

**MINUTES OF THE CHESELBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY
1ST NOVEMBER 2021 AT CHESELBOURNE VILLAGE HALL, COMMENCING 7PM**

Present: Cllrs C Byrom, J Shaw-Porter, R Maslin, G Waters

Chair: Cllr C Hampton

Clerk: Mrs A Crocker

Also present: 7 members of the public

1. Open Session

Residents of Brook Green thanked members for being welcomed to the village. The speed of vehicles through the village was raised. Pleased to see new signs and the writing on the road. Would it be possible to look at having the speed through the village reduced to 20mph. Cllr Hampton responded saying that this has been looked at on a number of occasions and it has always been turned down by Highways, mainly because it would not be possible to enforce it.

It was suggested that the Parish Council might like to consider a 'near miss' report policy as this may add weight to any request for a speed reduction. It was noted that both Highways and the Police do encourage residents to report any issues they may have relating to speeding in the village. This could be included in the next Village News article asking people to report any near-miss issues to the appropriate authority.

The village does have a Community Speed Watch which needs more volunteers in order to be able to hold more surveys.

The play park fencing has gaps and holes which allow dogs to go through to the livestock in the field next door. The fencing is the responsibility of the Parish Council and Cllr Hampton will check the area and refer to the lease.

2. Apologies

21.52 Apologies have been received from Cllr Jonathon Pearce, Dorset Cllr Jill Haynes and PCSO Alison Donnison.

3. To receive any Declarations of Interest

21.53 Cllr Waters declared an interest in the planning applications in respect of The Thatched House. No other interests were declared at this stage.

4. Approve minutes of the meeting held on the 6th September 2021

21.54 A copy of the minutes had been issued to all members with the agenda.

Resolved: The minutes reflect a true and accurate record of the meeting and are signed by the Chair.

5. Matters arising – for report only

21.55 No matters arising.

6. Dorset Councillor's Report

21.56 A copy of Cllr Haynes' report had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Hampton read the report in full to the meeting.

Cllr Byrom asked if there are residents who are entitled to receive care but could not be taken to a care home, is there anything the Parish Council could do? Perhaps something could be put in the village news saying if people are struggling or need help and giving relevant telephone numbers or contact names. Cllr Byrom will draft something to be put in the next magazine.

Resolved: Cllr Byrom to draft a piece for the Village Magazine.

7. PCSO's report

21.57 PCSO Donnison was unable to attend the meeting and no report was available. It will be highlighted when the next agenda is sent out that the report was missed.

8. Parish Councillor's Reports

21.58 Cllr Byrom – The Climate Action Group has planted an area of the church yard. The Queen's Green Canopy Tree Giveaway Event will be taking place on the 4th December. Money raised from the event will be donated to the Jubilee Celebration. The Environment Group that used to cover Ansty had planted a small wildflower patch at the front of Ansty Village Hall about 7 years ago. The new Village Hall Committee has requested that the flowers be removed and the Cheselbourne Group has helped to remove them. The Group will be replanting the flowers opposite the Brook Green building area.

Cllr Maslin – The bus shelter became a book exchange when the bus service ceased. Now that many of the pandemic restrictions have been lifted, the shelter will be reinstated as a book/house plant exchange. Cllr Maslin has been cleaning the shelter regularly. The next issue is to consider what storage would be needed to keep any books safe and dry. He has been researching weatherproof book storage boxes. They are about £18 each and we would need four of them. With £10 delivery, this would be an expense of about £84. A team of volunteers are poised and ready to help look after the bus shelter going forward. It was suggested that the PCSO is asked to mark the boxes.

Resolved: £84 is spent. Cllr Maslin will place the order and arrange for them to be marked.

Cllr Waters – A communication has been received from the Wessex Flood Resilience Team. The Flood Warning System is to be replaced by the Next Warning Scheme. This is being done primarily so information can be passed out more accurately and efficiently. The alerts will remain the same. The website will be replaced with a flood information service. This will mean some changes will have to be made to the Community Flood Plan which Cllr Waters will undertake. Following the rain on the 30th and 31st October, there was a surge through the valley at about 10.45am. Sandbags were deployed and the water diverted accordingly. He suggested that the EA are invited to address the village and explain how residents can better protect themselves to prepare for the more extreme weather conditions predicted. It was also noted that everyone should

keep their stretch of the river clear of obstructions, whilst allowing water to soak away into the natural landscape.

Cllr Pearce was unable to attend the meeting but had sent the following report: ‘Nothing major to report on Highways and CSW. You will have noted that the new road markings have been finally painted. One hopes that they are adhered to, but sadly there are still some drivers who ignore them and probably always will. Attended a co-ordinators seminar in Wimborne since last meeting. Some interesting points raised but I felt that there is some disconnect on what they say and what we get. That said, the results do appear to be going in the right direction, even if we in the village disagree. It is apparent that we are all facing similar issues. What was really useful was meeting other CSW neighbour co-ordinators (Piddle Valley) and we are discussing ideas to assist each other. Janet from Dorset Roadsafe wanted to undertake a Trucam session but not enough volunteers were available. Another session is due to be held so hoping I do get enough volunteers to hold it. Some hedges still need trimming but on the whole most signs are visible, and the grit boxes appear well stocked for winter season ahead.

Cllr Hampton – The solicitor acting on our behalf with Magna has reported that the playground lease extension has now been completed and will be sent to the Land Registry.

9. To receive the Correspondence Report

21.59 There was no additional correspondence.

10. To agree responses to planning applications

21.60 P//HOU/2021/02388 The Thatched House, Little Mead Farm Access – erect single storey extension

Support

P/LBC/2021/02389 Listed Building Consent re The Thatched House

Support

P/FUL/2021/03534 Cheselbourne Village School, Drakes Lane – Install 10Kw roof mounted solar photovoltaic arrays

Support

11. To receive the half-yearly financial report

21.61 A copy of the report had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. No comments were made.

12. Budget 2022-23: to agree the budget and precept setting process

21.62 The Chair and Clerk will review the budget and produce some options to put before members at the January meeting.

13. To consider the adoption of a Dark Skies Policy

21.63 The Parish Council does not have the power to enforce such a policy but it can be considered when reviewing planning applications. To be on next Agenda – to declare support for Dorset Council’s Climate Emergency Policy.

Cllr Byrom reported that Sue Crabb wanted to say that, with COP26 taking place, she would ask that everyone does as much as they can to aid the Climate Emergency in their own back gardens.

14. To consider proposals for civically marking the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee celebrations

21.64 Cllr Hampton noted that there is a Jubilee Committee that is going to be organising various events and he felt that the Parish Council could do something to mark the occasion:

- Purchase a commemorative coin or mug for every child in the village
- Replace 2 of the most worn flower boxes
- Refurbish bench seat
- Replacing posts around the green

Cllr Maslin suggested that we ought to be able to do better than refurbishing something. He suggested purchasing several benches to go on the green to make it into an area where people could sit and meet.

It was noted that the existing bench was put in place to mark the Coronation so this should be refurbished and could be moved.

Cllr Hampton will contact John Lilley for a price to replace the five flowerboxes.

Cllr Shaw-Porter felt that, as Platinum Jubilees do not come about very often, we should be looking at replacing the flowerboxes, replace the posts on the green and put some additional seating on the green. All of the flower boxes could be replaced with boxes that have plaques celebrating the Jubilee.

Resolved: Quotes will be obtained and brought back to the January meeting - Cllr Maslin will obtain quotes for the benches and Cllr Shaw-Porter will look at the posts for the village green.

15. To consider responses to the DAPTC AGM motions

21.65 Copies of the motions were issued to members prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Hampton will be attending the AGM on the 13th November, part of which is the receipt of motions from Town and Parish Councils in the area. If agreed, they will go forward to the NALC AGM and on to Central Government.

DAPTC have already been in touch with Dorset Council regarding the lack of notices for Planning applications. Matt Prosser has replied saying that the decision is in line with statutory notification. The Parish Council remains a statutory authority and will continue to receive notifications.

Cllr Hampton will vote in favour of each of the motions.

16. Remembrance Service

21.66 The Parish Council will be laying a wreath on the 11th November. Everyone in the village is very welcome to attend.

17. To consider the future of the Drakes Lane flowerbox

21.67 A volunteer has come forward to look after the box.

18. To approve the payments for October and November 2021

21.68 The following payments had been requested:

C Haskett	Grass cutting	50.00
123 Reg	Domain name renewal 1 year	14.39
Sue Crabb	Repayment re yellow rattle seed	11.00
C Byrom	Repayment re signs & tape	45.75
A Crocker	Sept/Oct salary	214.00
HMRC	PAYE	53.40

The total amount of payments requested £388.54

Resolved: Payments amounting to £388.54. are accepted.

21.69 A copy of the bank reconciliation had been distributed to all members prior to the start of the meeting.

16. Date of next meeting

21.70 The next meeting will be held on 10th January 2022.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.37hrs.