

CHEETNOLE AND STOCKWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION

Minutes of the 'Virtual' Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 13 May 2020

(Meeting Number 1 – 2020-2021 council year)

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

In Attendance: Mrs S Woodford (Parish Clerk)

Public Forum

1.1 Apologies for Absence: Cllr J Meier

1.2 Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 January 2020

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

1.3 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Cllr M Gallimore declared an interest in Item 1.5.1 and 5.1.2 as an owner of a property near to the site.

1.4 Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 January 2020

- 1.10.1 – Part of the hedge on the Stockwood Road has been beaten back, but agreed to keep pressure on Network Rail to seriously cut back the hedge on the other side at the appropriate time of year.

1.5 Planning:

1.5.1 WD/D/20/000096 (Full) Erection of single storey extension and insertion of 2.no roof lights. The Old Forge, Mill Lane (**refused**).

1.5.2 WD/D/20/000097 (LBC) Internal alterations and facilitate the erection of a single storey extension and insertion of 2.no roof lights. The Old Forge, Mill Lane (**refused**).

1.5.3 WD/D/20/000900 Erect a replacement commercial store, Nicks Nest, Batcombe Lane. **Resolved unanimously to support this application.**

1.6 Finances

1.6.1 Accounts for Payment (See Appendix A for details)

It was resolved to approve payment of £4,469.40 in total from the PC Current Account and £0 from the Playing Field Management Team Account.

Total assets at 8 January 2020:	Parish Council	£21,576.50
	Playing Field Fund	£ 2,553.37

It was noted that this expenditure covered a four-month period as there was no meeting in March 2020 and included within that was £1,450 for repairs to the Pavilion and £865 for the annual insurance cover and £559 for a new bench.

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

1.6.2 Legacy

A legacy of £500 has been received from the estate of the late Gerald Potts. It is intended for use in the Playing Field and it was agreed that the funds should be handed over to the Playing Field Management Team with the recommendation that it is used for a specific purpose. It was noted that Item 14 of the agenda refers to the purchase of a new bench to be placed opposite the old Post Office, Cllr Owen suggested that a plaque be placed on that bench in memory of Gerald Potts. The Clerk agreed to contact Gerald's brother to confirm he would be happy with that. It was agreed to proceed with the plaque if the family are in agreement.

RESOLVED: Proposed by Cllr Owen seconded by Cllr Pope and agreed to purchase a plaque in memory of Gerald Potts.

1.7 Grants and Donations

None received.

It was queried whether any approach had been received from the Wriggle Valley magazine for assistance with funding. Cllr Pope agreed to contact the local magazine representative to find out if the magazine is still seeking assistance.

1.8 Chairman's Announcements

None.

1.9 Reports from Members on other bodies

- The Homewatch/Floodwatch co-ordinator, Gordon Ratcliffe, is retiring from the position and Cllr Pope is taking over from him. The handover has been delayed by Covid, but will hopefully happen soon. Cllr Pope will provide an update at the next meeting.
- Boyles Trust - Cllr Owen had submitted a report on the Boyles Trust which the Chairman read out to the meeting. As some Governors have retired, new ones are sought. The Trust have temporarily waived the rental charges at their properties in Yetminster to assist tenants through the Covid crisis.
- STAG- Transport – Cllr Owen has been updating the train timetables regularly on the Village Diary.
- FOCH – The Chairman read out a report prepared by the Friends of Chetnole Halt. The station has been painted and smartened up, along with other stations along the line. A new platform bench has been purchased which will be installed by GWR.
- The proposition for a directional sign to the station to be placed at the Stockwood/Batcombe Road junction was discussed again and Members agreed that it would be of benefit to place a 'Station' sign on the existing post at the junction. The Parish Council also agreed to pay for the sign.
- FOCH are seeking support from the Parish Council for the proposal to re-site the entrance to the Station to the other side of the bridge, making the access easier as the ground is flatter, removing the necessity for steps. The Parish Council offered its full support to this proposal and was prepared to put this in writing if and when the need should arise. Funding for such projects may be an issue and Cllr Owen asked if the Parish Council was able to claim any S106 or CIL grants that might assist. The Clerk to investigate.

1.10 Highways Issues

The potential problem caused by workers vans parked at the corner of Stockwood Junction was discussed, it was agreed that although it is making it difficult at the junction, the problem should be short-lived and unless it worsens, no action need be taken at the present time.

1.11 Footpaths

No matters arising.

1.12 Playing Field

- The Minutes of the Playing Field Management Team meeting held on 5 March 2020 were approved.
- It was noted that progress being made with the refurbishment of the Pavilion and the replacement of the roof.
- Noted that rabbits are still a problem, but so is finding any workable solution to get rid of them.
- Yoga Classes – The Chairman was approached with regard to holding Yoga classes on the Playing Field and having checked that the person running it had valid insurance in place, he agreed to it.

1.13 Wriggle River – Flood Prevention

Cllr Pope reported that this has not progressed due to the Covid crisis, but hopes to take it up again once distancing restrictions have been lifted.

1.14 Bench Opposite Old Post Office

During the long gap between the January and May meetings the existing bench opposite the old Post Office was declared not fit for purpose as the legs and struts had rotted and it was no longer safe for public use. The Clerk contacted members via email and it was agreed to purchase a new 8 ft bench that was very similar to the old one. The cost, plus delivery totalled £559. This decision was given retrospective approval at this meeting.

1.15 Matters requiring the attention of the Council

None raised.

1.16 Date of next Meeting: Wednesday 8 July 2020.

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Chairman