

MINUTES OF THE CHESELBOURNE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 6TH MAY 2025 AT CHESELBOURNE VILLAGE
HALL, COMMENCING 6.30pm

Present: Cllrs N Searle, D Walsh, R Hall, R Sewell and 2 members of the public

Chair: Cllr A Taylor

Guest Speaker: Matt Clayton, Dorset Council Charging Ahead EV Charger Team

Cllr Taylor welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a brief overview of the past year. Cllr Sewell expressed his thanks to Cllr Taylor and other councillors for their work on setting up the 20mph speed limit through the village. This would not have happened without the intervention of the Parish Council and thanks were extended to former councillor Carol Byrom.

Cllr Taylor then introduced Matt Clayton and invited him to address the meeting.

The installation of electric vehicle points in the village has been under consideration for some considerable time but space is limited. The area in front of the Rivers Arms had been considered but it would prove too costly getting power to the site. The site at Hillview was also considered, as was Drakes Lane but both are unsuitable as they are owned by Highways are designated passing places, as well as, in the case of Hillview, the only place residents with no off-road parking have to park. It would be necessary to find a site that would be able to take a charging point, hardstanding and cabinet. If the site is on the highway, bays must be marked but if it is on private land, bays need not be marked. The site would be on licence for 15 years.

There will be no cost to the landowner, but they will receive a small remuneration per unit each year. Any site should have 24-hour access. The landowner will have to pay for the charging points to be installed, but this would be covered by a grant given by Dorset Council. There are about 15 locations in the rural areas that have had chargers installed to date.

As a Parish Council, we are committed to having a charging unit somewhere in the village but there are discussions to be had with various parties before a suitable site could be put forward.

Open Forum

Colin Hampton expressed his congratulations to the Clerk for passing the CiLCA qualification and asked that, now the Parish Council meets the criteria, it should go ahead and accept the General Power of Competence. Cllr Taylor pointed out that this was an item for discussion in the Parish Council meeting.

The meeting was closed at 19.06hrs