

CHUTE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7th April 2022

Present: Cllr Wall Chairman, Cllr Parr, Cllr Hopton, Cllr Rudland

C Lovell – Clerk
Wiltshire County Councillor Christopher Williams

1 member of public

1. Apologies for Absence

Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972 requires a record to be kept of the members present and that this record form part of the minutes of the meeting. Members who cannot attend a meeting should tender apologies to the Town Clerk as it is usual for the grounds upon which apologies are tendered also to be recorded. Under Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, members present must decide whether the reason(s) for a member's absence are accepted.

Cllr Alderson, Cllr Harker, Cllr Taylor

2. Public Participation

Mr Lovesey informed the members that two homemade 'Children Playing' signs had appeared on the road either side of the Tibbs Meadow entrance opposite the church As they are not official signs Wiltshire Highways will need to be informed.

He also asked what the outcome of previous discussions regarding parking on Upper Chute green was as he had noticed that people were parking on there again. It had been agreed that at the time of discussion to not take action and monitor. If this continues to be a problem it will be looked at again. In the meantime, it was agreed that a polite no parking on the green note being placed on windscreens would be acceptable.

3. Declarations of Interest

None

4. County Councillors Report.

Cllr Williams provided the following report:

Almost all of us will be affected by the current increases in energy costs and I'm sure you are aware about the Government announcement that all households in England whose primary residence is in council tax bands A to D are entitled to a one-off council tax energy rebate payment of £150.

To ensure that residents receive this as soon as possible Wiltshire Council will be using the details of those who are set-up to pay by direct debit so that the rebate money can go straight into those accounts. The council is in the process of establishing how the money will get to those people who aren't set up to pay by direct debit, and a letter will be sent to these households inviting them to submit their bank details so that a one-off payment can be paid into their bank account. People will be able to submit their details via the council's website, or send their details to the Council, however submission via the website is the most secure method. People do not need to call the Council as the Council will write to them before the end of April.

There are also a number of households in Wiltshire that do not pay council tax because they receive a council tax reduction, and the Council will be writing these households and inviting them to provide their bank details so that the energy rebate can be paid to them.

The Government also announced that funding will also be provided to local authorities to operate a discretionary fund for households in need who would not otherwise be eligible. This could include, for example, individuals on low incomes who live in properties in bands E-H. Wiltshire Council has been allocated around £877,000 for this and is developing a system to distribute this money to those eligible and will confirm more details soon.

Vulnerable households will be able to benefit from energy efficiency improvements over the next year. Together with Swindon Borough Council, Wiltshire Council has secured over £5 million to deliver home energy upgrades across Swindon and Wiltshire, following a successful bid to the Government's Home Upgrade Grant fund.

The funding will be used to install energy efficiency measures in homes to raise Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) rating to Band C. Households, including social rent, low income and living in areas without mains gas - both rented and owner-occupied - will benefit from these improvements helping to reduce their bills and make their homes warmer. Upgrades include wall and roof insulation as well as new low-carbon heating systems, thermostats and room heating controls.

I'd encourage anyone who is concerned about rising energy bills or who need energy saving advice, to contact the free and impartial Warm and Safe Wiltshire service at warmandsafewiltshire.org.uk or by calling 0800 038 5722.

At a more local level on the March 21 the Tackling Climate Change event took place followed by the Tidworth Area Board meeting where £700 was awarded to the Chute Cadley Wellhead Group to go towards the restoration of the Wellhead Restoration Project.

I also attended the CATG meeting and Neighbourhood Tasking Group meeting on Monday evening.

Dates of future events Pop-Up Youth Event Wed 13 April Ludgershall Youth Club 1pm – 4pm.

He had also circulated a report on the Environmental Group meeting (Appendix 1).

5. Minutes

Resolved: Cllr Hopton proposed the minutes of the meetings held on 3rd March 2022 were confirmed as a correct record this was seconded by Cllr Rudland . These minutes will be signed by the Chairman.

Amendment: Cllr Hopton asked that the wording under Village Design Guide was changed from adopted to endorsed.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

6. Correspondence Received

An email had been received from a resident concerned about damage to the bus shelter, bench and some fencing in Tibbs Meadow, Upper Chute, photos had been circulated. A quote for £618.00 for the fencing has been received for the footpath fencing and to put in a dog leg to which the members agreed to go ahead.

7. Specific Reports

Highways - www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywilts-online-reporting

No update

Footpaths – Cllr Rudland circulated the latest footpath report kindly provided by Huw Lovesey and Jean Belzar (Appendix 2). Chute 1 is overgrown. She will speak with landowners regarding repairs/maintenance required on footpaths.

King George Field – Cllr Wall reported that the repairs were now complete on the pavilion and it now needs a good clean and interior painting. The branches in the gate way have been reported to highways but they are insisting it is a Southern Electric matter. Quotes will be obtained for scarifying. The bark in the play area needs replacing and the 'mole man' has been and cleared three moles.

Village Hall – Cllr Wall reported on another successful coffee morning, with new people attending.

Allotments – Cllr Taylor and Cllr Harker provided the following written report:

- Rent is due this month for allotments.
- 4 fruit trees have been planted. Which in time will look fabulous thank you to Tim?
- Grass has had first cut Via Graham Gifford. I believe Tim & Graham are happy to continue. If there is a lawnmower available to use, I think we could possibly do this on a rota if people are happy to do so.
- Wiltshire council have cleared the front of the sewage pit, so access/parking is easier for council employees, not more vehicles blocking the lane.
- Mr Swift has replaced 4 panels of fencing still has the rest to complete not sure when this is going to happen.
- WhatsApp group is up and running unfortunately not everyone is on the group but have access to send info via emails.

The Clerk advised that rent invoices had not been sent as it was agreed to discuss the amount to be charge but had left it off the agenda due to Cllr Taylor and Cllr Harker being absent.

It is agreed that there should be a slight increase, especially now there is more maintenance work being carried out. The Clerk will do some research on what other councils provide and charge.

Village Design Guide – Cllr Hopton reported that after three proofreads the Village Design Guide had now been submitted to the Eastern Area Planning Committee. Unfortunately, it will not be discussed at the April meeting but will be on the agenda for May 2022. Prior to submitting, the requested amendment to Policy 5 had been circulated to define and give more clarity and definition on what exceptional circumstances were. The photos provided by Hamish Mackay were of exceptional quality.

8. Finance

Balance as @ 31st March 2022 – £6503.41.

Payments made during March 2022 were:

10/03/2022	CFPC – contribution to Guide printing	£21.00
25/03/2022	Vigo Nurseries – Allotment trees (Payable to Mr T Harker)	£154.60
30/03/2022	HMRC Tax and NI	£62.48
30/03/2022	Mrs C J Lovell	£266.40

It was resolved that the following payments be made:

C Lovell	Salary	£266.40
HMRC	Tax/NI	£62.48

Proposed by Cllr Parr, seconded by Cllr Rudland , carried.

10. Village Design Guide

Discussed under Reports.

11. Chute Cadley Wellhead – Cllr Wall advised that the Area Board had awarded a grant of £700.00 based on the previous quote of £1400.00 received. The Parish Council will need to match fund this.

Cllr Parr proposed that up to £700.00 is used from Reserves, seconded by Cllr Hopton, carried. A further meeting will take place with Mr Falla and Mr Moody

12. Forest Lane CATG request for signage – As of 3rd April 2022 the replacement sign was still not in place. CATG did not consider the request for a 'NO HGV's' sign as CPC had not agreed to a 25% contribution. The Clerk had explained to CATG previously that due to not having an idea of cost CPC were not in a position to commit, she was advised to submit anyway, she will respond accordingly.

13. Pedestrian Footpath from Butts Hill to Tibbs Meadow – Discussed under correspondence.

14. Village Website – There are currently two village websites www.chutes.org.uk and www.chutes.co.uk the org website is out of date and is no longer required. It would make sense to merge the two websites. Cllr Wall will discuss this with the owner of the org website.

Cllr Rudland raised concerns regarding the security of the Parish Council website, the provider, Hugo Fox will be contacted to see if an upgrade is required.

15. Queens Jubilee – The main event will be on the playing field on 4th June 2022 at 6pm. Costs so far are £300.00 for the band, £550.00 approx for the Hog Roast. A grant of £500.00 has been received from Wiltshire Council. It was agreed to use the benefit of the balance of the Chute in need fund which was agreed and proposed by Cllr Wall and seconded by Cllr Parr.

The Club will be open for drinks, however people can bring their own.

Flyers will be circulated.

Proposed by Cllr Wall and seconded by Cllr Parr

14. Planning

Decisions Received

PL/2022/01165 - Proposed Works to Trees in a Conservation Area WANSDYKE, FOREST LANE, UPPER CHUTE, ANDOVER, SP11 9EL Proposal: Hazel tree - reduce height to 1.5m **No Objection.**

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15. Business to be transacted at next meeting

Allotment fees
Wellhead

14. Date of next meeting

Thursday 12th May 2022, 7.30pm at Chute Village Hal

Date of Joint Annual Parish Meeting with Chute Forest May 24th

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9pm.

Signed: Chair

Date: