**Minutes of Cheselbourne Parish Council**

**Held at Cheselbourne Village Hall on 2nd March 2015**

**Apologies**: Cllr Widdowson, Cllr Timlin Cllr Northover

Chaired by Cllr Greenwood in Cllr Widdowson’s absence

**Present**: Cllr Greenwood, Cllr Haynes, Cllr Bere

**In attendance**: Jude Coleman (Clerk), Cllr Patrick Cooke and several members of the public.

**Minutes of previous meeting**: Approved and signed

**Matters arising:** Rivers Arms, Broadband and Finger Posts were put to discussion later in the meeting.

Cllr Greenwood mentioned that the issues surrounding Bridelepath 3 and 4 have now been taken to the Supreme Court. Cllr Greenwood also explained that she had had meetings with Mr and Mrs Kenyon and Mr and Mrs Rossiter regarding the Planning Application No WD/D/14/002446 for the erection of a wooden shed type building at Deya, Streetway Lane.

The issues regarding the weather affecting the Bus Stop outside the Village Hall are ongoing and Cllr Widdowson has been speaking to WDDC regarding the matter.

**Finance:** The Clerk informed the meeting that there is currently £2,812.63 in the Parish Council account. Cheques to be paid out to Mr Chris Hackett for cutting the grass at the Playing Field for £150 and a further £200 to the Clerk. £50 has been received as a donation towards the Finger Posts for £50 - received with grateful thanks.

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**Rivers Arms:** Cllr Greenwood explained that she had attended the District Council Planning Committee meeting and that said the application for change of use for the Rivers Arms had been turned down. Cllr Cooke explained that WDDC will not be able to go on resisting development unless the Council is able to form a lobby group which would actively support the pub. The group would need to show that they have the finance to support the pub. The village might then stand a chance of it remaining. Cllr Haynes inquired about the work that has been done on the pub already. Cllr Greenwood explained that the enforcement officer had deemed it acceptable. A further application has now been received - Cllr Cooke has agreed to look into the matter and to talk to David Hodges. Cllr Greenwood suggested that they contact Mr Gilmour to ask if he was still interested the Rivers Arms. Cllr Cooke suggested forming a group with Mr Gilmour with the backing of the PC. Cllr Greenwood also informed the meeting that Oliver Letwin MP has offered to come and speak to the village re pub and internet - date to be confirmed.

**Superfast Broadband:** Cllr Widdowson had a meeting with Wessex Internet and Oliver Letwin MP - and will report back at next meeting.

**Finger Posts**: Cllr Greenwood explained that we have a budget of £2,500 from Dorset Finger Post plus the £50 donation towards signage and it will be used to repair the posts in Streetway Lane and other places. Cllr Haynes suggested Mike Claydon could help as he put up other local posts - Cllr Greenwood to chase. Cllr Greenwood also explained that we have the posts and framework, it needs the lettering put on and the whole apparatus needs to be cleaned up. Richard Warren has volunteered to do the work. Cllr Greenwood also explained that the roundall for the top is cast iron and has to be ordered and paid for separately.

Cllr Greenwood informed the meeting that Jude Coleman, the Clerk has recently been offered a full time job so will be leaving her post. Cllr Cooke suggested advertising with the DAPC and the Village News. Cllr Greenwood to look into. Cllr Greenwood thanked Jude for all her work as clerk.

**Nominations for Parish Council**: Cllr Greenwood explained that Councillors were needed for the election due to take place on May 7th. Cllr Bere, Cllr Greenwood and Cllr Timlin have agreed to stand again, but Cllr Northover, Cllr Haynes and Cllr Widdowson will be standing down. This leaves the Council with four vacancies. Cllr Greenwood has been speaking to several villagers to see if they would be interested in putting their names forward. Cllr Greenwood asked that if anyone is interested from the Village in becoming a Parish Councillor to please contact her. The nominations need to be sent to WDDC by the beginning of April.

**Planning**: Application No WD/D/14/003345 - no objections.

**Highways and Byways:** Nothing to report. Richard Warren asked about the gate at the top of Streetway Lane - which drops down to Sheepwash as to whether it is still a legal byway. Cllr Greenwood to investigate and check with Chrissie Coombs and Roger Grey and to check footpaths in the area generally. Cllr |Greenwood mentioned that the style at the top of the village has now been repaired.

**AOB:** Cllr Greenwood asked the Parish Council if there is a Neighbourhood Development Plan. Cllr Widdowson had suggested putting a group together as it will help with any future developments in the village. Cllr Cooke explained that there a lot of work involved in putting this together. Cllr Widdowson has been contacted by a someone who has offered to help put the plan together and Cllr Cooke suggested inquiring how much would be charged for the work. Cllr Greenwood wondered whether this could be used to help with Affordable Housing in the village, which is going to be needed for the future of the village. Cllr Greenwood to also speak to Catherine Langham from Hilton PC about Hilton Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Cllr Widdowson has also received an email from Milton Abbey re the new development called the Great Stare plus development at the Abbey to encourage the public. They have asked Cheselbourne to support this development which had been agreed at a previous meeting. No one is available to attend meetings in March.

**Open Session**: Two potholes just past the Rivers Arms - Clerk to report on website on behalf of PC.

Cllr Greenwood thanked Patrick for all his work on behalf of the PC as the District boundaries are now changing.

**Next meeting: 4th May 2015 to include AGM**