

CHUTE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 31st MARCH 2021

Present: Cllr Hughes Chairman, Cllr Parr Vice Chairman, Cllr Williams, Cllr Hopton & Cllr Taylor.

In attendance: Mrs H Bourner – Clerk
No members of public

1) Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Wiltshire County Councillor candidate- Christopher Williams, Cllr Dawson & Cllr Foxen.

2) Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3) Public Participation

There were no members of public present.

4) Minutes

Resolved: Resolved: Cllr Taylor proposed the minutes of the meetings held on 4th March were confirmed as a correct record this was seconded by Cllr Hopton. These minutes will be signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising

1) Chute Cadley Well Head

Cllr Hughes said he has spoken to one of the volunteers who had previously agreed to carry out the work required to renovate the well head and he is happy to do the work with assistance if the Parish Council purchase materials. He agreed to speak to the second volunteer and ask them to provide quotes for the materials required.

5) Specific Reports

Highways- Cllr Hughes said he has taken some photographs of blocked grips and will report these to Wilts Council

Footpaths- Cllr Foxen was not present. Cllr Hughes said he awaits further information regarding the motorbike nuisance at Honey Bottom.

King George playing Fields – Cllr Dawson was not present but Cllr Parr confirmed the new mower has arrived.

Village Hall- Cllr Hopton said the hall is scheduled to open on 17th May with a clothes sale on 17/18 of May. Following this, regular events will start again beginning with a coffee morning. She confirmed progress is being made with the installation of Wi-Fi.

Allotments- Cllr Taylor said it is too late in the season to cut back hedges at the allotments as birds will now be nesting. It was agreed that Parish Council would meet at the site to review what work needs to be done. The Clerk will circulate possible dates to Councillors.

Village Design Statement- Cllr Hopton said she has been working hard to compile a draft for half of the document with Lisa Jackson tackling the other half. This is a lengthy exercise but once complete the draft will be presented to Councillors for views. She confirmed she is hoping to get some aerial photographs in early May for this purpose.

6) Dragons Teeth

The Clerk confirmed she had ordered the materials required and the contractor was ready to complete the work as soon as they arrived. Cllr Parr will talk to residents before any work is carried out.

7) Parking Concerns around the village

Cllr Williams had circulated a draft letter which he would like to send to Wiltshire Council to open the debate about providing parking spaces around the village. All councillors agreed he should proceed.

The continual inconsiderate parking of vehicles on verges and open spaces was discussed again. A broken BT manhole cover was noted which may be attributable to these vehicles. Cllr Williams will report. Cllr Hughes urged all present to leave notes under the windscreen wipers of any offending vehicles but said he felt the time had come to consider enforcement action; all agreed.

After some debate the Clerk was asked to establish what signs the Parish Council can legally erect and the possibilities of engaging a contractor to clamp offending vehicles.

8) Election nomination papers

The Clerk confirmed she had an appointment booked to deliver papers to Wiltshire Council on behalf of councillors on 1st April at 11.00am.

9) Litter in village

Cllr Taylor said she had noted an increase in general litter around the village. She has purchased some litter pickers and will do some clearing. She will also put some take your litter home notices on boards.

Cllr Hughes suggested the Parish Council organise a village litter pick at some time in the summer months.

10) Finance

The bank balance as 31/03/21 was as follows:

Lloyds £7198.79

The financial statement to 31/03/21 was reviewed and agreed.

Payments

Resolved: that the following payments be approved and cheques signed:

H Bournier expenses £5.15

WALC £138.97

Retrospective H Bournier Building materials £246.65

H Bournier salary £249.95 by standing order

H Bournier office expenses £18.00 by standing order

HMRC £62.48 by standing order

Accounts for the year ended 31/03/21 along with the completed audit return were reviewed and agreed. These will be signed by the Chairman. The Clerk will arrange for the records to be audited before the return is submitted.

11) County Councillors Report.

No Wiltshire Councillors were present.

Police Report

No report has been received.

12) Planning

The following decisions by Wiltshire Council were noted:

20/06874/FUL- demolish and replace Cross Keys- refused

Resolved: that the Parish Council decisions on the following applications were endorsed:

21/01419/FUL- erection of garage and new gates- Thicket Cottage- an objection will be made specifically on the size of a further intrusive building. No drawings had been submitted for the gates so an objection will be raised given that it is not possible to objectively review.

Enforcement

Thicket Cottage appeal – documents are available online. No decision has yet been reached.

The outcome of the appeal against the refusal to vary the original application is awaited as is any decision against the variations sought at Stables Cottages

13) Correspondence

The Clerk noted a request for a grant to Wiltshire Search and Rescue. The Parish Council asked the Clerk to pass details to the Chronicle for inclusion in the magazine.

14) Any Other Business

There were no items of any other business.

15) Items for next meeting

16) Date of next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 7.30 pm on Thursday 6th May, which will be held via zoom, provided the election is not contested.

If there is a contested election the meeting will take place on Thursday 20th May at the Village Hall.

This meeting will be the AGM.

