

## CHISELBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2020 by videoconference

Present: Mr R Brown, Mr A Pipe, Mrs J Buckmaster.

In Attendance: Members of the public, Mr O. Patrick, Mr M. Hamlin (Clerk).

- 1: **Apologies for absence:** Dr R. Bulley, Mr M. Langdon, Mr M. Keating.
- 2: **Declarations of Interest:** None
- 3: **Public Forum:** None
- 4: **Minutes of the meeting:** Held on 9<sup>th</sup> September. These having been circulated were taken as read and signed as a true record having noted that the proposal from the District Councils (agenda item 6) was to form two authorities east and west not north and south. Proposed by Cllr Brown and seconded by Cllr Pipe.
- Matters arising under:**
- 2019.09.14 Water Drainage Three proposals for possible solutions had been received with a fourth to come. The Working Party would report back once all the information had been received.
- 2020.06.14 Neighbourhood Watch Thanks were expressed to Mr Brian Wickins who had agreed to take over the role of Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator.
- 2020.07.13 New Gatepost on Old Road Mr Wickins would liaise with the current Coordinator to arrange handover of duties.
- 2020.09.14 A356 speeding Thanks were expressed to Mr Ian Hodge and Mr Richard Moorhouse who had done a really good job in providing and fitting a new post and the gate was now functional.
- 5: **District Councillor's Report: Oliver Patrick** D.Cllr Patrick had provided a written report circulated and placed on website. D.Cllr Patrick advised that there would be a Tree Giveaway this year which would be available to householders to plant a tree in their own gardens if they would like to. The Parish Council had 400 trees coming from the Woodland Trust so would not have room for any more on public spaces. Agreed that publicity would be given to see if any private individuals would like a tree.
- 6: **County Councillor's Report: Mark Keating** C.Cllr Keating had sent a written report which had been circulated and was on the website.
- 7: **Planning: Richard Brown** Cllr Brown reported that discussions were taking place regarding the Skillgate Lane development regarding the number of dwellings and preplanning issues. A consultation was open until the end of October and would be considered by the planning committee
- An application had been received for an extension to Wren Cottage. The extension was proposed to be made of wood. Cllr Brown was yet to speak to the householder and would circulate any proposed comments to the Parish Council for agreement before submitting then.
- 8: **Defibrillator/VETS Site checks** New pads had been fitted to the defibrillator by Martyn following the red light showing which alerted us to the yearly site check which had to be done. It was agreed that Martyn would arrange for Cllr Buckmaster to be given access to the webnos reporting system so that with Cllr Brown there would then be 3 people able to carry out and submit the site checks. Once this had been done a rota would be worked out to spread the reporting load evenly between Cllrs Buckmaster, Brown, and Martyn.

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9. **Community Land Trust:** Cllr Pipe reported that the accounts prior to COVID-19 were stable and were expected to show an increase in sales from the COVID-19 lockdown onwards due to increased business. The delivery service/collection system would continue throughout the winter. Accounts would be presented at a meeting the following week. AGM for members the week after limited to 30 in total. The Parish Council were entitled to have another representative on the board of the CLT. It was agreed that the Parish Council were happy with, and grateful to Cllr Pipe for his work on the CLT and would like him to carry on for which he was happy to do.
- 10: **Environmental Issues:** Our Environmental Champion Mr Grant Morley was unable to be present, but he had sent an email prior to the meeting concerning the Climate Emergency Community Fund. Three ideas had been put forward: solar panels on the hall, an electric vehicle charging point and purchase of the county fields for rewilding. There were uncertainties and difficulties with each of the proposals and time was short with a lack of details needed to prepare business cases. The first window of opportunity opened on 1<sup>st</sup> October and would close on 9<sup>th</sup> November. There would be a second window of opportunity opening on 1<sup>st</sup> December for 6 weeks. It was agreed that Martyn would ask Grant if it would be possible to arrange a meeting to discuss further. There would be a meeting hosted by SALC on 24<sup>th</sup> October to inform Parish Councils about a variety of climate change issues.
- 11: **New Website:** Sara Morley had emailed to advise that she was still working on the new website. On schedule to go live late December early January and she would provide an update in November.
- 12: **Finance:** Two invoices were presented:
- 12.1 It was resolved to pay the sum of £600 to the Tree Council for the disease resistant elm tree. An explanation had been received from the Tree Council as to how the resistance to the elm disease was achieved.
- 12.2 It was resolved to pay the sum of £240 to Loxston Ground care for the clearance of brambles on the common.
- 13: **Reports from Councillors:**  
**Ranger:** The ranger had not been used and there were currently no matters requiring the ranger.  
**Highways:** It had been agreed that the grit bin previously sited on the corner of Fairplace East Street near the new maximum width sign, would be moved up the lane and sited just at the bottom of the path near to Cavils. This would be a better place for the bin as the grit would be nearer to the steep bend. The local residents had offered to undertake the work to relocate the bin at no cost to the Parish Council for which the Parish Council were very grateful.  
**Parish Land:** There had been no response received from the County Council and nothing to report.  
**Common:** Richard Holloway had kindly pulled out the old, barbed wire fence along the old road and the area was tidied up by a small working party of volunteers. The brambles were then cut with a machine hired from Loxtons. The old fence would be replaced with some of the new trees to make a new hedge and volunteers would be asked to help with the planting once they arrived. It was hoped that the new disease resistant elm tree will be planted at the end of November. Mr Simon Spurway had requested that some volunteers from The Ark could assist with the tree planting. Covid-19 restrictions would need to be considered. Cllr Pipe advised that he would contact BBC Somerset and ask for some coverage of the planting of the disease resistant elm tree.

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**Burridge Copse:** Cllr Pipe reported that Ayers Forestry would attend on 27<sup>th</sup> October to carry out the roadside tree survey and prepare the risk assessment. He would be asked to look at the bank erosion as well. Cllr Pipe would try and be there to meet Bill Ayers to point out areas of concern.

**Rights of Way Footpaths:** The bridges had been replaced now on the path from the Church to Norton and it was a really brilliant job that had been done with good access points. There was now only one style along the whole path. It would make the walk more accessible if the style was changed to a kissing gate which would make the path completely accessible. Providing the landowners agreed enquiries could be made of SCC Rights of Way Officer if a kissing gate could be put in to replace the style. To be considered by the Parish Council. The formal adding of the path behind Strap Farm to the adoption list, Mr Chick had sent some information regarding the last piece of land between the bridleway and the field, but this had still not proved ownership of the entry. Unless ownership could be proved, the only way to get the path formalised would be by the long process of adoption. Cllr Pipe agreed to summarise the issues involved and circulate to the Parish Council.

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Pipe**

14: **Correspondence:** A letter had been received from the owner of Bramble Cottage regarding laying a new water supply pipe across the common to replace the old lead supply pipe. Providing any excavation work was made good, the Parish Council had no objection to this request and supported the proposal that the lead pipe needed to be replaced.

15: **Points for New Business:** None

The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

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Date \_\_\_\_\_