

CHESELBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Cheselbourne Parish Council held in the Village Hall on May 17th 2010 at 7 pm

PRESENT Mrs S Widdowson (Chair)
Mr Ian Cooper (Vice Chairman)
Mr Blake Holt
Mr Bryan Bere

IN ATTENDANCE Mrs P Gubbins (Parish Clerk), Vickie Hedges, (Community Police Officer) and three members of the general public

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Nigel Powell, Tony Paul and Patrick Cooke, (District Councillor)

2 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

No matters which are not covered elsewhere in the Agenda.

3 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Sue Widdowson thanked Councillors for their support, noting that the Council had still been unable to fill the vacancy for a seventh Councillor. She thanked all those who contributed so much to village life – Councillors, the Clerk, Gwenda Tomlinson for carrying out the audit, Bryan Bere for repairing the Church footpath, Tony Kellaway for his assistance in maintenance and all those who helped with the fundraising events for the Hall and the School. The stolen Salt bins have been replaced, and a further bin purchased to go near the School. The Playground refurbishment has been completed and a rota of volunteers makes sure it stays safe.

4 FINANCIAL REPORT

Copies of the annual Statement of Account were circulated. The precept had been increased to £2500 to cover the cost of taking over responsibility for the Playground and the Clerk's salary. Even so, expenditure was £1000 more than income. It is hoped that this deficit in the annual expenditure goes some way towards satisfying the Accountants. With £3000 in a Savings Account, and £445 in the Current Account, the Council started the current year on a solid footing.

5 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

David Crowhurst had supplied a written report which the Clerk had circulated to all Councillors, and summarised to the Meeting. He hoped that the County Council could keep its budget within a 2% increase this year. He reported that all schools in the County were performing well, with none less than adequate in the Ofsted reports. A harsh winter meant that Highways have been hard pressed dealing with snow and ice and resulting potholes.

6 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

No report had been received, but Patrick Cooke is a regular attender of the Parish Council meetings and has supported the Council throughout the year.

7 VILLAGE HALL REPORT

Phase I of the refurbishment of the Village Hall has now been completed, and the new roof and kitchen and redecoration have transformed the building. However fund raising continues to carry out further projects.

8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

There being no further business the Annual Parish Meeting closed at 7.20

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF PARISH COUNCIL

1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

Proposed Blake Holt and seconded Bryan Bere, Sue Widdowson was re-elected as Chairman, and Ian Cooper as Vice Chairman

2 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following were confirmed as Officers of the Council

Flood Warden	Tony Paul
Planning Officer	Nigel Powell
Rights of Way Officer	Ian Cooper
Highways Officer	Blake Holt

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on March 1 had been circulated, and were duly approved as a true record by all present.

4 ANNUAL AUDIT

The Clerk will present the Annual accounts to Gwenda Tomlinson for approval within the next few days,. Proposed Ian Cooper and seconded Blake Holt, the Council accepted the annual statement of accounts presented in the official Audit document, and the Chairman signed them off. The Council also reviewed the Governance statement in the Audit document, which were duly approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.

5 MILTON ABBAS NEIGHBOURCAR SCHEME (MAN)

The Clerk reported that the volunteer-run transport scheme for patients of Milton Abbas surgery, and residents of all surrounding villages, including Cheselbourne, had started up on 4th May;. This would provide transport not only for those unable to drive to GP surgeries, but will cover all medical appointments, including hospital, optician and dental appointments. In addition, where possible, transport will be provided to social events and visits to patients in hospital, at a slightly higher cost. MAN received a one-off donation from POPP to cover start-up costs, but even with support from the surgery and contributions from users, expenses will outrun income. Accordingly they are seeking a donation from local parish councils of £50. After discussion it was decided that this would be a good use of public funds, and Blake:Holt proposed, seconded Bryan Bere, this donation was confirmed.

6 FINANCE

The following cheques were approved for payment:

Clerk's Salary (March/April)	£250.00.
DAPTC Subscription	£88.32
Community First insurance	£278.31
MAN transport scheme	£50.00
Grass cutting (2009/2010) Kellaway	£125.00
Grit bin and Playground sign installations	£60.00

The Clerk explained that the premium for renewal of the Community First Insurance had been increased by some £21 by the inclusion of an additional clause covering Commercial Legal expenses. She had investigated what this involves, and as it is principally employment and taxation matters, suggested that Councillors might consider it unnecessary for a small council. After discussion it was agreed to ask for this Clause to be deleted and the subsequent sum is approved once it has been received.

7 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

0740 Hassle House ground floor extension. No objections

0495 Aspen Barn erect double garage

0739 Linden, Streetway lane Garage extension.

There were no objections to any of these applications

8 PLANNING DECISION

0495 Aspen Barn erect double garage - Application granted..

9 (SOUTH) CHESELBOURNE NOTICEBOARD

This board has become increasingly dilapidated and it was agreed that Sue Widdowson would ask Tony Kellaway to repair, or if necessary replace it. .

10 HIGHWAYS AND RIGHTS OF WAY

Blake Holt said that in spite of a visit by the Parish Maintenance Unit, many potholes required attention throughout the village. The dangerously collapsed banks by the brook neighbouring the Puddletown road had after considerable representations from the Council, been marked by two reflector bollards. These were immediately uprooted and thrown in the brook by persons unknown, and after reporting the matter to Highways , Nigel Powell rescued them and holds them pending reinstatement. It is hoped that proper repairs will be carried out the next time.

The Clerk referred to correspondence about the extension of 30 mph speed limits in Cheselbourne, and was asked to write confirming the Council's acceptance of the proposed scheme.

Bridleway 3, running along the parish boundary, has been confirmed as a Restricted Byway.

11 CORRESPONDENCE

A Rural Housing officer is now in place who can assist with assessing requests for affordable housing and all other housing matters. The Clerk also reported that a Housing Survey is to be carried out in Dewlish, Cheselbourne and Melcombe Horsey to assess housing needs. A report of what Community Self Help in winter weather is currently available in Cheselbourne was compiled. Vickie Hedges spoke about the "No Excuses" campaign notified to the Parish Council, and cards with useful tele;phone numbers for DCC handed round. All those who are interested in recycling; are recommended to contact www.2recycle.co.uk for information. The Association of Local Councils is working on a campaign against the future withdrawal of use of cheques.

12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

After discussion it was agreed that the newly acquired Salt Bin should be installed set into the bank by the School. Complaints about excessive speeding in the early morning led to Vickie Hedges offering to attend with a Laser gun to check on the culprits. The reflector bollards have been removed from the road near Rose Cottage, leaving a very dangerous situation with a steep drop behind the verge; Blake will report.

13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.30 pm. The next meeting will take place on **Monday July 5 at 7 pm in the Village Hall.**

SIGNED**DATE**