

# CHETNOLE AND STOCKWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 16 March 2016 in Chetnole Village (Meeting Number 7 – 2015-2016 council year)

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

**In Attendance:** Mrs S Woodford (Clerk)

### *Public Forum*

**7.1 Apologies for Absence:** Councillor M Bevan (DCC Ward Member)  
Councillor M Lawrence (WDDC Ward Member)  
Councillor R Legg (WDDC Ward Member)

**7.2 Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 January 2016**  
The Minutes were signed as a correct record.

**7.3 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**  
None declared.

**7.4 Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 January 2016**

**7.5 Planning:**  
No applications received or determined.

**7.6 Finances**

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

It was resolved to approve payment of £2,550.49 in total from the PC Current Account.

<b>Total assets at 14 January 2016:</b>	<b>Parish Council</b>	<b>£7,380.29</b>
	<b>Playing Field Fund</b>	<b>£1,923.77</b>

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

**7.6.2** To consider the continued use of Somerset Landscapes for grass cutting in the Playing Field.

As the Chetnole Cricket Club is no longer using or paying towards the upkeep of the field, it was agreed that Somerset Landscapes should be used for the coming season, but asked to reduce the number of cuts per season as there is no need for the grass to be kept quite as short as it will no longer be used as an outfield. It was also agreed to consider re-tendering for the 2017 season.

**7.6.3** It was noted that a grant towards the set up costs of the new Website has been received from the National Association of Parish and Town Councils (NALC) via DAPTC of £476

**7.7 Grants and Donations**

**7.8 Chairman's Announcements**  
The Chairman highlighted various items of correspondence.

## **7.9 Reports from Members on other bodies**

### **7.9.1 Flood Warden/Home Watch – Cllr Ratcliffe**

Cllr Ratcliffe reported that there were about 50 remaining of the 150 sand bags that were delivered for Chetnole and Stockwood. Mr and Mrs Pyke of Chetnole House kindly gave permission for their outbuildings to be used to store the sandbags. Cllr Ratcliffe suggested the provision of a litter bin on the Stockwood Road and outlined some future plans for a litter-picking scheme.

7.9.2 Mr Bob Owen submitted a written report on behalf of the Boyles Trust noting that one more grant has been approved, but Yetminster School has not progressed its grant application. The preliminaries for the sale of the second plot are progressing to plan. The Governors have approved the use of the paddock by the Yetminster Fair Committee on conditions which mean the state of the paddock is improved. The Governors are also working on a financial plan in readiness to meet tightened requirements which may arise from the Charity Commissioners. The limit of applications for grants which is permitted under the Trust Deed has been confirmed as Yetminster, Chetnole and Leigh (thus not Stockwood or Ryme Intrinsic).

## **7.10 Highways Issues**

None raised.

## **7.11 Playing Field**

**7.11.1** The Chairman read out a letter received from Mr Paul Hallett on behalf of Chetnole Cricket Club announcing that the club is to be dissolved due to lack of interest and team players. This will impact on the Council with the loss of £450 per annum to assist with the grass cutting costs. Members were sad to hear of the demise of the club and agreed that every effort should be made to keep cricket as a sport played on the Chetnole field.

Mr Hallett referred to the 2010 Agreement between the Cricket Club and the Parish Council, which states that the Pavilion reverts to the Parish Council in the event that the Club should dissolve. Mr Hallett also suggested that the Parish Council take responsibility for a mower, roller and scarifier amongst other items that are currently stored in the shed.

It was agreed that Cllr Henry should liaise with Mr Hallett to do an inventory of the contents of the Pavilion and then consider the manner of the hand over.

**7.11.2 Playing Field Management Team** meeting held on 9 February 2016.

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

**Resolved: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 9 February 2016.**

## **7.12 Neighbourhood Plan**

The Chairman suggested that the Council should hold an information session similar to that done by Yetminster and Leigh, to assess the enthusiasm within the village for a Neighbourhood Plan and to make residents aware of what is involved. He suggested that the equipment and boards are borrowed from Yetminster and a perhaps the Wednesday Coffee mornings would be a good opportunity to promote the idea.

**7.13 Matters requiring the attention of the Council -** None raised.

**7.14 Date of next Meeting :** Thursday 12 May 2017.

**Public Form –** Nothing raised

**The meeting closed at 8.30 pm**

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**Chairman**