

CHISELBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th of March 2015

Present: Mrs H Doodson, Mr A Pipe, Mr R Brown, Mr M Langdon, Dr R Bulley
In Attendance: 6 Members of the public, District Cllr Ric Pallister & County Cllr Marcus Fysh

1. **Apologies for Absence:** None
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
- 3.01: **Public Forum:** Helen asked the public if going forward any questions could be put to the Clerk in advance of each meeting so that the Councillors have time to consider a response.
- 3.02: A Parishioner asked if there had been any news from BT regarding the trees near the exchange. KP has logged this with them and they have said as the request is from a public body it is classed as priority. KP will chase them again on this. **KP**
- 3.03: A parishioner explained there had been no power in the church the previous weekend due to a cable break under the wall. It has been repaired but there are currently two holes in the ground, which are due to be filled in shortly. Care needs to be taken when walking past until this time.
- 3.04: Concern was expressed about the recent broadband works. No prior notice was given by BT that the road would be dug up or temporary traffic lights put in place. RP explained that as BT are a utility company they have certain rights for working on the highway and do not need to advise anyone beforehand.
- 3.05: A Parishioner gave an update on the potholes on East Street. The road has been resurfaced but no work has been done to repair the drain. The road is already starting to subside again and water is continuing to run down.
- 3.06: A Parishioner explained the history behind the public phone box in the village. Only £13 profit was made in a year so BT are keen to get rid of it. There is a notice in the phone box about a consultation period. KP is still trying to establish details. HD proposed we ask Parishioners for suggestions about what could be done with the box and if people would like to keep it. AP suggested a poll could be set up on the website. **KP/AP**
- 4: **Minutes of the meeting:** Held on the 11th of February 2015. These were agreed as a correct copy and signed. Matters arising under:
 - 2015.02.4.02 After discussion the Council decided that a replacement gate for Hempalong Path was not needed. RBR will get the Ranger to trim off the overshoot rail and tidy up the stonework.
 - 2014.11.3.01 HD did email MF regarding the East Street drain but nothing further will be done until the new financial year.
 - 2014.07.12.04 HD has been trying to arrange a second meeting with Highways to discuss speed in the village. KP will continue to liaise with Highways to set up the meeting. **KP**
 - 2014.02.4.02 ML and RBR have been trying to chase the Cat Head Cross sign and it appears that it has been misplaced. They are currently trying to locate it. **RBR**
 - 2014.10.15.04 RP has contacted Norton Parish regarding the replacement barrier on the Chiselborough – Norton footpath. KP will contact the Clerk. **KP**
 - 2014.11.16.03 RBR has confirmed that the Ranger can fill the pothole on the Chiselborough – Norton road however his next visit is not until the 30th of March. It was decided that this needs to be sorted prior to then as the pothole is deep and damaging cars. RBR and ML will sort this. **RBR/ML**
 - 2014.11.17.03 The grit in the bins is still serviceable unless frozen over on a cold day.

	Villages can have additional bags if required and the Ranger will be bringing some out.	
2014.12.7.01	The trees near the telephone exchange have already been discussed KP is chasing.	KP
2014.12.12	The millennium sign and stone will be repainted as per the agreed quote once the weather improves.	
2014.12.14.01	ML has tried to contact the farmer to repair the ditches on East Street but he is away at present. ML will continue to chase.	ML
2014.02.14.03	ML has asked Highways for icicle signs for East Street, they have said they will bring some out but have not done so far.	ML
5:	District Councillor's Report Ric Pallister	
5.01:	The Local Plan was adopted by full council on the 5 th of March. It now has a 3 month period to wait during which time it can be subjected to a legal challenge.	
5.02:	Council Tax will be reduced by 1.99% to the same level as 2010. Front line services have not been cut and there is confidence that savings for future years can be met without cutting services also.	
5.03:	The Council will enter a six week period of purdah at the end of March. Members are unable to make any statements on behalf of the Council and any controversial business will be deferred until after the May election.	
5.04:	SSDC has awarded £230k to district-wide voluntary sector organisations. CAB has been given the highest award at £121k	
5.05:	The Council has now adjusted its pay bands to ensure that full time staff are all paid at least the living wage.	
5.06:	The Planning Officer has recommended the planning application for Little Brympton for refusal. RP has called it to the Area West Committee next Wednesday for a decision. The Parish Council will provide written support to the case officer prior to the meeting.	
6:	County Councillor's Report Marcus Fysh	
6.01:	MF is still awaiting the revised designs for the safety improvements to the A356 he is hoping to receive these soon as the work was originally scheduled for March 2015.	
6.02:	SCC have passed their major budget setting for the forthcoming year. Budgets have been reduced by £20 million.	
6.03:	HD asked MF if a fence could be put around the Flood Alleviation Pool for safety reasons. The new Council will look at this after the May elections.	HD May Agenda
6.04:	HD explained the problems with trying to arrange the site meeting with Highways to discuss the village speed limit. MF asked us to copy him in on future correspondence and he will try and get them to follow up.	
7:	Planning: Determination - Plum Tree Cottage, East Street. Erection of single storey extension. The Councillors were happy with this application.	
8:	Community Land Trust: Nothing new this month	
9:	A356 Speed Limit: Already discussed in MF's report. The traffic order with details of the proposed changes to speed limit has been issued. KP will put a copy of on the parish website where people can view it.	KP
10:	Parish Council Website: All is working well with the website.	
11:	New Legislation for local government – Film Policy:	

KP has emailed the SSDC policy to all Councillors. KP will start to work on an initial draft for Chiselborough.

KP

12: **Election information procedures & timescales:**

KP attended a meeting on this and has full details on the timescales and procedures which she will put on the website.

KP

13: **Telephone box removal consultation:**

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

14: **Finance:**

A cheque for £547.98 payable to the Clerk for 3 months wages and expenses was signed.

15.01: **Reports: Ranger:** The ranger did not visit in February as it was felt there was not enough work for him. He is due again on the 30th of March. Posters are all around the village and on the website asking people to call RBR if they see anything that needs doing.

15.02: **Parish Land:** The Councillors discussed the upkeep of the Millennium Path. There were mixed views on whether new gravel should be put down or whether it should be left a natural path.

15.03: **Highways:** ML continues to report potholes most of which are still outstanding for repair. There is a really bad pothole near Cat Head Cross, which ML will now report.

ML

15.04: **Rights Of Way:** First versions of both the street and land ranger maps are now live on the website. AP is now working on an interactive map where people can report any issues with rights of way or for the Ranger. AP would also like to produce a booklet showing the walking routes around the village and would like to get hold of some sketches for the booklet. KP will put a note in the parish magazine to ask for sketches. A discussion took place on Old Road and the possibility of planting new trees to replace what has been cleared. It is not an official footpath so trees cannot be obtained from the Woodland Trust. There is a modification order in place to make it a bridleway but it is number 111 out of 250 to be actioned. If we wish to plant trees now the Parish Council will need to fund this. AP will establish the land ownership

KP/AP

16: **Correspondence:**

16.01 A letter was received from CAB confirming receipt of the £50 donation.

16.02 The mobile library stop in Chiselborough is due to be withdrawn following the recent library service review. KP is contacting them to see if anything further can be done to object further at this stage.

KP

16.03 Details of SSDC's garden waste service subscription have been put on the noticeboard and website.

16.04 Information on disabled cricket sessions have been put on the website.

16.05 Details of a running event on the 11th of July have been sent to the Clerk. RBU suggested we inform the horse riding company on Balham Hill. KP will ask for more information on the route and timings.

KP

17: **Points for New Business:** Road Closures. Emergency Community Contacts. Agree 2014/15 finances and asset register. Report back on external audit seminar.

The next Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th of April 2015 at 7.30pm

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