

CHISELBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14th November 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

1: **Apologies for absence:**

2: **Declarations of Interest:** None

3: **Public Forum: None**

4: **Minutes of the meeting:** Held on: 10th October 2018

These were agreed and signed, proposed by Cllr Langdon,
seconded by Cllr Pipe.

Matters arising under:

2017.07.16 No update re road markings, Cllr Pipe had not received any reply to his email of 25th July in which he listed the markings that had been missed and requested that the job be finished.

2017.11.04 The defibrillator fund stood at £1,457.50 which included a contribution from the Cat Head of £325 being the proceeds of a bingo and meal draw. Thanks expressed for the amazing generosity of all who had contributed. Not far off the amount required to provide the first one which would hopefully be sited in the disused phone box. Agreed that the clerk would write to the Heartbeat Trust and ask if the phone box which they had adopted could be transferred to the Parish Council.

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5: **District Councillor's Report: Ric Pallister:** Dist. Cllr Pallister had circulated a league table showing the precepts raised for each parish and town council. This was to aid in precept setting for next year, and showed that some authorities raised high precepts but provided a high level of local services. Other authorities raised the minimum and provided very little extra services.

Discussions on the future of Local Government services in Somerset continued, a piece of work had been commissioned to research all the options and assess potential savings for each option. The problem was not confined to Somerset but was country wide affecting many local government authorities.

Phase 2 of Yeovil Innovation Centre opened on 6th November providing an expansion for business space aimed at business start-ups.

Community Climate Change grants were available, funded by a local community energy firm for any community with an initiative which would lead to reduced carbon foot prints.

Changes to recycling site opening times would come into effect from 1st April. Crewkerne would reduce to 3 days a week, Saturday to Monday, but with a potential to remove the entrance fee from October 2019. All centres would have longer opening hours including until 18:00 during the summer. SSDC had agreed a fly tipping bar, if the level of fly tipping exceeded the bar, SSDC could bill the Waste Partnership for the excess. Fly tipping was statistically low, but SSDC appreciate an immediate report if fly tipping is discovered. The government intended that charges must cease by April 2020 including DIY waste. Clarity expected later in the year, considerable cost implications if this goes through. Full details of the new opening times on the Waste Partnership website. Some work had started at Honey Barn. The owner had been reminded that the only work he could do was to restore the property to the condition as agreed in the last set of planning

- permission. New plans would need to be submitted for any work that was not authorised by the last planning permission. The planning Officer would be monitoring the site on 16th November.
- 6: **County Councillor's Report: Mark Keating:** Cnty Cllr Keating reported that some extra money had come from government for one year only for social care, and extra for potholes which would be put into the highways budget enabling the grit bins to be filled. 2019/20 would not be an easy year with further savings to be made, but the planned savings for the current year were on target. Cllr Keating reiterated the information that Cllr Pallister had given regarding the piece of work to explore the options for savings. The capital expenditure on the refurbishment of the main County Hall building was an investment to save initiative, as seven other buildings would be closed and all brought under one roof saving £700,000 in the revenue budget. Cllr Keating requested that Cllr Pipe forward to him the email that he had sent on 25th July regarding the road markings that had not been restored and he would follow it up with Highways.
- 7: **Planning: Richard Brown**
18/02631/HOU – Decision on extension and garage Peartree Cottage. This had been allowed. The objection from the Parish Council to the new garage roof being made of tin and their request that it be fiberglass as before, had been overruled. The Parish Council had not been advised of this. Dist. Cllr Pallister explained that this was the only objection received and that it had come to him for a decision as to whether to agree with the Planning Officer or take it to committee. Upon discussion with the Planning Office, Cllr Pallister did not feel that the matter could justify being taken to committee having been persuaded that the tin roof would not be damaging. Cllr Pallister advised that he would ascertain whether or not Parish Councils are formally advised when an objection they have made is not upheld.
18/02937/HOU – Siting of an oil tank and boiler 3, Taylors Orchard. Cllr Brown advised that the Council were satisfied with the plans and had no issues, but were aware that the only issue that could arise would be that of noise from the boiler, which if excessive could be a nuisance to neighbours. The owner of the property explained that the boiler was surrounded by metal casing and that he intended to erect a picket fence around it, the manufacturer did not specify noise output, but he undertook to make further research to ascertain the noise output level.
Honey Barn update. Mainly covered by Dist. Cllr Pallister, noted that the owner had agreed to remove the blue lias coping stones. The Air Source Heat Pump was not contained within the current planning permissions so should have to be removed.
- 8: **Car Parking on the Common.** There were no developments but work continued in progress to establish the current recorded position regarding individual property rights. There would not be a quick answer as the matter was complex.
- 9: **County Council Farm Land Sub-Committee update.** Progress was being made, albeit slow and gradual. Final rental figures were awaited. Emails had been exchanged with Charlie Field the last one being on 6th November. A tentative figure had been given, but no progress could be made until the final figures were received. Mr Field had advised that as the fields were let until March 2019 the matter was not a top priority.
- 10: **Risk assessments: - Progress on Burrridge Copse and benches on the common.** Cllr Pipe advised that he was awaiting

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a site meeting with the Tree Surgeon who worked with Wessex Scout group. This would be a free service so did not want to push too hard. Cllr Buckmaster advised that Graham Wheeler from Taylors Orchard who was a qualified tree surgeon had offered his services for free.

The bench with the loose slat had now been repaired. The safe path to the top bench would be completed in due course.

Cllr Pipe had procured a risk assessment template for risks to the Council and insurance, and a form for assets. On Sunday 22nd November he and Martyn would track down all the assets and complete the forms.

- 11: **Councillor Duties and responsibilities New Standing orders / Code of Conduct.** Cllr Pipe advised that the new Standing Orders and Code of Conduct had been placed on the website shortly after the last meeting. This agenda item was now completed.
- 12: **Community Land Trust:** Three new directors had taken up post, Francesca Chignell was the new Chairman with Liz Maunder and Mike Orchard remaining as Secretary and Treasurer. Francesca had agreed to undertake licensee training so that alcohol could be sold in the shop and in the Village Hall, the cost of the training to be met by the two organisations. The S278 work at Minchingtons Close was still ongoing. The street lighting as yet was not working. Yarlington Housing had agreed, following representations from the CLT, that there would be no more mutual tenancy swaps of the new houses which was against the local people ethos. The CLT was still prepared to work with the Parish Council on the acquisition of the County Fields if required as was Wessex Community Assets. The new website set up by Ian Chignell for the shop had been well received. A new Christmas order form would be publicised.
- 13: **Finance:**
- 13.1 It was resolved to pay the sum of £84.00 to M. Paull Agricultural Contractors for hedge cutting on the common.
- 13.2 It was resolved to pay the sum of £36.00 for the annual subscription to Campaign to Protect Rural England
- 13.3 It was resolved to pay the sum of £558.50 in respect of a new brush cutter for maintenance of the common.
- 13.4 It was resolved to pay the sum of £120.00 to R.J. Bailey for cutting the common in August.
- 14: **Reports: Ranger** Cllr Langdon advised that the grids along Norton Road were in need of clearing and one or two others. In the event of heavy rain these could be problematic. The Council would discuss this further.
- Parish Land:** Nothing new.
- Highways:** The junction of the A356 continued to be constantly flooded when there was any appreciable rain. Cllr Langdon was following this up with Highways. The potholes along the top Odcombe road had been filled.
- Rights of Way:** The church path had been levelled, widened and flattened and was a good job. Finger posts had been reinstated, the Manor Barton one and the West Chinnock one, just leaving the pubblescratch one and the Churchyard one with the hole in it. The Old Road submission to be designated a path/bridleway, was in the system and when action commenced notices would appear.
- Common:** A successful working party on 27th October had removed the unwanted saplings. Dead wood had been removed from the cherry trees, thanks to Graham and Stuart who had carried out this work free of charge. The new brush cutter had already been put to work. It was hoped to have a bonfire to get rid

of the dead wood. Any questions to Cllr Buckmaster.

Burridge Copse: The weather had held things up, Explorer Scouts had cleared lower branches and started work on the natural boundary. Cllr Pipe hoped to pay a site visit soon. They were still looking for sleepers to make the access easier. A member of the public advised that he had about 10 railway sleepers that he would be happy to donate for which he was thanked.

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Correspondence:

15.1

An email had been received from the owner of Pibditch House explaining how on 13th November he had been hit by a vehicle whilst standing on the verge outside of the house, he had been hit at speed by the driver and his shoulder clipped. He had not called the police being too shocked to do so, but had reported the matter to Somerset County Council who had advise him to report it to the Parish Council. Cllr Keating advised that all such incidents should be reported to the police because it was always police data that was used in the decision-making process when road changes were being considered. If there was no police data there would be no evidence to justify making road changes. Cllr Keating confirmed that a report could be made after the event.

15.2

A report had been received from the resident of Fairplace who had submitted full details with supporting photographs of incidents involving large delivery vehicles becoming wedged when trying to negotiate lower Fairplace and the junction of East Street causing damage and disruption. Since the last meeting there had been another incident involving a Waitrose delivery van becoming stuck by Bridgestone Cottage. The question was raised would it be helpful to install advisory maximum width signs so that drivers would know whether or not they could get through. It was also suggested that self help would also go a long way if all residents would sign up to stipulating the maximum width of their access road when making orders for goods.

Cllr Keating advised that ultimately safe delivery is the responsibility of the driver, and that enforcement of road safety is a matter for the police. However, he advised that if the Parish Council decided that they wanted advisory maximum width signs put in, they should in the first instance contact Gary Warren Traffic Engineer at Highways and copy him in.

It was confirmed that a letter had been sent to Bradfords as agreed at the last meeting although no reply had been received to date.

It was also suggested that a letter could be sent to all residents of Fairplace asking them to sign up to the road width stipulation requirement when ordering their goods.

15.3

A suggestion had been received that a calendar be run on the website to contain information of upcoming events thereby ensuring that events would not clash. Agreed that if this was to go ahead it would be on the basis of the PC responding to information, but they could not be responsible for being proactive in asking for future events. Cllr Pipe advised that there was already on the notice board page, a proforma which if filled in with events could easily be tied to an online calendar. This would be looked at. It was also suggested that a welcoming letter could be produced giving details of village organisations and local services. This had been done in the past some years ago. Attention was also drawn to a very useful directory produced by the Rector and circulated to PCC members giving lots of general information as well as personal information of local organisation officials. It was suggested that this could be adapted to include only the

information that was in the public domain and put on the website and updated once a year. Agreed that under GDPR only the generic information could be included after excluding personal data. Also noted that a very kind offer had been received from a resident website designer to update our website and making it more user friendly completely free of charge. Cllr Pipe (PC Communications Lead) confirmed that he had seen this offer.

16: **Points for New Business:** None

The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 12th December

Signed _____

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