

CHETNOLE AND STOCKWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 13 November 2019 in Chetnole Village (Meeting Number 4 – 2019-2020 council year)

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

In Attendance: Mrs S Woodford (Parish Clerk)

Public Forum

- *Cllr Penfold (Dorset Council) reported that the merging of the previous nine councils into one is continuing in a satisfactory manner. There is still much to do but there is confidence that savings are being made, especially when considering the number of Council Members has dropped from 200 to 82 and these savings will become more apparent with time. Adult and Childrens Social Care is a big drain on the budget, but Dorset Council are committed to managing tax payers money in this difficult environment. The roles of the staff previously employed by Dorset County Council and the District Councils have been merged with some staff simply leaving, some taking early retirement and some redundancy and many of these roles have not been replaced.*

4.1 Apologies for Absence: Cllr Owen

4.2 Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 September 2019

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

4.3 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

None

4.4 Election of Vice Chairman

It was Proposed by Cllr Gallimore and seconded by Cllr Meier that **Cllr Henry should be elected to the role of Vice Chairman.**

4.5 Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 September 2019

Covered later in meeting.

4.6 Planning:

4.6.1 WD/D/19/002136 Change of use and conversion of agricultural building to 1No. dwelling with associated internal and external alterations.

Rose Cottage, Yetminster Road (Hamlet House Barns).

This application has been considered and the Parish Council objected on a number of grounds including the vehicular access off the Yetminster Road and the increase in the volume of traffic. Cllr Pope agreed to make enquiries with Yeminster Parish Council to establish their stance on road traffic concerns in that area.

4.6.2 WD/D/19/002478 Use existing holiday let as independent dwelling. The Barn, Park House, Chetnole.

The Parish Council had no objection.

4.7 Finances

4.7.1 Accounts for Payment (See Appendix A for details)

It was resolved to approve payment of £799.90 in total from the PC Current Account and £0 from the Playing Field Management Team Account. The second instalment of the 2019/20 Precept of £5,000 was received on 30 September 2019.

Total assets at 13 November 2019:	Parish Council	£20,381.11
	Playing Field Fund	£ 2,554.37

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

4.8 Grants and Donations

It was queried whether a grant had been considered towards the Wriggle Valley Magazine, but Members were in agreement that a written request, including their reason for requesting a grant, should be made by the Magazine before a grant could be considered.

4.9 Chairmans Announcements

None.

4.10 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 provided an update on the Boyles Trust.

Cllr Owen also gave an provided an update on STAG (Sherborne Transport Action Group).

4.11 Highways Issues

4.11.1 There was concern about the damaged road signs in the area and a request to be made to Dorset Council Highways to get these replaced or repaired.

4.11.2 Agreed to put the proposed direction sign to Chetnole Halt on the January agenda.

4.12 Footpaths

The Footpaths representative, Mr S Darley, reported that he had been given the contact details of a person from Yetminster who is interested in preserving bridleways between Yetminster and Chetnole that have recently become impassable, unfortunately he has had no response as yet. There are still plans to replace the gate adjacent to Hazeldene but this has not yet been possible.

4.13 Playing Field

4.13.1 The minutes of the Management Team meeting held on 17 October 2019 were noted and approved. Agreed that advice be taken from Castle Gardens on the variety of tree to replace the felled Chestnut within the southern shelter belt in the field and to plant it during the winter months.

4.14 Matters requiring the attention of the Council

None raised.

4.15 Date of next Meeting: Wednesday 8 January 2020

Public Forum

No public present.

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Chairman