

# CHETNOLE AND STOCKWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

## **DRAFT SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION**

### **Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 17 July 2017 in Chetnole Village (Meeting Number 2 – 2017-2018 council year)**

**Present:** Councillors O Pope (Chairman), S Darley (Vice Chairman), L Carroll, M Gallimore, J Hume, J Meier,

**In Attendance:** Mrs S Woodford (Clerk)  
Cllr M Hall (DCC)

#### **Public Forum**

Mr Paul Fairhurst submitted a planning application ,WD/D/17/000632 – Myrtle Cottage – for which there are now amended plans. Along with his agent, they are attempting to get the application considered at the District Council Plans Committee. Cllr Legg explained that this is no longer a simple process and any request involves the Chair of the Plans Committee and the officer at the head of planning at WDDC, Jean Marshall. The amended plans are now available and it was agreed that the Council would submit a response as soon as possible.

**2.1 Apologies for Absence:** Cllr W Henry

**2.2 Minutes of the Meetings held on 10 May 2017**

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

**2.3 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

None

**2.4 Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meetings held on 10 May 2017**

2.4.1 Cllr Darley noted the item on Stockwood Common and he had done some research and established that the only body who registered as a Ilchester Estates, so they are apparently within their rights to use the land accordingly. The Chairman is in the process of contacting Stephen Neal with regards to his original query.

**2.5 Co-option of Candidate for the Chetnole Ward**

The vacancy has been notified to the District Council and advertised accordingly and one candidate has come forward.

**RESOLVED: Proposed by Cllr Gallimore and seconded by Cllr Hume that Mrs Linda Carroll be co-opted onto the Parish Council as a Chetnole Ward Member for the remainder of the 2015 – 2019 council term.**

**2.6 Election of Vice Chairman**

This had been postponed from the Annual Statutory Meeting as the outgoing Vice-Chairman resigned at the close of that meeting having chaired it in the absence of Cllr Pope.

**Proposed by Cllr Hume and seconded by Cllr Pope that Cllr Stan Darley be appointed Deputy Chairman.**

**2.7 Planning:**

**2.7.1 WD/D/17/001010 LBC – REFUSED by WDDC**

Install solar panels to the south facing roof of the house.

Carpenters, Neals Lane. The Parish Council had no objection.

**2.7.2 WD/D/17/000632 Myrtle Cottage. Erection of 1no dwelling with associated parking. Amended Plans for consideration. The Parish Council no objection and expressed their full support.**

## 2.8 Finances

### 2.8.1 Accounts for Payment (See Appendix A for details)

It was resolved to approve payment of £ 2,126.21 in total from the PC Current Account and £20 from the Playing Field Management Team Account.

Noted that a grant had been received for the Neighbourhood Plan of £3,682, which has been paid into the Parish Council account and will be ring fenced for use of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee.

**Total assets at 17 July 2017: Parish Council      £12,687.18**  
**Playing Field Fund £2,209.02**

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

### 2.8.2 To approve the Annual Return for 2016/2017

Members were in receipt of a copy of the Annual Return and Governance Statement for 2016/2017.

**Resolved: To approve the Annual Return for 2016/17 and to approve and sign the Governance Statement.**

### 2.8.3 Accounts and Report from the Internal Auditor for the 2016/17 Financial Year

The Internal Audit Report revealed no significant problems and the Accounts and Annual Return was duly completed.

**RESOLVED: Proposed by Cllr Gallimore and seconded by Cllr Darley and agreed unanimously to approve the accounts and internal audit for 2016/17.**

## 2.9 Grants and Donations

No requests for grants had been received

## 2.10 Chairmans Announcements

The Chairman noted that there is a survey being conducted on transport, forms are available at the Wednesday coffee morning.

## 2.11 Reports from Members on other bodies

2.9.1 Flood Warden - No report this month.

2.9.2 Home Watch – No report this month

2.9.3 Boyles Trust – Mr Bob Owen reported that Boyles are in the midst of the grant application season and are dealing with a number at present. They are expected a grant request from Yetminster School. Income is in flux at present with temporarily empty letting properties.

2.9.4 STAG (Sherborne Transport Action Group) – First Bus have undergone another reorganisation, with our local services now run from Taunton. Buses are being replaced by newer models ex-service from Exeter. Rail - South West Trains were outbid by a consortium of First and the Hong Kong Mass Transit operator MTR under a new 7-year franchise due to start in August. It is hoped that the time tables will now be tied together with the other networks.

## 2.12 Highways Issues

It was noted that in areas within the village the tarmac is apparently melting away. Noted that the previous County Councillor for the Chetnole Ward had stated that the roads in and around Chetnole were due for resurfacing in the summer of 2018, but this was not confirmed by the Highways Officers. Agreed to contact the new County Councillor, Cllr Penfold,

### 2.13 Footpaths

It was reported that a gate off Barn Court has been padlocked shut and is obstructing a footpath. New styles and gates have been fitted at the entrance to the drove/bridleway off Adrian Samways land near Foys.

Cllr Darley pointed out that complaints or problems can be reported on the Dorset-for-You Website in the Rights of Way section, where there is an interactive map where problems can be pinpointed and reported.

### 2.14 Playing Field

The dog bins in the field have been full to overflowing, partly due to the absence of the usual maintenance people, but also assumed that it is due to the number that now use the field and are careful to pick up their dog mess. It was agreed that a further dog bin should be purchased and this should be placed at the entrance to the field off Church Path.

**RESOLVED: To give the Clerk authority to purchase a further dog bin and fixings to a limit of £200.**

### 2.15 Neighbourhood Plan

Standing Orders were suspended to enable Mr David Russell to speak in his capacity as secretary to the Neighbourhood Plan Committee. Mr Russell explained that the Steering Group were organising the provision of a stand at the Chetnole Flower Show on August 5<sup>th</sup> to make residents aware of the Plan. A questionnaire is being prepared with the assistance of an independent planning advisor, Jo Witherden, who has been employed by the Steering Group to assist with the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan. An initial grant has been received of £3,682 which will cover the costs of the independent advisor, meeting costs and any other ancillary costs.

### 2.16 Matters requiring the attention of the Council

None raised.

*The Public Forum was brought forward to take place before the public left the hall for the Exempt Business*

- Mr Bob Owen reported on the Friends of Chetnole Halt (FOCH). The Group are redecorating aspects of the station with the old GWR colours, providing a new notice board and posters. They are hoping to have a new roof and new window, although there are concerns that the concrete is deteriorating.
- Mr David Russell referred to the trees on the Chetnole Playing Field adjacent to his property at Church Close. The Chestnut tree is sick and needs further inspection and the boughs of two of the maples are overhanging Mr Russells garden. Mr Russell is concerned that to just remove the overhanging branches may not be good for the two maples and more work may be required. He suggested that the trees should be reduced and managed.  
As the recently retired Parish Council Chairman, Mr Bob Owen gave assurance that over the many years he was on the parish council the management of the trees in the playing field was done to a high standard, they were/are regularly inspected by a professional arboriculturalist and permission was granted to thin the shelter belt within the last three years, removing the weak stock and anything diseased.

### 2.17 Exempt Business

It was AGREED unanimously that in accordance with Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act 1960), the Public and Press be excluded from the meeting in view of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed, within the meaning of Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

2.17.1 Nomination of a candidate for the 2017 Sybil Howard Award

Nomination forms were made available at the coffee morning and in the pub and through the e-noticeboard, thanks to Mr Ian Duke. The public were invited to place them in the various ballot boxes, which were collected and collated by the Clerk and the person who gained the most nominations was Mr John Sanford, for his work for the community over the last 30 plus years. The award will be presented at the Chetnole Flower Show on Saturday August 5 by Mr Tim Howard, nephew of Miss Sybil Howard.

**RESOLVED: To nominate Mr John Sanford as the recipient of the Sybil Howard Award for 2017.**

**2.18 Date of next Meeting:** Wednesday 13 September 2017.

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**Chairman**