

CHUTE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 08th JUNE 2020

Present: Cllr D Hughes, Cllr J Parr, Cllr Hopton, & Cllr Williams.

In attendance: Mrs H Bourner – Clerk
Wiltshire Councillor Ian Blair-Pilling

1) Apologies for Absence

Cllr Foxen, Cllr Taylor & Cllr Dawson had sent their apologies.

2) Public Participation

There were no items of public participation.

3) Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4) Minutes

Resolved: Cllr Williams proposed the minutes of the meeting held on 5th March were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Parr.

Matters Arising

1) Re siting defibrillator

The Clerk confirmed Cllr Dawson had attempted to contact David Brown regarding access to the church to review the electricity connections for the defibrillator and was awaiting a call back. Cllr Parr will arrange to meet Cllr Dawson & the Church Warden as soon as possible.

2) Hugo Fox website

The Clerk confirmed she had set up the website and was just awaiting confirmation that the settings to open the site were complete. She agreed to send all councillors a link as soon as the site was live.

5) Specific Reports

Highways- Cllr Hughes report in footpaths

Footpaths- Cllr Foxen was not present however Cllr Hughes said he had been walking the village footpaths and discovered various paths that needed attention. He has been able to discuss some of the problems with a landowner over which some of the paths cross and the landowner has agreed to repair stiles and cut back overgrown hedges etc where he can.

Cllr Hughes suggested the Parish Council seek to appoint a voluntary footpaths officer to walk the footpaths regularly and work with Cllr Foxen to report quarterly to the Parish Council. Cllr Hughes agreed to discuss this with Cllr Foxen

The problem at Cowdown where a slab of concrete had been placed across a byway will be addressed by the landowner who will widen the width of the gap to access the byway and install slopes next to the slab to ease the passage for horses.

The Clerk was asked to report a broken finger post on path 33, The Flash It Track at the Standen end of Dummer Lane.

King George playing Fields – Cllr Dawson was absent.

Village Hall- Cllr Hopton said the hall remains closed apart from a collection point for the pop-up shop.

Allotments- Cllr Taylor was absent.

Village Design Statement- Cllr Hopton said progress on the VDS was being made in that the photographic requests are open but only 1 person has responded. Question of using social media discussed but this would delete anonymity.

Website ideas- Cllr Williams had circulated a document with several ideas and example websites. The possibility of regenerating an old village website was discussed which could be used to bring together all community information from several websites, be used to highlight community events, publish newsletters and raise revenue.

Cllr Williams went on to say the old village site was sophisticated enough to be able to handle all these things but hat

at present the domain name belonged to the individual that ran the site. After some discussion it was agreed Cllr Williams would continue discussions and all Cllrs would look at the list of other local web sites, he had circulated so an informed view of what is required can be reached. It was agreed the way ahead should include Chute Forest parish Council and The Chute Chronicle.

6) Hedge Fire Linden House

The Clerk said she had obtained a report from Wiltshire Fire Service following the fire in a hedge which had been attended by a fire engine. The engine had been unable to access the lane as there was either a tree trunk or fence posts which prevented access. The fire service had been able to extinguish the fire by using a long hose. Cllr Hughes has had a conversation with the householder to reassure them if there was a fire the fire services would do whatever they needed to get through.

7) Street Light replacement.

An issue had arisen when a street light that had not been lit for many months was replaced with a new LED light fitting which was very bright and shined straight into a garden. Two further lights in the village had since also been replaced with LED fittings. Wiltshire Council propose to replace all street lamps like this over the next couple of years as the old fittings are obsolete and LED is far better for the environment. The Clerk had obtained a report and details of how the lights could be dimmed and shielded. After much discussion it was agreed the Clerk should ask Wiltshire Council to have all LED lights dimmed as much as possible and as they are replaced shield may be requested if the light emitted by the bulb is considered to be too bright.

8) Extended working hours- Stables Cottage

Cllr Hughes confirmed that a temporary arrangement meant that builders could work extended hours on building sites with the easing of COVID-19 restrictions which was hoped would in a small way help to kick start the economy. There had been several objections to the extension by those living nearby. Cllr Parr said he was concerned for all residents near this development but did not think the Parish Council could have any influence. Cllr Blair-Pilling echoed these thoughts and said if any individuals were experiencing problems, they should complain directly to Wiltshire Council.

9) Finance

The bank balance as 03/06/20 was as follows:
Lloyds £14418.12

The financial statement to 03/06/2020 was reviewed and agreed.

Payments

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

H Bourner salary	£225.33 by standing order
H Bourner exps	£16.50 by standing order
HMRC	£56.33 by standing order
WALC	£141.29

10) County Councillors Report.

Wiltshire Councillor Ian Blair-Pilling had sent a comprehensive report which is attached to these minutes.

Police Report

The most recent police report had been circulated. There were no incidents reported in the parish.

11) Planning

The following decisions by Wiltshire Council were noted:

20/03123/TCA- fell 1 unknown species-Wild Winds, Upper Chute - no objections

20/02296/PIP Malthouse lane- refused

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

None

12) Correspondence

The Clerk said she had received an e-mail regarding the replacement tree required at Chute Cadley Green. A maple had been felled and it was agreed a replacement tree would be planted. The Chute Forest Clerk said she would be able to buy a Whitebeam tree for £50.00 and asked if the Parish Council would be happy to agree to this. All agreed.

13) Items for next meeting

14) Date of next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 7.30 pm on Thursday 9th July.