

# CHETNOLE AND STOCKWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

## **DRAFT SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION**

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council  
held on 13 July 2016 in Chetnole Village**  
(Meeting Number 3 – 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 Hall (DCC)

### **Public Forum**

Nothing raised.

**3.1 Apologies for Absence:** Councillor M Lawrence and R Legg WDC Ward Members)

**3.2 Minutes of the Meetings held on 12 May and 28 June 2016**

The Minutes were signed as a correct record.

**3.3 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

Cllr Ratcliffe declared an interest in Item 3.11.3 as the Chairman of the Chetnole Boules Club.

**3.4 Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meetings held on 12 May and 28 June**

None raised.

**3.5 Planning:**

No new applications received.

**WD/D/16/000653 – Easter Cottage - Granted**

**3.6 Finances**

**3.6.1 Accounts for Payment (See Appendix A for details)**

It was resolved to approve payment of £1956.54 in total from the PC Current Account and £20 from the Playing Field Management Team Account.

<b>Total assets at 13 July 2016:</b>	<b>Parish Council</b>	<b>£8,584.44</b>
	<b>Playing Field Fund</b>	<b>£1,903.77</b>

**RESOLVED: To approve the Accounts for Payment**

**3.6.2 Re-distribution of Parish Plan Grant**

Cllr Gallimore reminded members of the £622 remaining from the Parish Plan Grant. Members unanimously agreed in principle that this money be re-allocated to the Neighbourhood Plan, although this will be on the agenda for the September meeting for official resolution.

**3.7 Grants and Donations**

None

**3.8 Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman highlighted various items including the recent consultation on the Dorset Registration Service. Members agreed not to fill in the questionnaire response form as a corporate body, but to fill it in on line as individual council members. The Clerk agreed to write to the head of the Registration Service expressing the Council's dismay at the proposed closure of the Sherborne Office, highlighting the distress it will cause to the elderly who live well over the 20 minute radius of Dorchester.

### 3.9 Reports from Members on other bodies

#### 3.9.1 Flood Warden/Home Watch – Cllr Ratcliffe

Cllr Ratcliffe reported that work for the two automated signs to be put up in Deep Ford Lane is underway. It is hoped that they will be in place and connected by 20 July and the latest date for final completion is mid-August.

With regards to Homewatch, Cllr Ratcliffe reported that most of the police messages received recently relate to telephone scams, bogus traders and bogus insurance claims.

#### 3.9.2 Mr Bob Owen reported on the Boyles Trust - The second plot with planning permission for a house has been sold at auction with completion early this month. The final net receipts are just under £115,000. So the total monetary assets are in the order of £130,000. This excludes any asset values of the properties and the Governors will soon decide how to invest these assets to ensure they meet the Charity Commission requirements. Before this sale the Foundation did not, in the view of the Governors, have funds sufficient to ensure a long term commitment to make grants at similar levels as is currently the case, but the Foundation is now financially secure.

Provision is still in place for a grant to be made to St Andrews School in respect of their IT equipment. St Andrews have satisfied conditions, but need to finalise their request. The new grant round has just been opened and the Governors decided that the trust deed required maintenance of the current limitation on grant area to the three parishes of Yetminster, Leigh and Chetnole, so Stockwood and Ryme Intrinsic remain outside the grant area.

### 3.10 Highways Issues

- It was noted that the potholes in the Stockwood Road have recently been filled.
- The hedge on the left on the approach to the Chetnole Halt is growing out over the road and needs reducing. Clerk to contact Network Rail.

### 3.11 Playing Field

#### 3.11.1 Playing Field Management Team meetings held on 14 June and 5 July 2016.

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

**Resolved: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 14 June and 5 July.**

#### 3.11.2 Cricket Pavilion - The Chairman reported that the agreement for the transfer of the Cricket Pavilion from the Chetnole Cricket Team has now been signed and the Pavilion is now the responsibility of the Parish Council. The Chairman also informed members that the Tree Survey has now been carried out and a copy will be circulated to all Members.

#### 3.11.3 Terms of Use and Charging Structure for exclusive use of equipment on the Chetnole Playing Field – Members were in receipt of proposals from the Chetnole Management Team recommending a new charging structure along with a proposed set of Terms and Conditions to apply to all who use the field. It was proposed to suspend Standing Orders to allow Mr Sibun to speak. Mr Sibun asked about the position regarding the decision made at the 12 May meeting to waive the fees paid by the Boules Club. Further public intervention took place on this matter before Standing Orders were reinstated.

Some members expressed concern with regard to the recommendation made by the Playing Field Management Team to introduce a charging structure that will involve all those who hire the Chetnole Playing Field for any type of exclusive use to pay a fee. It was suggested that this charge, when levelled at the Boules Club, was reversing the decision made at the May 12 meeting to waive the Chetnole Chucker's payments to the Council. The Chairman suggested that this was an entirely new proposal, and the reason it is proposed by the Management Team is to attempt to offset the costs of the maintenance of the field, which have now increased with the

addition of the Pavilion and the loss of income from the Cricket Club. The rise in cost of running the playing field may cause an increase in the precept - and therefore a rise in the parish charge portion of the council tax rate, if the Council does not seek to offset some of these additional expenses by charging for the facilities it provides.

The Management Teams' proposal included a fixed fee for one off matches/games of Cricket or Boules, but regular hirers, such as the Chetnole Chuckers, would have a reduced fee to cover the whole season. The proposed annual fee for the Chuckers being £100.

After further discussion, Mr John Head, Treasurer of the Chetnole Chuckers, requested permission to speak and suggested that the Boules Club would be prepared to pay the £100. Following this offer, the debate ceased and the council agreed by a majority.

**RESOLVED: To approve the charging structure proposed by the Playing Field Management Team and to approve the proposed Terms and Conditions of Use.**

### **3.12 Neighbourhood Plan**

The Chairman invited Cllr Ratcliffe to speak with regards to the progress being with the proposal to have a Chetnole and Stockwood Neighbourhood Plan. Two successful 'Information Sessions' were held in June raising awareness of the plan proposal and what might be achieved by having a Neighbourhood Plan. It was suggested that thanks should be offered to Mr David Torrence, a Yetminster Council member, who has given his time and assistance on both these occasions. Response forms were handed out at the sessions and have since been distributed around the Village. 30 responses have been received so far, with an emphasis on the provision of car parking facilities and safer access at the Chetnole Halt, which is being investigated by Cllr Ratcliffe. Discussion continued on the merits of having a Neighbourhood Plan and whether it would be beneficial in the long term. It was pointed out that there are both financial benefits in the form of a local return from the infrastructure levy and greater influence, as a plan once in place, will form part of the District Local Plan.

### **3.13 Matters requiring the attention of the Council - None raised.**

The Chairman took this opportunity to thank Nigel and Jill Bray, who are moving away, for their contribution to the village, especially their involvement with the Playing Field and he wished them well for the future.

### **3.14 Date of next Meeting: Thursday 14 September 2016.**

#### **Public Form**

**John Head** – suggested the Council liaise with the SEB and ask them to avoid digging up the Playing Field for a third time in order to repair a recent fault with the underground cable. Clerk will investigate.

**Website** – the Parish Plan is showing as a 404 screen – Clerk will investigate.

**Cllr Matt Hall** - recently elected to be ward member for Dorset County Council, was introduced by the Chairman. He spoke of the problems faced by DCC with enforced cuts as their contribution from central Government has been drastically reduced. He pointed out that there are a large number of tasks that DCC no longer carry out and these will ultimately fall on the Parishes. Cllr Hall is keen to ensure that the local roads are maintained to a good standard and is reporting the potholes and defects to the Highways Department. He encouraged residents to report any problems they encounter as the DCC response is often based on the number of complaints it receives.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

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**Chairman**