

Minutes of the Meeting of Cheselbourne Parish Council held in the Village Hall  
on November 1st 2010 at 7 pm

**PRESENT** Mrs Sue Widdowson (Chairman)  
Mr Bryan Bere  
Mr Blake Holt  
Mr Tony Paul  
Mr Nigel Powell  
Mr Martyn Northover

**IN ATTENDANCE** Mrs P Gubbins (Parish Clerk), Mr Patrick Cooke (District Councillor) and two members of the general public

### **1 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Ian Cooper, and David Crowhurst (County Councillor).

### **2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the Meeting held on September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010 had been circulated, and proposed Bryan Bere, seconded Tony Paul, it was agreed that they should be signed as a true record.

### **3 MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising that were not covered in the Agenda..

### **4 CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR**

Proposed by Sue Widdowson and seconded by Nigel Powell that Martyn Northover should be co-opted to fill the vacant position of Parish Councillor, and unanimously agreed by all present. Mr Northover signed the Acceptance of Office document, and took his place at the Council table.

### **5 PLANNING DECISIONS**

**10/001183 Copse Cottage** - Erect 2-storey rear extension and garage. It is understood that no decision has yet been taken on this application.

### **6 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**10/001686 Westdown House, Cheselbourne Farm.** .Erect double garage. It was unanimously agreed that there were no objections to this application.

### **7 TREE DONATION FOR THE GREEN**

The clerk read a letter outlining a proposal from Mitie Property Services to plant a tree "in front of the school" with the involvement of the school children. The Council, had no intrinsic objections but asked the Clerk to obtain details of the exact site proposed, and the species of tree suggested, before endorsing the proposal.

### **8 BUDGET**

Draft copies of a budget for 2011/2012 were discussed, and the amounts suggested for the administration of the Council, totalling £2956 were agreed. In the absence of concrete information as to the needs of the village hall, outline donations of a total of £490 were suggested, making a total of £3446. It was felt that in view of the current financial stringencies, it would be wrong to increase the precept, so it was unanimously agreed that a precept of £3000 should be set, and any possible shortfall would be taken from the Reserve savings account.

## 9 FINANCE

The current account stands at £1485.48 and the Savings Account at £3006.57

The following cheques were approved:

Clerk's Salary (July/August)	£250.00
Play Inspection	£99.88
British Legion	£20.00
PCC Grasscutting	£170.00

## 10 RIGHTS OF WAY

No issues were raised.

## 11 HIGHWAYS

It was agreed that the newly acquired grit bin should be installed on the verge at the corner of Drakes Lane outside the school. Martyn Northover pointed out that the steep curve on the hill leading from Melcombe Bingham towards the school junction was extremely difficult to navigate in icy weather, and it was agreed to buy another bin to be installed on the bend. The clerk will place the order, and Blake Holt offered to receive the delivery..

## 12 CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence was available on the table. A letter concerning changes in waste and recycling collections concerning village halls was passed over in case the Village Hall Committee had not been notified, and as it also concerned refuse from village fetes, the Parents' organisation will also receive a copy. The new extension to the 30 mph speed limit on Drakes Lane and Streetway Lane has been publicised in the local press. The 2011 census due to be held in March will give rise to short-term employment possibilities, which will be publicised. The agenda for the AGM of the DAPTC will be passed to Sue Widdowson. A publicity letter inviting candidates for the District Council led to discussion of next year's Parish and District elections. All agreed that they should be widely publicised and parishioners made aware so that candidates could come forward. Accordingly, as a contested election leads to a more satisfactory result; an article will be placed in *Village News* next year.

## 13 OPEN SESSION

The flower boxes installed at the various entrances to the village are maintained by a dedicated band of volunteers at their own expense. It was agreed that a donation of £25 per person should be offered to these volunteers to help defray what can be considerable expenses, particularly after the last hard winter.

A complaint was raised about increasing erosion of the grassy roadside banks by heavy traffic; Blake Holt will investigate what precautions can be taken to minimise this.

## 14 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Ian Cooper is organising the next year's rota for Playground inspections. The Clerk will advise the forthcoming PMU Highway visit of road problems, and pass on the new system of fault reporting to Blake Holt.

Tony Paul advised that the Environment Agency is revising its Flood warning system, and he will be placing an article in the *Village News* updating the public.

## 14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25. . The next meeting will be held on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2011 at 7 pm.**