

CHARDSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held remotely on
Wednesday 10th February 2021 – 7.00pm as per Section 78
of the Coronavirus Act 2020 – meeting held via Zoom Platform**

Present (remotely): Cllrs Wilson (Chair), Cockburn, Conroy, Greer and Spearing
In Attendance: Paul Hayward (Clerk and representing EDDC as Ward member),
No members of the public present via Zoom webinar.

Livestream broadcast viewed by public.

The meeting was also broadcast via Facebook Livestream to the Chardstock Village Facebook Page by kind agreement of the page administrators.

	<p>Public Forum: Meeting started at 7.00pm.</p> <p><i>Chair outlined procedural rules for online meetings. Chair opened meeting and thanked all those attending and watching.</i></p> <p>i) Reports from Police/Honorary Representatives. No Police report had been received. No report from Hon. Tree Warden had been received.</p> <p>ii) Reports from County and District Councillors. a) Devon County Councillor Iain Chubb was not in attendance; No report was received * <i>* Cllr. Chubb made contact during meeting to send his apologies. Report followed via email and was circulated and published accordingly.</i> b) East Devon District Councillor Paul Hayward presented a verbal report. No questions raised by members.</p> <p>iii) Public Forum. No members of the public indicated a wish to speak.</p> <p>With no further public questions or representations, Chair closed the Public Forum session at 7.05pm.</p>
20/150	<p>To note and, if thought fit, to approve apologies for absence received: (LGA 1972 s.85(1))</p> <p>Cllr. Hughes sent his apologies due to conflicting commitments. Noted and approved. Proposed from the Chair. Resolved unanimously. Other apologies received: Mr. Davis, Hon. Tree Warden.</p>
20/151	<p>Declarations of interest under the Code of Conduct: No declarations made.</p>
20/152	<p>To consider any matters listed on this agenda that Councillors consider should be dealt with as confidential business as per the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960: No business considered as confidential.</p>

20/153	<p>To consider and, if thought fit, approve minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Chardstock Parish Council held on 13th January 2021: It was proposed by Chair, seconded by Cllr Cockburn, that these minutes be approved as a true and accurate record of that meeting. Resolved unanimously. Chair was unable to sign the minutes due to current circumstances. This will be done at the earliest opportunity. Matters arising from these minutes: <i>None</i></p>
20/154	<p>To consider and, if thought fit, approve minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of Chardstock Parish Council held on 22nd January 2021: It was proposed by Chair, seconded by Cllr Cockburn, that these minutes be approved as a true and accurate record of that meeting. Resolved unanimously. Chair was unable to sign the minutes due to current circumstances. This will be done at the earliest opportunity. Matters arising from these minutes: <i>None</i></p>
20/155	<p>To consider matters pertaining to the Coronavirus situation as relates to the parish of Chardstock, including: Nothing further to add on this subject other than to note current restrictions. Covid19 Reserve balance unchanged since last meeting.</p>
20/156	<p>PLANNING MATTERS:</p> <p>a)i) To consider planning applications received prior to agenda publication: 21/0135/FUL – Crabbs Farm, Broom Lane, Tytherleigh Construction of garage to provide storage for specialist vehicles. It was proposed by Cllr Cockburn, seconded by Cllr Conroy, that Council supported this application with conditions relating to tree planting and suitable colour scheme of the finished materials. Resolved unanimously.</p> <p>a)ii) To consider planning applications received after agenda publication as detailed in supplementary agenda circulated and published online: None. Councillors did not feel able to consider application 21/0334/FUL at such short notice. Clerk: Please submit comment to EDDC Planning via Portal.</p> <p>b) To consider determinations/decisions advised: As per published agenda. See parish information website for further details. Noted.</p> <p>c) To consider Tree (planning) matters: 21/0011/TCA – 2 Victoria Place, Chardstock. Planning application to fell 2 trees – 1 Hawthorn, 1 Cherry. It was proposed by Cllr Greer, seconded by Cllr Spearing, that Council did NOT support this application as it believed that the Hawthorn did not require felling although the Cherry did. An objection was the only permissible way to proceed as Council cannot issue a split decision. The Parish Council did welcome a revised application for a single felling consent. Resolved 4 votes for, 1 abstention (IC). Clerk: Please submit comment to EDDC Planning via Portal.</p> <p>d) To consider Planning Appeals lodged / determined: Two advised: 20/00062/REF – Hookmills, Chardstock (Appeal in progress) 20/00068/REF – Chubbs Yard, Chardstock (Appeal lodged)</p>

<p>20/156 Continued</p>	<p>e) To consider Planning Correspondence: None received.</p> <p>f) To consider planning applications to be heard at next EDDC Planning Committee meeting on 15th February 2021: A written representation was to be sent on behalf of the Parish Council to support the previously commented upon decision to NOT support the application at 1A Green Lane, Chardstock – 20/1958/FUL. <i>Proposed by Cllr. Greer, seconded by Chair. Resolved unanimously.</i> <i>Clerk to submit to EDDC for an officer to read out on Council’s behalf.</i> Cllr. Spearing asked that the draft wording be circulated to all members before transmission to EDDC. Noted. <i>Clerk: Please note and action accordingly.</i></p>
	<p>Business to be considered:</p>
<p>20/157 a&b)</p>	<p>a) To consider matters pertaining to trees in the parish:</p> <p>b) To consider arrangements and costings for potential tree planting projects in the parish for the latter part of the year:</p> <p><i>Chair proposed that both matters be considered as a single agenda item. Resolved unanimously.</i></p> <p>It was noted that the tree planting project for 2020/21 was postponed at an earlier meeting due to CV19 concerns and restrictions on public gatherings. Cllr. Spearing reported that there was still considerable community interest in the tree planting project, together with funds in the Council’s reserves for such planting. Cllr. Spearing acknowledged that public planting events should be curtailed for the time being but felt that individual planting sessions were more than able to proceed; the underlying principle being the Parish Council’s pledge to plant at least 100 trees in the parish per annum. Quotes had been obtained for the purchase of 200 saplings and associated tree guards, matting etc <i>Proposed by Chair, seconded by Cllr. Greer, that the Parish Council should spend upto £500 on this project. Purchasing to be delegated to the Clerk in consultation with Cllr. Spearing and the Hon. Tree Warden. Resolved unanimously.</i> <i>Clerk: Please note and action accordingly, liaising as directed. Please arrange for payment to be made at month end, subject to Council’s approval of the payment schedule later this month.</i></p> <p>It was suggested that the Parish Council publicise the events as much as possible in line with its previously declared Climate Change Action aims and objectives. Cllr. Spearing kindly offered to prepare a suitable article for the Parish Magazine and Clerk would publicise via social media and the websites. Cllr. Greer wished to convey Council’s thanks to all those involved and to the residents who have generously given up their land free-of-charge to accommodate the tree planting. Noted and unanimously supported.</p>

20/157c)	<p>c) To consider matters pertaining to the re-registration of The George Public House as an asset of community value (ACV) and to receive an update on the complaint lodged with EDDC by the Parish Council seeking a review of the decision to NOT re-register the pub as an ACV:</p> <p>Chair confirmed that a reply had been received to the Council’s second complaint but that it simply reinforced the decision advised previously and did not address the frustrations and concerns of the Parish Council. Clerk confirmed that the next stage (if Council so resolved) would be a formal complaint to the Local Government Ombudsman. Chair suggested that the Parish Council also write to the freehold owner asking them what their plans were for the pub. Cllr. Cockburn kindly offered to undertake this avenue of enquiry on Council’s behalf.</p> <p>After further discussion, it was proposed by Chair, seconded by Cllr. Greer, that a new Working Party be created to consider how the Council could both reverse the earlier decision of EDDC in respect of the registration of the pub as an asset of community value, and also to consider how best to safeguard the pub in the future as a village asset and community space. Resolved unanimously. Cllr. Conroy proposed Cllr. Cockburn as the Chair of this Working Party. Seconded by Chair. Resolved unanimously.</p> <p>Members were buoyed by offers of support for the WP during the meeting from those watching the “livestream” and noted previous offers of support from residents of the parish in this regard.</p> <p>Chair agreed to submit a suitable article into the next newsletter edition. Clerk to also publicise via websites and social media as appropriate.</p> <p><i>Clerk: Please liaise with Cllr. Cockburn to arrange the inaugural meeting of the WP accordingly (subject to current CV19 restrictions).</i></p>
20/157d)	<p>d) To consider update from Climate Change Emergency Working Party group:</p> <p>No report provided as group had not met recently.</p> <p><i>Clerk: please add to March agenda accordingly.</i></p>
20/157e)	<p>e) To consider submission of articles for Parish Magazine - March edition:</p> <p>Suggestions for articles put forward; <i>Those already detailed above.</i></p> <p>Potholes (reporting of). Process for joining the Council (and benefits) Promotion of green skip amenity c/o the Parish Council Update on Play Park transfer to the Parish Council</p> <p><i>Chair: Please draft accordingly and submit for inclusion in March</i></p>
20/157f)	<p>f) To consider Parish Council’s response to the Devon Carbon Plan Consultation document (deadline is 15th February 2021):</p> <p>Cllr. Spearing had (at Council’s request) prepared a draft of a statement outlining the Parish Council’s proposed submission to the consultation. This had been forwarded to all members for their review and consideration.</p> <p>Cllr. Conroy proposed, seconded by Cllr. Cockburn, that this be approved for submission by the deadline date (as above). Resolved unanimously.</p> <p>Chair thanked Cllr. Spearing for his time and effort in researching and preparing the draft consultation response. Cllr. Spearing thanked Chair in return and thanked the members of the CCEWP for their contribution.</p>

Initial:

<p>20/157f) Continued</p>	<p>Cllr. Spearing also stated that DCC had reported a very good response already to the consultation document. It was agreed that Chair of the Parish Council would submit the approved document to the regulatory body on behalf of the Parish Council and provide a copy to the Clerk to be archived as correspondence. Chair: Please action accordingly.</p>
<p>20/157g)</p>	<p>g) To consider matters pertaining to parish street lighting – as per recent DCC correspondence on the subject:</p> <p>The recent response from DCC was discussed in relation to this topic. Cllr. Spearing highlighted the harm to native wildlife from excess lighting in “dark sky” rural areas, supported by both DWT and CPRE *</p> <p>Clerk suggested that a survey could be undertaken of parish residents to gauge their views and comments before taking any further action. Cllr. Conroy felt that most decisions relating to this subject were above the jurisdiction of the Parish Council and would be made by DCC alone. Cllr. Cockburn reiterated his concerns over safety and security, especially for older residents, and felt that the lighting should only be removed in areas where no safety risk existed. Clerk offered to ask his professional body (and Clerk’s forum) for advice and guidance and report back. Chair suggested members ruminates on what they wished to achieve and that the matter be considered again in March, whereupon some of restrictions in force currently may have been lifted to allow face-to-face discussions with residents on this topic. Clerk: Please add to March agenda accordingly.</p> <p>* Devon Wildlife Trust / Campaign to protect rural England.</p>
<p>20/157h)</p>	<p>h) To consider and, if agreed, approve dates for the provision of community “green” skip amenity:</p> <p>Dates proposed; Easter weekend (Thursday to Tuesday incl.) 1st April to 6th April 2021 October half term (Friday to Friday incl.) 22nd October to 29th October 2021 Proposed by the Chair. Resolved unanimously. Clerk: please note and action accordingly.</p>
<p>20/158</p>	<p>To consider and review Maintenance, Highway and Footpath matters:</p> <p>Items i) to iv) were discussed. Clerk was asked to seek the assistance of the new parish lengthsman in attending to grounds maintenance at the play area. Clerk also reported that parish grit bins had been used during recent cold weather and that he was arranging refills of those bins affected across the parish. Clerk updated members as to progress with road surface repairs outside the Tytherleigh Arms (A358 junction) and elsewhere in the parish. No progress as yet on Chapter 8 training courses via DCC. Finally, all P3 annual surveys were complete and financial forms submitted to DCC PROW team for their attention and review. Update in March as standard agenda item. Clerk: Please note and add to March agenda accordingly.</p>
<p>20/159</p>	<p>Other matters considered as urgent by presiding Chair: None raised.</p>

Initial:

20/160	Correspondence received, not already circulated: None other than that referred to above.
20/161	Date of next meeting: Next Ordinary meeting of council scheduled for 10 th March 2021 at the earlier time of 7.00pm, likely to be held remotely as per Section 78 Coronavirus Act 2020.
20/162	This agenda item was not required and no motion was proposed.
20/163	This agenda item was not required and no motion was proposed.
	With no further business to transact, the Chair closed the meeting at 8.50pm

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Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Chair)