

**CHISELBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL**  
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> of March 2014

Present: Mr R O'Neill, Mrs H Doodson, Mr M Langdon

In Attendance: 10 Members of the Public, County Councillor Marcus Fysh

- 2.01: **Apologies for Absence:** Mr Jim Macartney, Mr Ian Hodge and District Councillor Ric Pallister
- 2.02: **Declarations of Interest:** Mr R O'Neill – Church matters as Church Warden
- 3.01: **Public Forum:** A comment was made that the cutting back of the hedges and trees on the Norton road just past Manor Barton has made a big improvement.
- 3.02: Concern was expressed again regarding speeding around the village. This was further discussed under Agenda item 9.
- 3.03: One parishioner commented that contributors to the public forum are no longer named in Parish Council minutes as they had been previously. RO explained that we used to put names in, however now the minutes are to be published on the website it was decided that names should be excluded from the minutes. We need a simply policy that meets data protection regulations and therefore he thought it best if we continue on this basis.
- 3.04: Various villagers wished to thank IH for the way in which he chaired the meeting regarding the maintenance of the Common.
- 3.05: It was commented that Parishioners should have a clear understanding of Councillors responsibilities and areas for action. RO explained that each Councillors individual area of interest will be identified on the website. In addition, responsibilities as to how a Councillor should conduct themselves can be found in the Code of Conduct and the role of a Councillor is defined in the Handbook for Councillors. It was decided that a link to the Handbook will be put on the website. **RO**
- 3.06: Two Parishioners requested a copy of the audited financial records for 2010/11 and 2011/12. KP will email these to them. **KP**
- 3.07: It was asked where the Chairman got the information that there is an accident on the A356 most weeks as quoted in the press. This information was obtained from talking to various local landowners. RO has been trying to get exact figures from the Police regarding the number of accidents.
- 4: **Minutes of the meeting:** Held on the 12<sup>th</sup> of February 2014. These were agreed as a correct copy and signed. Matters arising under:
- 2014.02.3.01 Trees overhanging the road from Chiselborough to Norton. This was reported to Highways and has now been sorted.
- 2014.02.3.04 The Chairman had investigated concerns over illicit logging at Burr ridge Copse and explained that the tree was dealt with by the County Council.
- 2014.02.3.05 2012/13 Audited financial records were emailed to a Parishioner as requested.
- 2014.02.4.02 ML has not been able to get hold of Gary at Highways regarding the replacement sign at Cat Head Cross ML will continue to chase **ML**
- 2014.02.4.05: Clarification regarding the Aon letter on salting and gritting. We have received an email on this KP will bring this to the April meeting **KP**
- 2014.02.13.02: Contact SSDC to get broken branches on the Common looked at - awaiting feedback from IH **IH**
- 2014.02.13.02: KP will email JM to add repairs to the gate on the Phoenix Path to the top of the Rangers list for his next visit. **KP**
- 2014.02.14.02: Details regarding the road closure at Court Barton and Church Street

2014.02.14.03	Crewkerne were added to the Parish Noticeboard and the Magazine. Somerset Levels Relief Fund leaflets were distributed around the village	
5:	<b>District Councillor's Report: Main points read by the Chairman</b>	
5.01:	Flooding – SSDC has been operating 7 days a week to support residents across the district. Muchelney is still 3 weeks away from being accessed by car. There is major damage to the road and rail network. SSDC are looking at a 20 year plan to deal with the flooding.	
5.02:	Finance – The total budget has been set at £17.5 million. Significant new in year spending commitments have been: Flood relief fund £100k, Affordable Housing £1.2 million, Economic development and Infrastructure £1 million. There will be no Council Tax rise this year and no cuts to public services or facilities.	
6:	<b>County Councillor's Report: Councillor Marcus Fysh</b>	
6.01	SCC passed its budget in February. Council tax is frozen. There is a big reduction in the money SCC receive from Central Government, but they have been able to offset this with the 5% rise in their business rates income.	
6.02	No Children's Centres will close however they will be reorganised. A356 safety improvements – The work order has been issued to the contractor and they are currently doing their desk based assessment of the safety and design elements of the road. They will report back with initial ideas in a few weeks.	
6.03	£60 million has been made available from the Government nationwide for Counties affected by flooding to repair roads damaged in the recent weather. MF recommended that we log all potholes and repairs on our roads due to the recent weather with Highways so that we can attempt to benefit from some of the funding. ML will ensure they are all logged.	ML
7:	<b>Minchingtons Close Community Land Trust:</b> HD attended the meeting where individual could register to be considered for the homes being built. There was a good turn out and demand seems to be high. Flyers to advertise the meeting on the 26 <sup>th</sup> of March regarding the saving of the Norton village shop and post office will be distributed around the village by the Councillors. The aim of the meeting is to get volunteers to run the shop to sign up. HD is a non voting member on the CLT. There are 3 available spaces on the CLT at present HD is going to check if these have been advertised in the Parish Magazine.	HD
8:	<b>Flood Alleviation Pool:</b> MF is still awaiting feedback on the pool. He has logged this with the Senior Officer. MF explained they are very busy at present due to the recent weather but will continue to chase on this.	MF
9:	<b>A356 Speed Limit:</b> An update on the A356 has already been discussed in the County Councillors report. Chiselborough Village Speed Limit: RO did discuss the issue of the speed limit in Chiselborough with MF and explained it would be good if someone from Highways could come out and walk through the village. MF is going supply us with a contact for this.	MF

- 10: **Parish Council Website:**  
The website is nearly there. Councillor photos still need to be uploaded. **KP**  
KP will chase the editor of the Parish Magazine to send through the list of events again.  
It was decided that we will go live on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2014 and a note will be put in the Parish Magazine to advertise this.
- 11: **Planning:**  
The Parish Council were informed for information only about an application for a single storey extension to 10 Littlemead Norton-Sub-Hamdon.
- 12.01: **Reports: Lengthsman/Ranger:** The Ranger did his routine monthly visit as normal. **KP**  
The Council were asked if the trees on the right hand side just near Grintley Lane could be cut back. KP will email JM to ask that this is added to the list of jobs for the Ranger.
- 12.02: **Parish Land:** A meeting was held on the 19<sup>th</sup> of February to form a new Parish Land Group to shape the management programme. Over 20 people attended who are now all in contact by email to allow open discussion. Some good ideas were put forward. We now have a fantastic knowledge base and a list of new contacts for grass cutting and tree surgery so that future costs can be kept down. IH will report any proposals for action on a monthly basis as they are decided.
- 12.03: **Highways:** ML has reported blocked drains on the A356 near the Old Rectory and the turning off the A356 by the farm. He has also reported various potholes on Cat Street, Skillgate Lane and East Street. Sandbags were put around the Flood Alleviation Pool last week and some drains were dug out. ML has asked JM to get the Ranger to dig out the drains up past Primrose Cottage to get some of the water off of the road. **ML**  
SCC have also been contacted regarding potentially dangerous trees on the road opposite Primrose Cottage. These trees are Highways' responsibility and they have agreed that two trees that have split and are rotten need to be removed. They will be coming out to do this soon. One tree is growing out of a wall making it unstable. ML will contact Highways to get them to deal with this.
- 12.04: **Rights of Way:** Nothing to report
- 13.01: **Correspondence:** Letter from Crewkerne Health Centre regarding patient forum. It was decided this was not Parish Council Business and any persons in the village who used this Health Centre should get details from the surgery.
- 13.02: Updated register of electors received. It was decided RO and KP should have a copy of this.
- 13.03: Letter received from Zurich Insurance regarding renewal insurance quote. It was decided we would get a quote from them as a comparison when the Councils insurance renewal is due.
- 14 **Points for new business:** None

The next Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> of April 2014 at 7.30pm

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_