

# CHISELBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Present: Mr R Brown, Mr A Pipe, Mr M Langdon, Mrs J Buckmaster, Dr R Bulley  
In Attendance: Members of the public, Mr Mark Keating, Mr R Pallister Mr M. Hamlin (Clerk)

- 1: **Apologies for absence:** None
- 2: **Declarations of Interest:** None
- 3: **Public Forum:** None
- 4: **Minutes of the meeting:** Held on: 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018  
These were agreed and signed, proposed by Mr Pipe, seconded by Mrs Buckmaster  
**Matters arising under:**
- 2017.07.16 No progress on new road markings. Mr Keating hoped that we would see progress in the next 3 months.
- 2017.11.03 Fly tipping: No further incidents of rubbish being left on people's property, but there had been evidence of fly tipping in a farm gateway at the top of the common which would be reported if not already done. Requested that a photograph be taken on discovery of any fly tip which could be used as evidence of time and date.
- 2017.11.03 Memorial to Miss Burns: Subject to confirmation from all 3 organisations, a memorial stone would be commissioned and placed at Valley Farm with a simple inscription. Confirmed that for ease, the Parish Council could place the order and pay for it, then recover the shares from the PCC and Hall Committee.
- 2017.11.04 Defibrillator: Representations had been made that due to the distance from the centre, more than one defibrillator was needed to cater for outlying areas. It was agreed that initially we would start with raising the money for one. Further fund raising could be done later if there was a will to provide further machines. The Parish Council needed ideas for fundraising, and for volunteers to organise the fundraising. Clerk to make enquires as to whether the telephone box was still available to house the defibrillator being the central point in the village. This would then offer a choice as to whether to site it there or in the hall porch **AP/ MH**
- 5: **District Councillor's Report: Ric Pallister:** April update on the website. Transformation was continuing and currently performance had dipped which was expected. Hoped that after July, when everyone would know their future, things would recover. Confirmed that SSDC litter pick from the A303 as this service is not provided by the Highways Agency. Main thoroughfares throughout South Somerset regularly litter picked. A new communications officer had been recruited to ensure that the Council are communicating with citizens in the way they want to receive communications including all the digital channels.
- 6: **County Councillor's Report: Mark Keating:** April update was on the website. South West Devolution plans were progressing across the South West including Somerset and Devon county, district and unitary councils which would give further autonomy to the region if approved by government, Somerset County Council leading. The library Consultation had been extended to 13<sup>th</sup> June. Fostering and adoption initiatives were being publicised by drop in events.
- 7: **Planning: Richard Brown:** Honey Barn Update: A site meeting had taken place with the planning officer, the conservation officer and the builder. The case had been put that what had been done was not acceptable neither the build or the green space at the righthand side

of the site. Revised plans had been requested from the builder as to how he proposes to address the issues raised and it had been made clear that this would be the final chance to submit accurate plans. Mr Pallister confirmed that the 56-day consultation period would apply and that determination would then take place with a presumption of enforcement.

Little Brympton: 18/00676/FUL Use of existing wooden cabin as a permanent dwelling. Current temporary permission granted to Mr P. Tucker and his wife personally, with built in safeguards tied to his occupation at the premises and stipulating that it could not be passed on to someone else, and that in the event that he stopped using the premises to earn his livelihood the permission was extinguished, had expired. The Parish Council were resolved that provided all the current safeguards remained in place, they were content to make a positive observation on the application for permanent permission. Question posed as to whether the right of abode by virtue of occupation would apply, Mr Tucker advised that his understanding of the situation was that this did not apply in this case, because he was already in possession of permission, and the assent by abode rule did not apply when permission was in place. Mr Pallister confirmed that adequate safeguards would be maintained and that permission would continue for a low impact dwelling, personal to the current occupant and immediate offspring, with no permanent right to planning permission for any other individual and linked to his livelihood.

- 8: **Burridge Copse:** South Somerset District Council Countryside Team were making a site visit on 30<sup>th</sup> April to carry out a botanical survey. This would inform the Council as to what areas were of special interest and help signpost the way forward.
- 9: **County Council Farm Land Update:** Progress had slowed pending the availability of Council officials. The committee were unable to arrange a meeting with SCC to develop the draft sale agreement, despite the efforts of elected representatives. It was hoped that this could be progressed in the next month. Advice and the application forms, to complete the grant application for feasibility study funding had been obtained. It appeared that, contrary to previous advice, a contribution towards costs would be sought from the Parish Council. Discussions were continuing with the officer concerned, and the first elements of the feasibility study were being drafted by CLC members in order to minimise any delays. The financial aspects of the study should be clearer before the next meeting of the Parish Council. In light of these delays, a decision had been taken not to issue a briefing note to villagers until a draft feasibility study is available. Mr Keating advised that files had been requested from archive so action was being taken. Mr Keating advised that he would ensure that the matter was progressed and that he would do all that he could to support the village.
- 10. **Cars parked on the common:** It was agreed that this was a complex problem to resolve. A number of people parked there and had done for some time. Undoubtedly the cars were unsightly and spoiled the vista. As a starting point work was being carried out to determine exactly where the boundaries of the common were. A pragmatic organised approach was being taken, mindful of the legal restraints, with a view to preserving the common for future generations but taking into account the tangible difficulties of car parking in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.
- 11: **Community Land Trust:** A second person would be trained to apply for a personal licence to sell alcohol. The shop had been registered as a community asset. Progress being made on the street lighting at Minchingtons Close. The Section 278 work was being chased.

Ownership of the Fruit Farm development was being sought to find out further details but all that is known is that there are proposed to be 7 affordable homes there. Planning permission granted for the solar array but currently not viable as the feed in tariffs had fallen. The directors had been advised that Liz Maunder had spoken to Chiselborough Land Committee and issued the standard Standing Orders. Confirmed that sales of High Energy drinks to young people would be dissuaded. New half sized chiller approved. Plant sales to be discontinued following the death of Mr Gray of Odcombe Nursery.

- 12: **Councillor duties and responsibilities:** This was being looked at by a working group.
- 13: **Finance:**
- 13.01 A cheque was approved and signed for £85 to SALC for staff training.
- 13.02 The declaration of exemption from a Limited Assurance Review was signed.
- 13.03 The accounts for the year ending 31/03/18 were approved to be passed to the internal auditor Mr Michael Kerr.
- 14: **Reports: Ranger:** There had been no requirement to have the ranger in March and at the moment there were no pressing needs.  
**Parish Land:** Nothing to report  
**Highways:** The pothole near Pibditch and the drain near the A356 was being followed up with Highways. Two new potholes in Skillgate Lane would be reported. A large gulley about a foot deep on Smokey Hole Lane would be reported.  
**Rights of Way:** There were no known new issues. Mr Pipe was following up outstanding issues with Les and it was hoped that now the new financial year had started that progress would be made.
- 15: **Correspondence:** The insurance renewal had been received and was being considered.
- 16: **Points for New Business:** None

The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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