

CHETNOLE AND STOCKWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 11 January 2017 in Chetnole Village (Meeting Number 6 – 2016-2017 council year)

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

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

Public Forum

Cllr Lawrence made members aware of a number of current consultations being processed by WDDC. Also the recent decisions on the formation of a Unitary Authority, with a few more District Councils still to vote before the final numbers are known, the ultimate decision being taken by the Secretary of State

6.1 Apologies for Absence: Cllr M Hall and R Legg

6.2 Minutes of the Meetings held on 9 November 2016

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

6.3 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

None raised.

6.4 Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meetings held on 9 November 2016

Reference was made to the grass cutting arrangements for 2017 and to reduce the number of cuts according to the events on the field or to find new contractor/arrangement.

6.5 Planning:

No new or recently determined applications.

6.6 Finances

6.6.1 Accounts for Payment (See Appendix A for details)

It was resolved to approve payment of £ 1,481.97 in total from the PC Current Account and £0 from the Playing Field Management Team Account.

**Total assets at 11 January 2017: Parish Council £8,443.15
Playing Field Fund £2,140.02**

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

6.6.2 Budget/Precept for 2017/2018

Members were in receipt of a copy of the budget for 2017/2018. After consideration of the likely increase in expenditure due to the devolution of services it was agreed that the Precept should be increased with the creation of a specific budget for the provision of services no longer provided by either DCC or WDDC.

RESOLVED: Proposed by Cllr Meier, seconded by Cllr Owen and agreed to increase the Precept to £9,000 plus the Council Tax support grant of £56.

6.7 Grants and Donations

No requests for grants had been received, however the Chairman raised noted a request he had received from Chetnole Village Hall Committee who were interested in having a section on the Chetnole Parish Council website that detailed Village Hall Bookings. Vision ICT recommended a firm named Hall serve who provide software which can be attached to the

website that may assist with hall bookings, it costs £130 per annum and is available for a 90 day trial, which the Village Hall Committee will undertake to try. If they wish to continue with the software package, then a Parish Council grant may assist with this in the future. None.

6.8 Chairman's Announcements

6.9 Reports from Members on other bodies

6.9.1 Flood Warden – Cllr Ratcliffe

The new Environment Agency automated warning signs in Deep Ford Lane are working but there is concern at how consistently they illuminate when driven past. It was agreed that it may be more beneficial if they were to just flash 'Flood' when the water levels are high and not flash at all when conditions are safe.

6.9.2 Home Watch – Nothing to report.

6.9.3 Boyles Trust – Standing Orders were suspended to allow the Trust Representative Mr Bob Owen, to report that the trust is in a stable position with all properties currently being rented and the second plot has been sold. The trust are in a strong position to make proper levels of grants over the coming years. In the last 12 months a total of £8,700 has been given in grants, £3,600 to the local school, Leigh Brownies and Yetminster Scouts. 11 applications were made for scholarships with a grant of £500 per person.

6.9.4 STAG (Sherborne Transport Action Group) – Cllr Darley reported on the recent meeting of STAG at the Digby Hall in Sherborne on 7.12.16. including the new routes and services for buses to be announced in February 2017, the new franchises for the train service to be granted in April 2017 and the devolution of highway maintenance services by Dorset County Council.

Salting and gritting routes were discussed and the Clerk agreed to circulate information on this as available.

6.10 Highways Issues

The Clerk reported that she had been actioned at the last meeting to follow up on the availability of some chippings from DCC highways which might be used on Back Lane and Neals Lane. DCC Highways did not consider the chippings to be suitable for use in these locations, but will include the provision of a top dressing to both of these roads in the summer of 2018. Members requested that Mill Lane also receive a top dressing.

6.11 Footpaths

Cllr Darley had previously highlighted the problems being experienced with the gate fastening at the entrance to Mrs Walker's paddock off Back Lane. The heavy mechanism has been removed and a temporary chain installed. A lighter weight fastening has been purchased and will be fitted soon. Cllr Darley offered thanks to Mrs Walker for her assistance in this.

6.12 Playing Field

A request was received from the Wriggle Valley Cricket group to hang a sign beneath the existing 'Playing Field' sign to list any forthcoming events/matches. Members agreed that this would have little impact and therefore agreed to it (no requirement for formal resolution).

6.13 Neighbourhood Plan

In order to proceed with a Neighbourhood Plan, members were asked to consider and agree:

6.13.1 To proceed with a Neighbourhood Plan

RESOLVED: Proposed by Cllr Henry and Seconded by Cllr Hume and agreed unanimously to proceed with the creation of a Neighbourhood Plan for the area defined at 13.2.

6.13.2 To agree the defined Neighbourhood Plan Area

RESOLVED: Proposed by Cllr Gallimore and Seconded by Cllr Pope and agreed unanimously to define the area as all the land within the combined parish boundary of Chetnole and Stockwood.

6.13.3 To endorse the creation of a Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

RESOLVED: Proposed by Cllr Henry and Seconded by Cllr Pope and agreed unanimously to endorse the Steering Group as formed at the meeting held on 30 November 2016 (having acknowledged that the personnel and the formal election of a Chairman and Secretary/Clerk is not yet finalised).

6.14 Matters requiring the attention of the Council

Cllr Pope confirmed that the trees in the Playing Field at the boundary of Church Close have been reduced as requested by Mr Russell. Mr Russell thanked the Council for organising this on his behalf, Cllr Owen will negotiate the payment with Mr Russell

6.15 Date of next Meeting: Wednesday 8 March 2017.

Public Form

Concern was expressed about the recording in the minutes of the Public Forum, the Clerk (post meeting) has noted that since the new meeting format was commenced in September 2015, over eleven items that have been raised in the forums have been recorded in the minutes over the nine meetings held within that period.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

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Chairman