Appendix A for details)
It was resolved to approve payment of £1,391.43 in total from the PC Current Account.
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| Total assets at 14 January 2016: | Parish Council £10,186.63 |
| | Playing Field Fund £1,923.77 |
- RESOLVED: To approve the Accounts for Payment**
- 6.7 Grants and Donations – Village Defibrillator**
Members were in receipt of a letter from the Village Hall Committee seeking assistance with the electrical wiring costs for the installation of the defibrillator. The amount of grant sought would be in the region of £200 to £300.
- Resolved: To approve the provision of a maximum of £300 to assist with the wiring costs involved in the installation of the de-fibrillator in Chetnole Village Hall.**
- 6.8 Chairman's Announcements**
The Chairman highlighted various items of correspondence.

6.9 Reports from Members on other bodies

6.9.1 Flood Warden – Cllr Ratcliffe

Report of a car which was washed into the river at the Ford. The emergency services were called and the accident was recorded with the Environment Agency with an incident number. It is hoped that the automated signs might soon be delivered, but there has been no confirmation of when this might happen.

The properties beyond Mill Lane bridge were cut off in a recent flooding incident, although the water levels returned to normal fairly swiftly.

6.9.2 Homewatch Co-ordinator– Cllr Ratcliffe

The footbridge at the ford in at the end of Bound Lane / Batcombe Road is corroding with some of the supports virtually rusted through. This has been reported to the footpaths officers at DCC and the Highways department.

6.9.3 Mr Bob Owen, as representative of the Boyles Trust, reported that 15 grants have been awarded to individuals amounting to £4,300. A request for a grant has been received from St Andrews school in Yetminster, but this has not been progressed for various reasons.

6.9.4 Mr Owen also gave a brief report on the Sherborne Transport Action Group, although not an official representative, he had attended the recent meeting.

6.10 Highways Issues

It was noted that the roads are generally very dirty with mud and deposits from large vehicles damaging the verges.

6.11 Playing Field

The Playing Field Management Team is due to meet in early February and will report back to the next meeting.

6.12 Neighbourhood Plan

Mr Richard Smith of Leigh Parish Council gave a brief talk on the proposal for Leigh and Yetminster to join forces to produce joint Neighbourhood Plans. It is their intention that each community should produce an individual plan, and those plans should be put together in partnership so that the villages will ultimately produce complimentary plans tailored to improve the area as a whole. He suggested that Chetnole would be welcome to join in this venture. There will be open days coming up in early February in both Leigh and Yetminster at which the public will be asked for their views and support. If any community should wish to embark on a Neighbourhood Plan, it is intended as a village venture supported and initiated by the Parish Council, but ultimately run by a group of volunteers. It is hoped that a joint inter-village plan project would mean that local knowledge and expertise could be sourced from a wider group of people, resulting in a number of better and more effective Neighbourhood Plans. Grants of up to £9,000 are available for each community for the recruitment of professional assistance.

The Chairman thanked Mr Smith and it was agreed that the Council would consider the options available with regard to a Neighbourhood Plan.

6.13 Appointment of responsible persons to assist at times of flooding in the village

The Flood wardens have recruited a willing group of volunteers who are prepared to erect flood warning signs at times of high rain fall, when there is the potential for flooding in Chetnole and Stockwood. The warning signs have been provided by Dorset County Council, and in order to comply with health and safety requirements, those who erect these signs must

agree to act in a responsible manner and be officially appointed, and that appointment be minuted.

**Resolved: To appoint the following persons to erect the flood warning signs:-
Cllr G Ratcliffe, Cllr W Henry, Cllr J Meier, Mr G Read, Mr J Oldhouse, Mr A James,
Mr R Baker, Ms J Street, Mr R Owen, Mr B Siburn and Mr D Dixon.**

6.14 Matters requiring the attention of the Council

None raised.

6.15 Date of next Meeting : Thursday 10 March 2016.

Public Forum

Cllr Lawrence noted that the new Local Plan has now been adopted. She confirmed that the tri-partnership will still maintain separate planning departments.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm

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Chairman