

CHARDSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 12th July 2023 – 7.00pm; meeting held in Chardstock Community Hall.

Present: Cllrs C. Wilson (Chair), F. Eames, P. Greer, S. Hughes, M. Reeve and S. Sonnenberg (quorate).

In Attendance: Sally Freemantle (Clerk)

Three members of the public were also present.

	<p>The Chair welcomed all in attendance and outlined Fire Safety precautions.</p> <p>7.05pm: Public Forum</p> <p>i) No Police report received.</p> <p>ii) No P3 (footpath) report available.</p> <p>iii) Apologies from Cllr Iain Chubb, Devon County Council, Whimple and Blackdown Division.</p> <p>Cllr. D Mackinder, East Devon District Council, Yarty Ward explained that it was suggested that a Parish Emergency Plan be formulated. It was agreed that neighbouring parishes be contacted regarding this matter.</p> <p>iv) There was no representation from members of the public at this point.</p> <p>The Chair closed Public Forum session at 7.12pm.</p>
7.12pm	Meeting Commences
23/036 i)	To note members of the Parish Council in attendance: As listed above.
23/036 ii)	To note and, if thought fit, to approve apologies for absence received: (LGA 1972 s.85(1)) There were no apologies for absence.
23/036 iii)	To note members not present and to receive any other apologies for absence: Apologies received from Cllr. Iain Chubb, Devon County Council, Whimple and Blackdown Division and Michael Davis CPC Hon.Tree Warden. Noted.
23/037	Declarations of interest under the Code of Conduct: No declarations made.
23/038	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: None proposed.
23/039	<p>To consider and, if thought fit, approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Chardstock Parish Council held on 14th June 2023:</p> <p>Approval of the minutes of this Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council were proposed by Cllr. Greer, seconded by Cllr. Hughes. Resolved. The minutes were signed as a true record of that meeting by the Chair.</p> <p>Matters arising from these minutes: <i>None.</i></p>

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23/040	<p>Planning matters to be considered:</p> <p>a) i) To consider planning applications received prior to agenda publication: None</p> <p>a) ii) To consider planning applications received after agenda publication as per supplementary agenda circulated to all members. None Advised</p> <p>b) Determinations/Decisions advised by LPA: None advised.</p> <p>c) Tree Matters: None advised.</p> <p>d) Appeals lodged / in progress: None advised.</p> <p>e) Planning correspondence: None received.</p> <p>f) Ward planning applications to be considered at EDDC: None advised.</p> <p>g) Planning consultations pending/in progress: None advised.</p>
23/041	<p>Financial Matters to be considered:</p> <p>a) To consider and if thought fit, to approve Council’s Payments for June 2023</p> <p>b) To receive and note RFO report for June 2023</p> <p>c) Questions to the RFO on accounts / financial reports</p> <p>d) To note items of expenditure authorised under Chair/Clerk delegated authority (Financial Regulations May 20215.4.1 and Delegation Appendix).</p> <p>Due to unavailability of reports, it was agreed that all financial matters be deferred to the next meeting of the Council.</p> <p><i>7.43pm: One member of the public arrived at the meeting.</i></p>
	<p>Chardstock Parish Council Business to be considered:</p>
23/042	<p>“Matters of Council consideration may include public participation if so invited by Chair”</p> <p>a) To consider matters relating to The George Inn:</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Eames, seconded by Cllr Reeves and resolved unanimously to (1) send follow up correspondence to East Devon District Council (EDDC); and (2) to support the petition to require proper maintenance of (Town and Country Planning Act, Section 215) The George Inn building.</p> <p>b) To consider any matters pertaining to tree planting projects/initiatives in the parish:</p> <p>Following consultation from EDDC regarding the state of Platinum Jubilee Oaks, discussion took place regarding Chardstock’s Jubilee Oak and Cllr. Sonnenberg brought in a sample of the tree for consideration.</p> <p>It was agreed that advice would be sought from the Hon. Tree Warden. In the absence of the Hon. Tree Warden, other matters were deferred to the next Ordinary Meeting by the Chair. Agreed.</p> <p><i>7.43pm: Two members of the public left the meeting and did not return.</i></p> <p>c) Tytherleigh & Chardstock PROPOSED speed limits:</p> <p>The speed limits identified as proposed in the consultation documents are the existing speed limits.</p> <p>Resolved to respond to the consultation explaining that the required 20mph speed limit is from St Andrew’s Church west until the national speed limit takes effect.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Continued</i></p>

	<p>d) Work on Chardstock War Memorial: Proposed by Cllr Greer and seconded by Cllr Sonnenberg and agreed (1) to cover the broken concrete with loose stones; and (2) that the flagpole be cut it to the correct size and installed.</p> <p>e) To receive an update on the ongoing streetlighting consultation: Mr P Spearing, Chair of Chardstock ECO group provided an update, stating that a response from County Highways was awaited. It was suggested that if a reduction in hours of streetlights being lit was not possible, it may be possible to request that the streetlights are turned off completely (with the exception of key areas which require light for safety, such as junctions). If possible, Chardstock would accept the opportunity to be a trial site for the streetlights to be switched off. Resolved to note the update.</p> <p>f) To consider information by the Chair relating to the noticeboards at Holy City and Burr ridge: The Chair explained that work was required on both noticeboards (1) repair the wood; and (2) that the way the noticeboard at Holy City opens needs to be altered so that it hinges from the side instead of from above. Resolved to request that Kris Parsons carry out the work required.</p> <p>g) To consider submission of articles to Parish Newsletter for the August 2023 edition: Resolved that information about the petition to require proper maintenance of (Town and Country Planning Act, Section 215) The George Inn building be included in the August newsletter.</p>
23/043	<p>Other matters considered as urgent by presiding Chair for discussion only: Request that grass and weeds are strimmed/removed from the bank at the play area.</p>
23/044	<p>Date of next meeting: Next Ordinary meeting of council scheduled for 13th September 2023 7.00pm start time. Clerk: Please prepare agenda and publicise accordingly through usual channels.</p>
	<p>7.56pm: Public Forum Mr P Spearing, Chair of the Eco Group updated the Council on the work of the group including: A scheme to install water treatment plants for eligible residents free of charge to help replace septic tanks and improve nutrient neutrality. A thermal imaging camera for the Blackdown Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). A survey on water quality in Parish Councils in the area. Proposal to lower the speed limit in the Blackdown Hills to 40mph on single carriage roads. A new website for Blackdown Hills AONB.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Continued overleaf</i></p>

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	<p>Work on an information guidance sheet for electric vehicle charging points.</p> <p>Requirement to improve planning decisions in light of the climate emergency.</p>
23/045	<p>"It is proposed by the Chair that, under the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as amended by Local Government Act 1972, the public (including the press) be excluded from the meeting as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed. Members to agree upon matters to be discussed in confidential session, as per agenda item 23/016 above."</p> <p>Confidential session was not required.</p> <p><i>At this point of the evening, Cllr Mackinder and one member of the public remained in the meeting however they were not required to leave as confidential session was not required.</i></p>
23/046	<p>Matters for discussion under Part Two (Confidential) business:</p> <p>None</p>
	<p>With no further business to transact, the Chair closed the meeting at 8.32pm</p>

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Signed: _____ Date: 13th September 2023
(Chair)

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