

CHETNOLE AND STOCKWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 11 July 2019 in Chetnole Village (Meeting Number 2 – 2019-2020 council year)

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

In Attendance: Mrs S Woodford (Parish Clerk)
(Cllr M Penfold – Dorset Council)

Public Forum

- Mr Bob Owen raised a query regarding Chetnole Halt and the future of the Weymouth – Bristol line, having heard off record reports of partial funding withdrawal and division of the partnership. Both Cllr Penfold and the Clerk agreed to investigate.
- Cllr Penfold reported that the new Dorset Council is settling in and forming Committees, along with training for Members. It is looking to disseminate more information and to work with Parish and Town Councils. Information on this should come via the DAPTC.

2.1 Apologies for Absence: None

2.2 Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 May 2019

RESOLVED: Proposed Cllr Meier and seconded Cllr Pope 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 Meeting held on 9 January 2018

- It was noted that the two planning applications relating to Hamlet House had been voided due to an error in relation to land ownership. Two revised applications were put out for consultation and the Council was invited to re-submit the Council's comments, which has been done.
- A letter has been sent to the owners of the Forge in Mill Lane with regard to the safety of the property.

2.5 Co-Option

No one has come forward to confirm that they would like to join the council, but there has been some interest. Standing Orders were suspended to allow Mr Owen to speak and he confirmed that he would be interested in re-joining the Parish Council, although he would not be free to participate fully until October/November 2019. Standing Orders were reinstated. It was agreed to reconsider co-option of further Members at the September meeting.

2.6 Planning:

No new applications

2.7 Finances

2.7.1 Accounts for Payment (See Appendix A for details)

It was resolved to approve payment of £857.84 in total from the PC Current Account and £0 from the Playing Field Management Team Account.

Total assets at 11 July 2019:	Parish Council	£17,532.43
	Playing Field Fund	£ 2,178.47

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

2.8 Grants and Donations

None received.

2.9 Chairmans Announcements

The Chairman referred to the works being carried out by Wessex Water to connect all properties to the new water main. Road closures are in place and are anticipated all around the village, access will still be available to all householders. Maps are available on the village notice board and on the Council website.

2.10 Reports from Members on other bodies

Mr Bob Owen gave an update on the Boyles Trust. They are looking for applications for Grants for the 2019/20 academic year for candidates from the Yetminster, Leigh and Chetnole Parishes.

2.11 Highways Issues

2.11.1 Noted that the Homewatch network requested the public to take note of agricultural contractor vehicles that are travelling at excess speed through the village. If seen, then take note of the registration plate and the contractor details, which should be visible on the windscreen, and report to Homewatch.

2.11.2 Ned Kozowyk is making great progress with the replacement finger posts and is working on the paintwork and repair of the uprights.

2.11.3 Noted that Neals Lane has been patched and resurfaced by Dorset Council and is now in much better condition.

2.12 Footpaths

2.12.1 The Chairman had received a report from the appointed Footpaths Officer, Mr Stan Darley. Progress with the installation of new gates is slow, still working on replacing the stile adjacent to Hazeldene. He reported that they are still hoping to make the pathway off Neals Lane more accessible and the gate into Ford Lane is difficult to open.

2.12.2 Bubb Down Way – The Chairman reported that on progress made with establishing whether there is a possibility of the Parish Council obtaining registered title to the ancient by-way. The Clerk has been in contact with the Council's Solicitor who has established that no one presently holds registered title to the land, but assumes that the owner of the adjacent field will also own that section of Bubb Down Way. Clerk to attempt to contact the owner and ask if they would be prepared to look at their Deeds to establish if Bubb Down Way is within their ownership.

2.13 Playing Field

Members were in receipt of the notes of the Playing Field Management Team Meeting held on 5th June, which were duly approved. It was noted that the Duck Race had been a great success raising a total of £644.

Cllr Gallimore asked if there had been any subsequent reports of the large Bull Mastiff in the field, as reported in the notes. No one was aware of it.

The PFMT meeting notes refer to the possible provision of a BBQ Pit for the Playing Field. At present BBQs are only permitted if Council permission is granted. After discussion it was agreed that this needs further investigation with regards to dimensions and design and health and safety implications. Clerk to look at insurance cover and contact RosPA.

2.15 Matters requiring the attention of the Council

2.15.1 The Clerk reminded members that the Parish Council owns the old red phone box and noted that it is beginning to look a bit shabby. Various suggestions have been put forward in the past for alternative use, but never pursued. The Clerk suggested she put together all previous suggestions for consideration at the next meeting.

2.16 Date of next Meeting: Wednesday 11 September 2019

Public Forum

- Mr Bob Owen asked what the situation is with regards to verge trimming by Dorset Council. As none has yet taken place, he wondered if the service was still available. Both Cllr Penfold and the Clerk had heard nothing to suggest it was not still available. Clerk to investigate.
- Mrs Ruth Sanford suggested the Parish Council might consider donating to the Wriggle Valley Magazine as there is an appeal made within the magazine this month for financial assistance. It was suggested that the Editor might write to the Parish Council and request a grant, in time for the next meeting.
- In answer to a question about the extent of the Boyles Trust area, Mr Owen confirmed it was strictly within the Parish boundaries of Leigh, Chetnole and Yetminster.
- Cllr Meier asked which Parish would include the entrance to 'Murderers Lane' – Chetnole or Melbury Bubb ? - as the sign is falling apart. The Clerk agreed to look into it and possibly ask Ned Kosowyk to make a further finger post sign to replace it.

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Chairman