

CHUTE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7th JANUARY 2019

Present: Cllr D Hughes, Cllr Dawson, Cllr J Parr, Cllr Hopton, Cllr Taylor & Cllr S Foxen.

In attendance: Mrs H Bourner – Clerk
Wiltshire Councillor Ian Blair-Pilling
4 members of the public

1) Apologies for Absence

Cllr Hughes confirmed he needed to leave the meeting early and Cllr Parr agreed to chair the meeting at this point.

2) Public Participation

John Turner a villager asked to present his ideas about improving the green triangle parcel at the entrance to Upper Chute. Vehicles damaged the edges of the land by cutting the corner and parking on the land. He suggested a wooden post be installed at each point of the triangle and plastic posts between this to prevent parking. He showed those present a sample plastic post and confirmed he could purchase these for £6.95 each. He said it would be necessary to check if any services are present before any work is carried out. Concerns were expressed about the durability of the plastic posts and the ease by which they could be moved. Cllr Hughes also pointed out that the village design statement specifically says street furniture should be eliminated.

Stephanie Godfrey-Davis and Mary Cummins also present said the problem with vehicles driving over verges at Tibbs Meadow had not improved and suggested that the plastic posts could be used prevent further damage. John Turner went on to say the problem at Tibbs Meadow was exacerbated by the volume of cars present at each household. He suggested the Parish Council carry out a survey to establish how many parking spaces were required and then create further spaces for the additional vehicles.

Cllr Hughes confirmed all the previous details regarding damaged verges had been passed to Wiltshire Council who cannot do anything as they do not own the land. He felt that in both cases the best way to proceed was to identify offenders and for the Parish Council to deal directly with them raising fines if necessary. To be successful the Parish Council needs the help of residents to gather information and photographs which can be passed on to the Parish Council. All agreed it was only a limited number of residents creating the problem.

Stephanie Godfrey-Davis asked if the Parish Council were aware of a charge to Wiltshire residents for using Hampshire household recycling sites, and specifically the Andover site. The Clerk confirmed that Hampshire residents can register to use these sites free of charge but anyone living outside Hampshire had to pay £5 per visit. Concerns were raised about additional fly tipping arising. Cllr Blair-Pilling said Wiltshire residents paid council tax to Wiltshire Council not Hampshire so could understand why this had been introduced, he also confirmed that there was a Wilts Council household recycling centre at Amesbury. He further went on to say Wiltshire Council were specifically targeting fly tipping and where possible have raised fines against offenders.

3) Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4) Minutes

Resolved: Cllr Parr proposed the minutes of the meeting held on 7th November were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Foxen.

Matters Arising

i) Cllr E-Mail addresses

The Clerk reported that she had now purchased the domain name chuteparishcouncil.co.uk and set up e-mail addresses for each councillor. As soon as each councillor had successfully accessed the accounts details would be published on the parish council website.

ii) Move defibrillator from Cross Keys

The Clerk confirmed she had received an e-mail from Mrs Moore regarding moving the defibrillator. Cllr Dawson has agreed to try to organise this move to a suitable site and the Clerk will establish when Mrs Moore is able to be at the Cross Keys to facilitate this. Cllr Dawson will ask the electrician to check the machine works before installing it at the new site in Upper Chute.

iii) KGPF Constitution

Cllr Parr said Chute Forest Parish Council had discussed the KGPF constitution at their meeting on 14th November and this has now been agreed and adopted by both councils.

iv) Vacancy for new councillor

The Clerk confirmed the current vacancy has been advertised and unless ten or more electors approach Wiltshire Council before 15th January the Parish Council will be able to co-opt a new councillor if there are any applicants. Cllr Hughes confirmed he has received one expression of interest. Other expressions of interest should be made to councillors or the Clerk.

v) Quotes for post around Chute Cadley Green

The Clerk confirmed the details of the three quotes she had obtained. It was agreed to revisit this project in the spring.

5) Specific Reports

Highways- Cllr Hughes had nothing to report (He then left the meeting)

Footpaths- Cllr Foxen – nothing.

A member of the public said she had encountered groups on scramble bikes and an obstruction on a footpath. She was able to move the obstruction but noted the gate next to Honey Bottom Cottage has been blocked to prevent motor bikes passing. Concern was raised that this could be a problem to horse riders. Cllr Dawson will speak to occupants of the cottage. Inappropriate use of footpaths by scramble bikes was a persistent problem and villagers were encouraged to take details of number plates if possible.

King George playing Fields – Cllr Dawson – nothing to report

Village Hall- Cllr Hopton confirmed the hall had a very successful book sale followed by the Christmas Party which again sold out and raised £500. Coffee mornings and the village lunch will continue in 2020.

Pilates and Yoga has restarted for 2020 and there are already several bookings for other events. The hall committee are also trying to find a Zumba teacher so they can start classes.

Allotments- Cllr Taylor – review of allotment agreement, see separate item.

Village Design Statement- Cllr Hopton reported there were five strands of activity: - a proforma for the survey of current houses has been drawn up, a list of heritage assets was being compiled along with details of important views worth preserving, a biodiversity survey is to be done and the drafting of a questionnaire is in progress. She said the new VDS was all about visual impact and that there was a lot of work to do.

6) **Parking issues in village – see public participation.**

7) **Review Allotment agreement**

Cllr Parr had circulated a draft document to all Councillors which was reviewed. Cllr Taylor queried some points which Cllr Parr will amend. There was a question raised about who owns the land and the driveway and The Clerk agreed to carry out a land registry check. Cllr Parr and Taylor agreed to meet at the allotments to review potential work required to overgrown hedges.

8) **Request for funding St Nicholas Church**

Cllr Hughes had carried out some research regarding this subject, and there were also questions about the quantum and make up of relevant costs, it was therefore agreed to adjourn the matter until the February meeting. It was suggested a representative from the PCC should provide the details in the meantime and be invited to attend and give background detail to those details to the Parish Council.

9) **Grit Bins Ankers Lane**

Cllr Foxen had no further information regarding the missing grit bin had from the green triangle of land by Ankers Lane Cllr Blair-Pilling will be asked for an update at the next meeting.

10) **Finance**

The bank balance as 31/12/20 was as follows:

Lloyds £6809.04

The financial statement to 02/01/20 was reviewed and agreed.

Payments

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

H Bourner salary	£225.33 by standing order
HMRC	£56.33 by standing order

Website hosting

£25.00

11) County Councillors Report.

Wiltshire Councillor Ian Blair-Pilling reported on four 'Focus on the Future' meetings about where Wilts Council are financially and where they are going. These are open to all members of public.

He also reported that carbon reduction is a current focus point for the Council, he said there had been a reduction in WC chief executive officers from three to two and the council were purchasing land in Devizes to help businesses there to expand. He also gave details of a new company formed by Wiltshire Council called the Stone Circle. The company aim is to purchase land they will develop either commercially or for new council homes which will be built as eco homes. Finally, he reported on a loan to Wilts College to support development.

12) Police Report

The Clerk confirmed the police had been invited to attend but had not received a response.

13) Planning

The following decisions by Wiltshire Council were noted:

19/09496/FUL- Garden room & lean to extension-The Forge, Lower Chute - permission

19/09571/FUL- Change of use Cross keys- permission

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

None

14) Correspondence

None

15) Items for next meeting

The Clerk reminded those present that a new internal auditor was required for the annual accounts to 31/03/2020. Cllr Parr agreed to approach a resident he knew who had a financial background.

16) Date of next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 7.30 pm on Thursday 6th February 2020