

CHISELBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th of April 2014

Present: Mrs H Doodson, Mr Ian Hodge

In Attendance: 8 Members of the Public, District Councillor Ric Pallister

- 2.01: **Apologies for Absence:** Mr R O'Neill, Mr Jim Macartney, Mr M Langdon and County Councillor Marcus Fysh
- 2.02: **Declarations of Interest:** None
- 3.01: **Public Forum:** One parishioner stated he was unhappy with the statement read at the last meeting by the Chairman regarding the tree blocking Skillgate Lane and illicit logging and therefore felt that this matter was unresolved.
- 3.02: Concern was expressed regarding the road erosion on the road linking Chiselborough to West Chinnock. This appears to be a long term closure. RP explained that the delay to repairs should not be due to funding and it is on the County Councils list to be repaired. RP will contact the depot in Yeovil to try and ascertain when the repairs are likely to be completed. **RP**
- 3.03: A parishioner commented that a speed watch scheme takes place in Misterton and this may be something to consider for Chiselborough. Further concerns were also expressed regarding speeding on North Street and it was felt that some kind of signage was needed. IH proposed we write to both Norton and West Chinnock Parish Councils regarding speeding drivers through the village. It was also commented that the Yodel delivery vans do tend to speed through the village. IH also proposed that we write to Yodel to ask their drivers to take more care when passing through the village. **IH**
- 4: **Minutes of the meeting:** Held on the 12th of March 2014. Could not be signed as only two Councillors were present. Matters arising under:
- 2014.03.3.05 A link to the Handbook for Councillors has been added to the website
- 2014.03.3.06 KP will email the audited financial records to Parishioners this week. **KP**
- 2014.03.4.02 IH proposed we get the sign from Highways and pay to have it fitted ourselves due to the time it is taking to get this sorted. **IH**
- 2014.02.4.05 Clarification was received regarding the letter from Aon regarding salting and gritting. It was confirmed that the Parish Council should not grit the Highway without proper and formal arrangements with the Highways Authority.
- 2014.03.7 HD has discussed the last three spaces on the CLT, one has now been filled and they hope to fill the other two with people who are going to play a big part in the running of the shop.
- 2014.03.8 IH commented that the Flood Alleviation Pool will be dredged by SCC
- 2014.03.10 KP will chase the Parish Magazine Editor again for the events list for the website **KP**
- 2014.02.10 The Parish Website go live date was put in the Parish Magazine
- 2014.03.12.01 KP has emailed JM to get the cutting back of trees on Grintley Lane added to the Rangers list.
- 2014.03.12.03 Highways have been out and put a red X on both the dangerous trees opposite Primrose Cottage so it looks as though these will be taken down. Will need to confirm progress with ML at the next meeting. **ML**
- 5: **District Councillor's Report: Ric Pallister**
- 5.01: Flooding – We are now in the recovery phase. RP is responsible for people and domestic properties hit by flooding. SSDC secured £500k for

allocation to flood affected businesses. The 20 year flood plan has been signed off by Somerset Authorities and the Government, but as yet no agreement has been made with the Government as to how funding is to be met. A Government minister has been allocated to each flood hit area, Owen Patterson for Somerset.

All flood alleviation schemes across the district will be mapped and discussions with Parish Councils will take place about the long term maintenance of these. This includes the Flood Alleviation Pool on Chiselborough Common.

- 6: **County Councillor's Report: Councillor Marcus Fysh**
No report this month as MF not present.
- 7: **Minchingtons Close Community Land Trust:**
HD attended the recent meeting. The CLT now have around £15,000 in donations towards the village shop. The aim is to raise £50,000. Quite a lot of volunteers have come forward and they have already filled 22 weekly shifts already.
- 8: **Flood Alleviation Pool:**
Already discussed earlier in the meeting
- 9: **A356 Speed Limit:**
Concern was expressed by HD that the recent correspondence regarding the A356 stated that the speed limit on the road was unlikely to be changed. RP suggested that advisory speed limit signs could be a good idea.
- 10: **Parish Council Website:**
The website is now up and running and clickable links are in the process of being set up for the minutes and agendas. Some people are unable to access the site especially when using an old browser. Internet Explorer 9 or more needs to be used. **RO/KP**
We need to look into putting a note on about the Cookie Policy and making the site appear on Google.
- 11: **Parish Barn Owl Box:**
The Parish Council were approached about having a box. HD has left the advert regarding the box with the farmer, and the possibility of having one on the Common was also being looked into.
- 12: **Planning:**
Brookvale Homes, Land South of Minchingtons Close Norton Sub Hamdon, Variation of various conditions to regularise works carried out on site and to allow commencement and occupation prior to approval of site highway works. This is just minor amendments and no changes to the plans are being made.
A determination for Candleford House, North Street was received. Alterations include, conversion of garage roofspace, erection of porch and installation of doors, windows and rooflights.
- 13: **Finance:**
13.01 The 2013/14 accounts have now been checked by the Internal Auditor John Wheatley
13.02 The Councillors were unable to agree the 2013/14 accounts and sign the Annual Return as only two Councillors were present. This will be done at the next meeting
13.03 HD announced the accounts inspection period which starts on the 25th of

- April 2014 for 20 days. The venue for inspection is The Barton East Street.
- 13.04 A cheque for £452.88 payable to SSDC for 3 months Parish Ranger Scheme was signed.
- 13.05 A cheque for £78.58 payable to SALC for annual subscription was signed
- 13.06 Two cheques for £74.25 and £10.54 payable to R O'Neill as reimbursement for payment to Wix.Com for Parish Council Website domain registration and premium usage were signed.
- 14.01: **Reports: Lengthsman/Ranger:** No report this month as JM was absent. IH said that the posts still need to be renewed on the gate on the Phoenix Path and this should be added to the list for the Ranger. **JM**
 A Parishioner agreed to repair the gate on the Hempalong Path if we can get it back from the County Council. It was taken away when the base broke off. **IH**
 A Parishioner also asked if we could include details on the website as to what jobs each month are done. **JM**
- 14.02: **Parish Land:** The sheep are now on the common. IH will contact everyone in the Common group via email to decide if an early cut of the lower common should be arranged as the grass is getting long. **IH**
- 14.03: **Highways:** No report this month as ML is not present
- 14.04: **Rights of Way:** No report this month as RO is not present
- 15: **Correspondence:** None
- 16: **Points for new business:**
 HD announced the Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 14th of May 2014 and followed by the Parish Council Meeting.

The next Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 14th of May 2014 at 7.30pm

Signed _____ Date _____