

# CHESIL BANK PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

Incorporating the Parishes of Abbotsbury, Fleet, Langton Herring and Portesham  
Chairman- Derek Troughton



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## Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 via Zoom

Derek Troughton (DT)	Cate Killoch (CK)
Stewart Bayram (SB)	Graham Whitby (GW)
John Coombe (JC)	Karen Kennedy (KK)
Saira Sawtell (SS)	Ruth Chipp-Marshall (RCM)
Michele Harding (Clerk) (MH)	Jo Witherden Planning Consultant (JW)

**21/02-1 Apologies** Fredi Burdge (FB) Martin Pearson (MP) Dave Stevens (DS) Peter Begley (PB) Ray Doggett (RD)

**21/02-2 Minutes of the meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020-** The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting  
Proposed SS  
Seconded RCM

**21/02-3 Matters Arising/Actions-** Updated actions see table below. No further update on the website update MTH to chase. The Business survey will continue to be delayed given the effect on businesses during Covid-19 lockdown. SS offered to speak to children in her school that come from Chesil Bank area once children have settled back into school but hopefully before the Easter holidays.

### **21/02-4 Update on AECOM activities: Design codes & Site assessments (DJT/MH/JW)-**

Update on activities provided, JW and MTH attended the meetings virtually.

Design codes- JW commented and having reviewed all the material, the plan was shown on the screen it is a very good report, they have looked at the background material, there is a chapter drafted for each area, they flagged up some of the images they have used google street view images, so there is an action to take local photos without copy right issues. Mark was signing the report off to send out at the end of the week and it is hoped to receive the draft at the end of Feb for the group to comment on. Feedback would be required within a couple of weeks.

Photos of villages:

Langton Herring- DT

Fleet- JC, SS could but not in the next 2 weeks.

Portesham- RCM and GW

Abbotsbury- MTH with support

Householders' permission is not needed if taken from the public highway. A subgroup meeting will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> March if reports arrive on time.

Site assessment- no communication received Clerk to chase AECOM.

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## 21/02-5 Comments on Dorset Council Local Plan

DT had provided a summary for the group on the Dorset Local Plan consultation and asked members to take a look and make any comments. It was noted that the biggest impact to us are the Chickerell developments but there are concerns over the employment opportunities for those moving into the area. SS commented that not many of those in Chickerell use the amenities of Fleet given her past experience.

It was noted there is a lack of plans to improve the infrastructure to schools, medical centres/hospital or roads. CK commented on the highly sensitive area of the Fleet, the flora, fauna and the protected species, although they are aware of these issues the only plans to mitigate this is to give Natural England money rather than stop the damage in the first place. It was noted given Covid there has been an increase in footfall on all the local footpaths.

SS noted that given she was on the Chickerell PC in the late 80's this was all discussed in the past and still nothing has been done. In the main it is visitors to the area who use the Fleet footpaths not generally the locals. With no parking in the area this is a major issue.

KK commented on the issues of the "Right to Roam" which is due to come to this side of Weymouth in the near future, this could add to the issues of cyclists on footpaths.

JC noted that the Chickerell NP has already earmarked the land for development and the plan has been passed. He also explained that the path has been used for charity walks but yet it needs protecting.

JW commented on the Local Plan and has read the bulk of it as she has provided reports for various NP groups. JW had circulated her report on the Plan. Employment is an issue as the lowest area of predicted employment growth in the central area which Chesil Bank is in. JW agreed with the thoughts of the group and noted it would be worth flagging up the concerns on the Fleet. In the NP section it notes about boundaries saying that a NP can change the boundaries, but it makes more sense to allocate the sites given the shape of the villages in our area being more spread-out.

SS that housing needs should ensure new housing is for local people/need.

CK commented that it was noted that Weymouth and Portland have areas of deprivation, this will only increase with more housing.

RCM commented that they are only going to build affordable homes in developments of 10 houses or more, and how a village gets affordable homes for local people. This was noted in the development in Portesham where the affordable homes were not affordable to the local people and they had to widen the search to Dorchester. Currently we have not carried out a local need assessment.

There is likely more of a need for homes for people to downsize to, as there are quite a few people in the villages living in large houses who may wish to downsize, this is something the group are keen to consult on when face to face is possible.

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MTH commented on the issues of actually commenting on the Local plan in the various sections to get your point across, JC agreed to this as it is very difficult to agree to all the points being asked and very leading. JC noted that the CBPC report is being prepared.

JW noted that comments can be made by a report in an email. JW will contact DC regarding the housing need as there are 33 houses noted in the local plan for our area and given Portesham is the village with the DDB then the majority could be allocated in Portesham. JC commented on the changes for the % of affordable homes from 35% to 28.5%.

This was a useful discussion, and a submission will be sent by the NPSG as well as the CBPC submission.

**21/02-6 Impact of Local Plan on NP activities-** Noted in the discussions on the Local Plan.

**21/02-7 Discussion on how to approach the next 3 months.**

There have been difficulties with public consultation and the actual site visits for the site assessments that we had hoped to have carried out. The group considered what it should be looking into at his point if anything, it was suggested that the template of the plan can be looked into. DT has progressed further with this and could now look at the history sections of the plan, DT would put this out to all. SS suggested that we do not do very much at the moment and that until June life is not normal, we cannot engage with people so we should preserve our energy and plan for the time when we can. People are unlikely to be receptive given the lockdown and how difficult this has been for all. DT suggested we touch base with the monthly meetings and tick over for now. A newsletter will be produced to update everyone. CK also noted that everyone now must contend with the census.

**21/02-8 What should be our primary objectives?** Noted above

**21/02-9 Finance report to date:** No further updates but to note any funds not used will be returned after the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

**21/02-10 Items for Website, Facebook & Newsletter-** MH to chase Watershed for website update, DT to produce newsletter No 8.

**21/02-11 AOB-** none

**21/02-12 Next meeting date** 29<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm via Zoom a further zoom meeting to be held to discuss the AECOM reports mid-March TBC.

**Meeting closed at 8.16pm**

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## Actions:

Minute No	Action	Member	Completed
20/09-14-a	To confirm the timing of the Business survey-	All	Continue to postpone given Covid-19 and lockdown
20/10-10	Consultation events or webinars- group to look into online consultations possibly using a zoom webinar, and breakout rooms	MTH/RCM, CK	Continue to postpone until Face to Face if possible
20/10-12	Children from villages to write a piece for the NP, MP to ask Portesham school, Scouts	SS, MP	DT to follow up with MP
21/02-3	Carry out a trial with young people within school setting by the Easter holidays	SS	
21/02-4	Pictures for the Design codes report	DT, RCM, JC, MTH, GW	
21/02-7	Produce the NP template, DT to update and circulate.	DT	

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