



CHALDON HERRING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of the annual meeting held on Thursday 28 March 2024 at 7:30pm in
East Chaldon Village Hall.

- PRESENT** **2023/087**
Parish Councillors: B Guthrie (Chairman), P Harvey, J Ostler, T Watkins.
Emily Blake (Clerk).
- PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME** **2023/088**
No members of the public attended.
- APOLOGIES** **2023/089**
Apologies were received from Councillors Cobb, Hyde and Talbot.
- DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** **2023/090**
There were no declarations of interest.
- MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** **2023/091**
It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 18 January 2024 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.
- DORSET COUNCILLORS REPORT** **2023/092**
No report was available due to the pre-election period.
- MATTERS ARISING** **2023/093**
- a) Election arrangements were noted.
 - b) Portraits of HRH King Charles III are being made available to local councils but it was agreed not to apply.
 - c) A renewed lease for God's Pocket for a further three years was considered. There was a slight increase in the rental costs and a discussion ensued about the amenity to the parish. It was **resolved** that the renewal was agreed.
- MATTERS ONGOING** **2023/094**
- a) Grants had been sought for defibrillator provision but none were found. London Hearts is a charity that provides defibrillators for a recommended donation. It was **resolved** that the defibrillator is purchased at the recommended donation cost.
ACTION: Clerk to order defibrillator.
 - b) The colour of the Purbeck stone bench was discussed and agreed to order it in Portland white. Siting positions were discussed.

ACTION: Clerk to forward site map and order bench.

c) Councillor Ostler asked about tree planting that had been discussed previously. It was suggested that Lulworth Estate could be asked for suitable sites to plant.

Councillor Guthrie suggested that residents could be asked who wanted to plant a tree in their gardens and the Council could subsidise the cost.

FEEDBACK FROM MEETINGS

2023/095

There was no feedback from meetings.

FINANCIAL/ PROCEDURE

2023/096

a) Payments totalling £1351.39 were approved.

b) Receipts were noted.

c) The review of the Annual Governance and Accountability Review (AGAR) was completed and the notice of conclusion of audit was posted. The AGAR stated that the completion of the review had been certified but the AGAR had not been approved in time due to the meeting dates.

PLANNING

2023/097

It was **resolved** that there were no objections to the following application:

a) P/VOC/2024/01129 West Fossil Barn, West Fossil, Dorchester, DT2 8DA: Convert redundant barn into two holiday cottages (removal of C4 of 6/2000/0396 which restricts the use to 28 days holiday occupancy to provide for longer term rental accommodation)

It was considered positive if the application was to enable long term residential use of the property. It was **resolved** that there were no objections to the application.

TREE WORKS APPLICATIONS

2023/098

a) P/TRC/2024/01397 4 The Old Playing Fields, East Chaldon, DT2 8DL: Remove fir tree and remove with more suitable and manageable planting

It was **resolved** that there were no objections to the application.

TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAY

2023/099

a) The Chairman had met with the new Highways Officer and looked at ditches and culverts. The Officer had indicated that no funding was available but patching could be carried out. The gulping machine had attended to clear drains but didn't do Chydyok Road. Councillor Ostler pointed out that the drain outside his house had been cleared but was blocked again. Highway drain clearance can be requested on the Dorset Council website <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/roads-highways-maintenance/report-a-problem-on-the-road-or-pavement>

See <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/travel/travel-dorset/roadworks-road-closures> or notice board for full details of the traffic management orders below:

b) Monday 13 May: Proposed overnight temporary road closure of the B3070 West Lulworth

c) Interim Inspector’s decision on the upgrading of Bridleway 9 to Restricted Byway

TRAINING

2023/100

Training dates were distributed to councillors.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

2023/101

Friday 5 April: Deadline for submission of nomination papers for candidates in the elections.

Saturday 24 April at 5pm: Deadline for Voter Authority Certificate (if you have no voter ID)

Thursday 2 May: Elections take place for parish and town councils and Dorset Council.

NEXT MEETING DATES

2023/102

Thursday 16 May 2024 at 7:30pm

VILLAGE HALL

2023/103

There were no new items.

With no further business, the meeting was closed by the Chairman at 8:35 pm.

SIGNED: (CHAIRMAN)

DATE: