



CHALDON HERRING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of the monthly meeting held at East Chaldon Village Hall at 7:30pm
on Monday 15 January 2018.

PRESENT

2018/001

Parish Councillors T Newberry (Chairman), D Cobb (Vice Chairman), S Brewster, A Roberts and T Watkins.

District Councillor Quinn and Emily Blake (Clerk).

16 members of the public

APOLOGIES

2018/002

Apologies were received from County Councillor (Cllr) Brooks for absence due to having to attend a Parish Council meeting elsewhere.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2018/003

All Councillors had previously been granted dispensation for their declaration of interest in precept setting.

PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

2018/004

a) Ms Tracey Whalley commented that she felt there had been a decline in the state of the village. Gods Pocket entrance was said to be a quagmire and it was thought that vehicles are misusing it. Goal posts in Gods Pocket were thought to be broken and therefore required removal and it was advised that a Christmas tree appeared to have been abandoned in the hedge.

The commemorative plaque is missing from the tree on the village green.

b) Ms Whalley drew attention to road signs: the village name signs, at various points into East Chaldon, did not match and a pedestrian sign has worn away slightly. The direction sign at the junction to the A352 is dirty and does not reflect at night, making it illegible from the road.

c) Ms Whalley pointed out that the commemorative plaque was missing from the tree on the village green. She put forward that measure is needed at the Ford as there is not one currently in place. Dog waste problems around the village were also mentioned.

d) Mrs Barbara Grimwade was concerned about the parking constraints in Chydyok Road and wished to look at ways to solve the issues.

e) Mr Bruce Guthrie suggested that drains in Chydyok Road require cleaning out, the sides of the bank needed to be dug out and the road needed resurfacing. The issue of the gravel track washing down in heavy rain was a concern and Mr Guthrie suggested it should not be reinstated with chalk again.

d) Mrs Donna Eite echoed concerns about parking and the state of the road in Chydyok Road. The garages were said to be an eyesore and holiday cottage visitors were thought to impact on the lack of parking.

g) Mr Jeremy Selfe put forward that the Parish Council could make a list of objectives for 2018. He noted that there are currently two Parish Councillor vacancies and hoped these could be filled by attendees at the meeting.

h) Chairman Newberry informed the meeting that items not already detailed on the Agenda would be discussed and actions decided at a subsequent Parish Council meeting. A request for items to be added to the Agenda could be made through the Clerk.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

2018/005

It was resolved that the minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 20 November 2017 were agreed as being a true and accurate representation of that meeting and duly signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING

2018/006

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

2018/007

a) District Councillor Quinn informed the meeting that a 'minded to' decision had been received from the Secretary of State about the proposal to move to a unitary authority. The final decision is awaited but in the interim the joint Council for rural Dorset are due to meet next week. It was felt that eighty-two councillors would be enough for a unitary authority to function properly and this is in line with other unitary bodies.

b) The Local Plan Review questionnaire had been agreed and will be delivered to all households within Purbeck.

c) There are a number of staff vacancies at Purbeck District Council (PDC) and current posts may be covered by contractors.

d) Cllr Quinn informed the meeting that blocked drains and pot holes can be reported by members of the public on the Dorset Highways website:

<https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/travel-dorset/contact-dorset-highways>

COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

2018/008

County Councillor Cherry Brooks was not present at the meeting but District Councillor Barry Quinn presented her report:

a) Cllr Brooks had chased up the missing Tadnoll sign but had been unable to get an update yet.

b) Dorset Highways had notified Chairman Newberry today that a replacement bridge was planned to be installed at the Ford. There were concerns that access would be closed to the Sailors Return and Five Marys. Cllr Quinn had requested pedestrian access while works are ongoing.

c) Litter reports had been forwarded to Cllr Quinn. He clarified that the Council will remove it if it is on Council owned land, otherwise it is the responsibility of the land owner.

MATTERS ARISING

2018/009

- a) Litter picking around the parish was discussed. Ms Whalley offered to organise a litter pick within East Chaldon and update when arrangements had been made. Cllr Newberry offered to notify the date on the Parish Council website.
- b) A new licence had been received for the use of God's Pocket and this would prevent cars parking there. The cost of maintenance was thought to be too high if no use could be made of the site. It was agreed that God's Pocket should be a recreation area but there was a concern about the allowance of dogs in there and the potential fouling of the field.
Resolved that discussion is held with Lulworth Estate about the introduction of the licence.
- c) The entrance to God's Pocket has deteriorated and the gate has now been closed to prevent further deterioration.
- d) Vehicles left in God's Pocket were of concern to some residents. One car's owner was identified and removal of the car was said to be taking place shortly. It was not known who owns a trailer in the field and it was thought that sufficient notice would have to be given to an identified owner prior to any removal.
- e) The publication of minutes was said to be slow and it was **resolved** that they should be on the website within two weeks of a meeting. A suggestion was made for minutes to be emailed to anyone who requested them but upcoming changes to data protection regulations would make this difficult.
- f) The Purbeck Local Plan Review consultation is due to commence soon and a launch event was being held for parish and town councils. Details were given to councillors and interested parties should contact the Clerk to book in for the session.
Resolved that Cllr Brewster and the Clerk attend.

MATTERS ONGOING

2018/010

- a) Mr Selfe reiterated the discussion about the long-term viability of the Church and the village hall. Both buildings are rarely utilised and fund raising is adequate at present but likely to reduce in the future.
The Parish Council has no remit to look after the Church or the village hall but Mr Selfe felt it was a parish responsibility and wished to raise attention of the predicament to a wider community.
Resolved that hire of the village hall is placed on the parish website.
- b) The Minerals and Waste Plans Consultation final draft before submission was presented to the Parish Council and was noted.
- c) The proposed sale of the Chydyok Road garages was halted so that Aster Housing could request, from PDC, the removal of sale restrictions. Cllr Quinn informed the meeting that he had tried to ascertain what negotiations were being undertaken but it was thought that Aster Housing had not yet approached PDC. Cllr Quinn resolved to update as new information becomes available.

FEEDBACK FROM MEETINGS

2018/011

No meetings had been attended.

FINANCIAL/ PROCEDURE

2018/012

a) The parish precept for 2018/19 was considered. It was **resolved** that the precept be increased by £100.00 to allow for upcoming known costs and part of the reserves be used to offset unknown expenditure.

b) The 2016/17 audit return was presented to the Parish Council and noted.

c) **Resolved** that payment be made for:

Grass cutting (2017 annual cost)	£360.00
Staff wages	£ 75.55
DAPTC Annual subscription	£48.13

d) Receipt of the following was noted:

Interest (December)	£0.13
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PLANNING

2018/013

There were no new planning applications.

TREE WORKS APPLICATIONS

2018/014

There were no new tree work applications.

TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAY

2018/015

a) Tuesday 20th/Wednesday 21st February: Proposed road closure of A352 at Wool level crossing between the hours of 11:30pm and 6:30am. Objections to be received by 30 January.

b) Village and road sign replacement was discussed. The fingerpost on the village green requires replacement.

Village entry signs had been put forward as requiring replacement.

Other signs in the parish were suggested as requiring cleaning or updating. Cllr Newberry pointed out that any person could request works through Highways Dorset and Cllr Roberts wished to point out that works had been requested many times previously.

TRAINING

2018/016

Training dates were circulated to councillors.

Resolved that the Clerk attend the external auditors' session.

CORRESPONDENCE

2018/017

The litter bin at Lime Kiln was notified as being full again. Cllr Quinn had brought it to the attention of DWP and Mr Selve offered to report any future issues directly to DWP.

b) Litter at Five Marys had been notified to Cllr Quinn. He clarified that the Council would remove litter from Council owned land but land owners were responsible for the removal of fly tipping on their land.

AOB

2018/018

Cllr Newberry informed the meeting that information had been given to him today of a replacement footbridge being installed at the Ford. The material was thought to be fibreglass and works are expected to take place from 30th April for two to three weeks. Access to the Sailors Return would be halted at certain times and Cllr Quinn suggested Highways may tie it in with other works on the Ford. Replacement of the footbridge had not been requested by the Parish Council.

Resolved that a depth measure be requested for the Ford and further information to be obtained on the proposed bridge replacement.

NEXT MEETING DATES

2018/019

Wednesday 21st February 2018

With no further business, the meeting was closed by the Chairman at 8:48 pm.

ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

If you have a matter you wish to raise, please contact the Clerk in the first instance:

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SIGNED: (CHAIRMAN)

DATE: