

# CHETNOLE AND STOCKWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

## DRAFT SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION

### Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 10 January 2018 in Chetnole Village (Meeting Number 5 – 2017-2018 council year)

**Present:** Councillors O Pope (Chairman), S Darley (Vice Chairman),  
L Carroll, M Gallimore, W Henry, J Hume and J Meier  
(Cllrs R Legg -WDDC and Cllr M Penfold - DCC)

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

#### Public Forum

**5.1 Apologies for Absence:** Cllr J Hume, Cllr M Lawrence

**5.2 Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 November 2017**

**RESOLVED: Proposed Cllr Meier and seconded Cllr Carroll and agreed unanimously that the Minutes be signed as a correct record.**

**5.3 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

Cllrs Meier declared an interest in Item 5.2 as a relation of the applicant, Cllr Pope also declared an interest in 5.2 as his property adjoins the site.

**5.4 Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meetings held on 8 November 2017**

5.4.1 Item No 5.5.3 Cllr Gallimore has spoken with the owners of the Old Forge in Chetnole to express the Council's concerns with regards to their struggle to get planning permission to improve it. It is their intention to re-apply and Cllr Gallimore made it clear that the Council will support them and do all it can to assist.

**5.5 Planning:**

**5.5.1 WD/D/17/002302** Erect single-storey extension to the side and rear of the existing property and the removal of some of the existing ground floor walls to create an open-plan living space (variation of condition 1 of planning permission ref WD/D/16/002170 - amended plans). OSMOND HOUSE, BATCOMBE LANE, CHETNOLE - **Approved by WDDC**

5.5.2 An appeal has been lodged (reference number **APP/F1230/Y/17/3181173**) in relation to WD/D/17/001010 CARPENTERS, NEALS LANE, CHETNOLE Install solar panels to the south facing roof of the house. It was agreed that the Council support the appeal as the proposed panels are on the rear of the property and are not generally visible.

**5.6 Finances**

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

It was resolved to approve payment of £ 493.01 in total from the PC Current Account and £99.98 from the Playing Field Management Team Account.

(Noted that £22.50 of the expenditure was from the Neighbourhood Plan budget)

<b>Total assets at 13 September 2017: Parish Council</b>	<b>£11,203.35</b>
<b>Playing Field Fund</b>	<b>£2,355.84</b>
<b>Neighbourhood Plan Grant</b>	<b>£1,275.50</b>

**RESOLVED: Proposed by Cllr Henry and Seconded by Cllr Pope to unanimously approve the accounts for payment and balances recorded.**

### 5.6.2 **Budget and set the Precept for 2018/2019**

Members were in receipt of a copy of the budget for 2018/2019. After consideration of the likely increase in expenditure due to the devolution of services it was agreed that the Precept should be subject to a moderate increase, also being aware that the Pavillion roof needs extensive repair and the grass cutting contract is under review. Members also noted that the Council Tax Support Grant has been withdrawn.

**RESOLVED: Proposed by Cllr Meier, seconded by Cllr Owen and agreed to increase the Precept to £9,500.**

### 5.7 **Grants and Donations**

None

### 5.8 **Chairmans Announcements**

5.8.1 **NORDCAT** – Cllr Pope has recently arranged with the organisers of the NORDCAT bus that the bus should be used for a trial period in Chetnole. Despite being extensively advertised, the take up of this service has been disappointing so NORDCAT are unlikely to continue unless there is a surge in use.

5.8.2 **Neighbourhood Plan** – it was noted that the cessation in the production of a Neighbourhood Plan for Chetnole had been broadly advertised. The Chairman had included a piece in the Wriggle Valley Magazine explaining the reasons for its being put on ice. The grant used to date is not refundable, but that remaining will be returned to the grantor.

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

5.9.1 **Flood Warden** – Gordon Ratcliffe reported that on 26 December 2017 the Environment Agency issued a Flood Warning during a period of heavy rainfall, stating that the level of the Wriggle was expected to peak at about 8.00 pm that night, with a risk of local flooding in Chetnole, making Deep Ford Lane impassable. He requested the village flood wardens to put out warning signs, and the same evening circulated a bulletin via the village e-noticeboard to make residents aware that the river level had risen by about 1.0 metre over the past 24 hours and to be on the alert. The level fell quickly to about 0.30 metres without incident.

At mid-afternoon on 2 January 2018, Councillor Carroll reported seeing a large obstruction in the form of a wooden pallet attached to two chemical drums which was jammed under a sewer pipe. The EA were contacted and removed the obstruction but left it on the river bank and the ownership has yet to be established. The EA has made available a new template and guidelines for preparation of a community flood/emergency plan, Mr Ratcliffe will work on this with the Chetnole Flood Wardens in the near future. It was noted that the depth markers at the Ford are still out of line with one indicating an accurate depth and the other a foot or so higher. Agreed the Clerk should remind DCC of this anomaly.

5.9.2 **Home Watch** – Nothing to report

5.9.3 **Boyles Trust** – No report this month

5.9.4 **STAG (Sherborne Transport Action Group)** – Cllr Darley reported that the next meeting of STAG is in a few weeks and he should have a report for the next Council meeting.

### 5.10 **Highways Issues**

Cllr Carroll raised concerns with regards to the speeding of vehicles through the village and the possibility of utilising some of the schemes advocated in the ‘Traffic in Villages Toolkit’ produced by the Dorset AONB. It was agreed that this should be given further consideration at a subsequent meeting.

**5.11 Footpaths**

5.11.1 A resident of Church Close has very kindly offered to gravel Church Path from Church Close to the Church. This offer was gratefully received by the Parish Council. The surface of this path would usually be the responsibility of the County Council, but as their funds are so limited, this assistance would be much appreciated. It was suggested that the Council fund a similar surface for the remainder of the path from Church Close to Mill Lane.

5.11.2 Cllr Darley noted the alternative path that has been formed off Neals Lane adjacent to the River towards Mill Lane. The existing path is still in place and unobstructed, but an alternative route is being formed. It was noted that so long as the existing footpath remains unobstructed there is no problem, but it would be expected that the landowner might seek a permission path to legalise the use of the alternative path rather than the existing one.

**5.12 Playing Field**

Nothing to report as there have been no team meetings during the winter months.

**5.13 Telephone Kiosk**

Cllr Carroll had noted a further alternative use of a kiosk, as well as having plants growing from it, one contained a map of the village showing all the homes and listing the house names/numbers. Members thought this scheme worth consideration although there was some concern as to whether there should be an option given to residents on whether they wished their house to be named and listed in such a manner. Agreed to raise this again at a future meeting having established the legal implications of listing every house and whether permissions are required.

**5.14 Church Path** – this matter was discussed under item 5.11.2

**5.15 Matters requiring the attention of the Council**

None raised

**5.16 Date of next Meeting:** Wednesday 14 March 2018.

**Public Forum**

- John Sanford noted that the peak time for mowing of the field is May – June with increased daylight hours, peaking again in August if the conditions are right.
- Cllr Robin Legg queried the demise of the Chetnole Neighbourhood Plan reminding residents of the benefits of such a plan. Cllr Pope acknowledged this but noted that a successful plan needed a committed and motivated Steering Group. The current status of Chetnole and Stockwood within the guidelines of the West Dorset and Weymouth Local Plan are such that any aspirations the steering group may have had are generally in place and covered by the Local Plan, removing any motivation for the creation of a Chetnole Neighbourhood Plan at the present time. Cllr Pope stressed that should anyone wish to form a new Steering Group and rekindle the provision of a Neighbourhood Plan, then the Parish Council would support them as all the work done to date has been saved and grants can still be obtained.

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**Chairman**