

CHETNOLE AND STOCKWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

held on 11 July 2018 in Chetnole Village

(Meeting Number 3– 2018-2019 council year)

Present: Councillors O Pope (Chairman), L Carroll,
J Hume and J Meier

In Attendance: Mrs S Woodford (Parish Clerk)

Public Forum

Cllr Penfold gave a brief resume on the current situation with regards to the reorganisation of Local Government and the proposed formation of the new Unitary Authority for Dorset.

3.1 Apologies for Absence: Cllrs M Gallimore, S Darley and W Henry and Cllr M Lawrence (WDDC)

3.2 Minutes of the Meetings held on 9 May 2018 and 27 June 2018.

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

3.3 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

None

3.4 Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meetings held on 9 May 2018 and 27 June 2018

Nothing raised.

3.5 Planning:

No applications for consideration and no decision received.

3.6 Finances

3.3.1 Accounts for Payment (See Appendix A for details)

It was resolved to approve payment of £1,071.55 in total from the PC Current Account and £0.00 from the Playing Field Management Team Account.

Total assets at 13 September 2017:	Parish Council	£12,433.91
	Playing Field Fund	£2,292.47
	Neighbourhood Plan Grant	£1,273.50

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

3.7 Grants and Donations

None

3.8 Chairmans Announcements

3.8.1 An email was received from Yetminster Local Neighbourhood Plan Group detailing their Strategic Environmental Assessment and seeking observations from consultees.

3.9 Reports from Members on other bodies

3.9.1 Flood Warden - an area has been cleared to create the small store shed at the rear of the Cricket pavilion, awaiting action by contractor to create an access path.

3.9.2 Home Watch – Nothing to report

3.9.3 Boyles Trust – Nothing to report

3.9.4 STAG (Sherborne Transport Action Group) – Nothing to report.

3.10 Highways Issues

3.10.1 It was noted that deer proof fencing has been erected at the side of the road by Stockwood Common. Cllr Meier understands that this is temporary fencing to stop deer crossing the road and to protect the young hedge plants. Once the hedge is established it will be removed.

3.10.2. It was noted that the signpost at the junction by Stockwood Road is deteriorating. Cllr Pope agreed to arrange for a repair.

3.11 Footpaths

Noted that the small bridge which spans the stream/ditch on the footpath up to Melbury Bubb has deteriorated and the slats need replacing. Clerk will report to DCC.

3.12 Rural Affordable Housing

Cllr Meier requested that Members be circulated a recent public policy research document on rural housing issues. Cllr Meier expressed his concerns about the need for affordable housing in rural areas, by which he did not mean social housing or assisted housing schemes, but simply smaller affordable homes rather than larger extended and detached houses. He is concerned that the demographic has changed in recent years with the rural homes being purchased by the more affluent people moving to the area, thus inflating the housing price and making it out of reach for local working people. Cllr Meier asked the council to request of West Dorset District Council that should any new development be permitted in Chetnole, it should consist of a number of smaller 2/3 bed homes rather than larger 4/5 bed homes. Cllr Penfold suggested that the Council invite a WDDC Planning Officer to attend a future meeting of the Parish Council to offer their views and explain the present policy on affordable housing.

3.13 Playing Field

3.13.1 Members were in receipt of the notes of the Management Team meeting which took place on 7 July and the contents were noted.

3.13.2 It was also noted that there is a problem with rabbits on the field, but agreed there is little that can be done about this.

3.14 Matters requiring the attention of the Council

3.15 Exempt Business

3.15.1 Nomination of a candidate for the 2018 Sybil Howard Award

Nomination forms were made available at the coffee morning 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 Head, for his work on the Village Hall Committee, the Chetnole Choppers, the Petanque Club and many other village projects. The award will be presented at the Chetnole Flower Show on Saturday August 4 by Mr Tim Howard, nephew of Miss Sybil Howard.

RESOLVED: To nominate Mr John Head as the recipient of the Sybil Howard Award for 2018.

3.16 Date of next Meeting: Wednesday 12 September 2018

Public Forum – Nothing raised.

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Chairman