

# CHEETNOLE AND STOCKWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

## DRAFT SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION

### Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 14 March 2018 in Chetnole Village (Meeting Number 6– 2017-2018 council year)

**Present:** Councillors O Pope (Chairman), L Carroll,  
M Gallimore, W Henry, J Hume and J Meier

**In Attendance:** Apologies from the Clerk due to ill health.

#### Public Forum

**6.1 Apologies for Absence:** Cllr M Lawrence, Cllr M Penfold, Cllr S Darley.

**6.2 Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 January 2018.**

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

**6.3 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

None

**6.4 Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meetings held on 10 January 2018**

6.4.1 re item 5.5.2. Cllr Pope reported that a representative of WD Planning Department had visited Carpenters but the appeal had been turned down.

**6.5 Planning:**

No applications for consideration and no decision received.

**6.6 Finances**

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

**It was resolved to approve payment of £776.90 in total from the PC Current Account and £0.00 from the Playing Field Management Team Account.**

<b>Total assets at 13 September 2017:</b>	<b>Parish Council</b>	<b>£10,159.12</b>
	<b>Playing Field Fund</b>	<b>£2,356.84</b>
	<b>Neighbourhood Plan Grant</b>	<b>£1,276.50</b>

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

**6.7 Grants and Donations**

Members were in receipt of a copy of a letter from the Sherborne and Dorchester Citizens Advice, along with details of their current financial situation with a request for donations. After some discussion it was agreed that we would donate £150.00 to Citizens Advice. **Proposed by Cllr Carroll and Seconded by Cllr Gallimore.**

**6.8 Chairmans Announcements**

Blair Siburn has offered to hold the key for the Lambs Plot notice board and it was agreed that we would accept his kind offer. We also agreed to use the notice board held by Cllr Meier to replace the old board at Lambs Plot.

**6.9 Reports from Members on other bodies**

6.9.1 Flood Warden– Gordon Ratcliffe - Not report this month.

6.9.2 Home Watch– Nothing to report

- 6.9.3 Boyles Trust – Bob Owen submitted a written report. Boyle’s is solvent at the moment and has sufficient funds in hand for a “rainy day”. Tenancies are all in place and up-to-date. A recent occupiers’ liability claim has highlighted the need to tighten up processes and procedures to make them more suitable for the modern age.
- 6.9.4 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. Bob Owen reported that more rolling stock was to be introduced and in the new timetables the ‘Halts’ were still in place. There is to be a meeting to discuss the Salisbury to Exeter line on 27 April 2018.

## **6.10 Highways Issues**

6.10.1. ‘Traffic in Villages Toolkit’. Members were in receipt of a copy of this document which was suggested for consideration by Cllr Carroll, There was some discussion on the Toolkit but it was thought that it was more relevant to larger villages with more infrastructure and commercial aspects. That said there were suggestions that the entry and exit to the village could be marked more clearly and the 30 mph signs could be made to be more visible. The main focus is for vehicles to slow down whilst manoeuvring through the village.

It was suggested that Sue Woodford should contact Highways Department to arrange for a grit delivery on Stockwood Road, and also report the potholes in Mill Lane, Neals Lane, and Back Lane.

## **6.11 Footpaths**

Adrian Samways cattle are getting on to the path again as the fencing is so poor. Sue Woodford was elected to contact Mr Samways and ask if he needed assistance with fencing.

Cllr Gallimore reported that there was barbed wire across one of the styles on the Stockwood side of the rail line. Cllr Meier will remove the wire.

## **6.12 Playing Field**

6.12.1 Grass mowing contract for the 2018 season. Figures from Somerset Landscapes and DCC were discussed and before making a decision it was agreed that Cllr Henry would obtain a quote from the contractor who cuts the grass on the Yetminster field.

### 6.12.2 Trees on Southern Boundary of Playing Field

It appears that Craig Hulbert at the Tree Department in Dorchester has agreed that the trees could be further reduced without consulting the Parish Council, the owners of the trees in question. We have complained to Mr Hulbert and he has promised to investigate why this was allowed to happen and who is responsible for the error. In the meantime a replacement tree must be planted and a burgundy Acer.

## **6.13 West Dorset District Council Questionnaire**

Members were asked to consider and complete a questionnaire on the devolution of services within the Dorset Council’s Partnership. Sue Woodford will complete on behalf of the Parish Council.

## **6.14 Chetnole Telephone Kiosk**

Following on from the January meeting, members were asked to formally agree to the siting of a map listing all the homes in the village along with house names, but not identifying the occupants. This was agreed and Cllr Carroll will arrange to produce the map.

## **6.15 Matters requiring the attention of the Council**

Reference the new GDPR rules; Cllr Gallimore asked if the records on the Parish Clerk’s computer were secure. Cllr Pope will investigate and confirm. Did we sign consent for the names and addresses on the web site? Refer to Parish Clerk. Cllr Gallimore asked if the Clerk’s salary was up to date. Cllr Pope to check.

**6.16 Date of next Meeting:** Wednesday 9 May 2018 (Annual Statutory Meeting)

**Public Forum**

Richard Quaresma has offered to gravel Church Path and the Parish Council has written to express their thanks for this very kind offer. David Russell reported that he was de-stoning the lane and clearing it of brambles. He is also replacing the builders rubble against the wall with top soil and planting with wild flowers and grass. There is also a Hazel tree going in very soon.

It was also reported that the hedging along Stockwood Road requires cutting back another 18 inches. Sue Woodford to speak to Adrian Samways.

David Russell reported that the grass cutter last year dropped a lot of cuttings onto his driveway. We should ask them to be more careful this year.

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