

CHETNOLE AND STOCKWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 11 September 2019 in Chetnole Village

(Meeting Number 3 – 2019-2020 council year)

Present: M Gallimore, W Henry and J Meier.

In Attendance: Mrs S Woodford (Parish Clerk)

Public Forum

- *Concern about the speed of vehicles approaching Hamlet bends. Agreed this is not part of Chetnole and therefore is the responsibility of the Parish of Yetminster. The Chairman agreed to look into it.*
- *Speed of vehicles through the village, suggested that the Council investigate the provision of Slow Children' signs which could be placed on private land.*

3.1 Apologies for Absence: Cllr Pope and Cllr Hume (Cllr Penfold – Dorset Council)

3.2 Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 July 2019

RESOLVED: Proposed Cllr Henry and seconded Cllr Meier 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 Meeting held on 10 July 2019

Covered later in meeting.

3.5 Co-Option – Mr Robert Owen

Mr Robert Owen, of Blossom Hill, Stockwood Road, offered to join the council. Mr Owen had previously been Chairman of the Council and a member for many years prior to that, he was welcomed back to the Council.

RESOLVED: Proposed Cllr Gallimore and seconded Cllr Henry and agreed unanimously that Mr Robert Owen be co-opted to join the Chetnole and Stockwood Parish Council as a representative of the Chetnole Ward.

3.6 Planning:

3.6.1 WD/D/19/001718 Certificate of Lawfulness – Nick's Nest, Batcombe Lane.

This application is currently being circulated to all members.

3.7 Finances

3.7.1 Accounts for Payment (See Appendix A for details)

It was resolved to approve payment of £1,217.80 in total from the PC Current Account and £0 from the Playing Field Management Team Account.

Total assets at 11 September 2019:	Parish Council	£16,381.33
	Playing Field Fund	£ 2,178.47

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

3.8 Grants and Donations

None received.

3.9 Chairmans Announcements

None.

3.10 Reports from Members on other bodies

The Homewatch/Floodwatch co-ordinator had submitted an update on behalf of the Floodwatch and Homewatch organisations.

Cllr Owen gave an update on the Boyles Trust.

Cllr Owen also gave an ad-hoc update on STAG (Sherborne Transport Action Group) and agreed to continue to represent Chetnole Parish Council on STAG.

3.11 Highways Issues

3.11.2 Reports of fly-tipping on the highway at Stockwood, agreed this is a matter for Dorset Council and should be reported directly to them. Dorset Council should then liaise with Dorset Waste Partnership to organise collection and to look for any evidence to identify those who dumped it there.

3.11.2 Whilst the village is so affected by works being carried out by Wessex Water relaying a major pipeline which runs through Chetnole, Members were keen to record their appreciation of the flexible manner adopted by Wessex Water in dealing with residents affected by the closures and of its endeavours to accommodate the needs of local residents by ensuring that access to all homes is possible at all times.

3.12 Footpaths

Bubb Down Way – The Clerk is writing to the likely owner of the land which includes the relevant section of Bubb Down Way, the stretch between Foy's and the Stockwood Road, to confirm ownership.

3.13 Playing Field

3.13.1 Dog Mess in Chetnole Playing Field - it was agreed that this problem is continuing and suggested that a short article is put into the Wriggle Valley Magazine asking people to take care of the field. The Parish Council would be very reluctant to ban dogs and it is not its present intention, but if fouling of the field becomes a more serious problem, then this may have to be considered. It was noted that Chetnole residents are generally very diligent, but the field is used by many non-residents and that number appears to be increasing. It was unanimously agreed to suspend Standing Orders during this discussion to allow members of the public to participate.

3.13.2 BBQ Pit – the Clerk had consulted with the Council's insurers and RosPa regarding the installation of a BBQ Pit. Both advised against it on the basis of 'health and safety' and insurance implications.

3.14 Red Phone Box

The Clerk provided a resume of the previous suggestions for the use of the Parish Council adopted red telephone box, these included a used book exchange, a plant/flower decorative area, and/or a place in which to house a map of the village. It was agreed that an approach should be made to the Garden Club and to consider who might provide a pictorial map Chetnole.

3.15 Finger Posts

The Council Members and the public present were in agreement in congratulating and thanking those who had contributed to the wonderful new ‘Fingerposts’ now in place within the village. In line with GDPR, the names will not be mentioned in these minutes, but those involved will be personally thanked, with special thanks to the person who co-ordinated the project.

3.16 Matters requiring the attention of the Council

Cllr Owen suggested that a further representative be added to the ‘Reports from any Other Bodies’ section of the agenda, being ‘The Friends of Chetnole Halt’. Cllr Owen offered to take on this role.

RESOLVED: Proposed by Cllr Owen and Seconded by Cllr Henry

3.17 Date of next Meeting: Wednesday 13 September 2019

Public Forum

- *Concerns were raised about the ingress of hedges into the roads in various places within the village. The areas highlighted included Stockwood Road, Dunch Lane to Ford Corner and the strip of unused land running up to the Chetnole Halt on the Stockwood Road.*
- *A solar panel at the Chetnole Halt is presently obscured resulting in faults with the information button, agreed that this is a Network Rail problem and will be raised by the Friends of the Halt.*

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Chairman