

CHEETNOLE AND STOCKWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 13 March 2019 in Chetnole Village *(Meeting Number 6 – 2018-2019 council year)*

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

In Attendance: Mrs S Woodford (Parish Clerk)
(Cllr M Penfold - DCC)

Public Forum

Cllr Penfold gave a brief resume of the forthcoming elections and the formation of the Unitary Council with a reduction in Members of 200 down to 82. Cllr Penfold stressed the importance of the new local Unitary Council members working closely with Parish Councils to ensure that their needs are met, especially with Highways, as this is critical in rural areas. With this in mind, Members thanked Cllr Penfold for her work with Paul Thatcher of Highways, in ensuring that Back Lane was eventually resurfaced and to a very high standard.

Cllr Meir asked Cllr Penfold if she could answer the questions raised with Cllr Lawrence at the September 18 meeting with regards to planning. It was agreed that she would follow this up with Cllr Lawrence if possible.

6.1 Apologies for Absence: Cllr S Darley and Cllr M Lawrence (WDDC)

6.2 Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 January 2019

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

- The Chairman reported that the Chair of Yetminster Council is still trying to form a group with other local parish councils to discuss the implications of the new Unitary Council.
- With regards to further signage at the Ford, after consideration the Chairman did not pursue the provision of further signs as there are already many in place, warning of danger and flooding which should provide sufficient information for the present.
- The purchase of a pallet of salt has been investigated, storage and delivery posing a problem. It was suggested that an approach is made to the owners of Chetnole House seeking their permission to store some salt bags in their yard. The Clerk agreed to contact the owners of Chetnole House.

6.5 Planning:
No new applications

6.6 Finances

6.6.1 Accounts for Payment (See Appendix A for details)

It was resolved to approve payment of **£ 707.03** in total from the PC Current Account and **£0** from the Playing Field Management Team Account.

Total assets at 13 March 2019:	Parish Council	£15,477.91
	Playing Field Fund	£2,232.47

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

6.7 Grants and Donations

A request had been received from Chetnole Village Hall Management Committee on behalf of 'Artsreach', the county's rural touring arts charity. Much of their current funding comes from the District and County Council and it was suggested that the Parish Council's might consider making a modest annual contribution towards the running costs.

Members were keen to support 'Artsreach' and suggested a donation of £100.

RESOLVED: Proposed by Cllr Gallimore and Seconded by Cllr Henry to grant £100 to Artsreach for review on an annual basis.

6.8 Chairmans Announcements

- The Chairman reported that he had received confirmation from RosPA that they would be inspecting the Playing Field in May of this year.

6.9 Reports from Members on other bodies

There were no reports available.

6.10 Highways Issues

6.10.1 Cllr Meier again expressed concern about the use of sirens by emergency vehicles on country lanes, which is posing a danger for people on horseback and sheep or cattle being moved via the road. It was suggested that the lights might be sufficient when off the main A37 and the sirens used only when absolutely necessary. It was agreed that the Clerk/Chairman would contact the local community police for further guidance.

6.10.2 The salt storage containers at Stockwood are schedule to be refilled as Stockwood is a 'Community' salt bin and therefore DCC still undertake to replenish it free of charge to the Parish. However, the salt bin outside the old Post Office is now the responsibility of the Parish and the replenishment must be organised and funded by the Parish Council.

6.11 Footpaths

Cllr Carroll reported on the footpaths on behalf of Cllr Darley. Cllr Darley wished to thank the owners of Mill House for their kind permission to install the new gates from their garden into the adjacent field at the rear of Grove Cottages. It is hoped that the style at the other end of that footpath as it joins Neals Lane might have a similar gate installed, so the aim of achieving access for all, including those with mobility issues, is possible. It is hoped to install a further gate on the footpath which runs from opposite Lamb Plot to the Ford in Bound Lane.

6.13 Playing Field

There has been no Playing Field Management Team meeting over the winter months, the team is due to meet later in March. Members suggested the following to be raised at the forthcoming Management Team Meeting: Provision of new football nets; problems with rabbits on the field

and under the Pavilion and how to deal with the increasing numbers. Cllrs Meier and Henry agreed to look at the rabbit problem in the interim.

6.14 Chetnole Halt

On behalf of the Friends of Chetnole Halt, Mr Ian Wood submitted a Feasibility Study prepared with Dorset County Council on the proposed improvements to the access of Chetnole Halt. Standing Orders were suspended to allow Mr Wood to update Members on the progress of the group and the latest developments. The prime objectives being to provide a flat access to the platform to avoid the use of the steep steps; to provide a safe route from the village centre to the Halt; to utilise the south side of the track as an access point.

The Friends of Chetnole Halt require the support of the Parish Council to enable them to pursue any available grants.

Resolved: Proposed by Cllr Carroll and seconded by Cllr Pope that Chetnole Parish Council offers full support to the aims of the Friends of Chetnole Halt.

It was suggested that Network Rail, who own the land to the South of the station, might be prepared to gift presently unused land to the Parish Council.

Resolved: Proposed by Cllr Pope and seconded by Cllr Meier that Ian Wood, on behalf of the Parish Council, to ask Network Rail to consider this option.

The Clerk sought authority from the Council to pursue the adoption by either the Parish Council or the new Unitary Authority, of Bubb Down Lane, which runs from the corner of Foys to opposite the final bungalow on the Stockwood Road.

Resolved: Proposed by Cllr Meier and Seconded by Cllr Gallimore that the Clerk should look into any means of adoption of this footpath.

Cllr Carroll proposed that the Council minute their thanks to the Friends of Chetnole Halt for their work on this project and suggested the Council would welcome further updates.

6.14 2019 – Local Government Elections

Members were in receipt of details on standing for Council for the forthcoming term of May 2019 to April 2024. Cllr Owen offered to take down to Dorchester any nomination papers prepared by other Council Members when delivering his own on 2 April 2019.

6.15 Matters requiring the attention of the Council

6.15.1 Cllr Gallimore expressed concerns about the safety of the roof of the Old Forge in Mill Lane. The tiles are loose and could easily fall into the road. Clerk agreed that the owners should be contacted and warned of this potential hazard.

6.15.2 Cllr Gallimore also noted that there is a trip hazard where Church Path joins Mill Lane.

6.16 Date of next Meeting: Wednesday 8 May 2019

Public Forum – Nothing raised.

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Chairman