

CHISELBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8th of July 2015

Present: Mr R Brown, Mrs H Doodson, Mr M Langdon, Mr A Pipe

In Attendance: 10 Members of the public,

1. **Apologies for absence:** Dr R Bulley, District Councillor Ric Pallister, County Councillor Marcus Fysh.
- 2: **Declarations of Interest:** None
- 3.01: **Public Forum:** A letter of confirmation had been received about a horse being taken poorly, which the owner felt was following his horse eating from the grass verge behind butts. The horse has since had a reoccurrence. Details of the substance used by SSDC has been supplied to the horse owner. RBR has been advised that the substance SSDC use is not dangerous and explained that the area could have been sprayed by someone else as he did not think SSDC have sprayed in the area in question. A lengthy discussion took place and both parishioners and the horse owner expressed further concern about the substance used for spraying and if signage should be displayed when spraying is taking place. It was decided that further advice on this should be taken from SSDC and Ric Pallister. **RBR**
- 3.02: A query was raised about the stone wall at Corner Cottage. This had been in danger of falling so was taken down. As long as the replacement wall is not erected more than a metre high no planning permission is needed. This information has been passed onto the owners.
- 3.03: Concern was raised about the land and trees around the telephone exchange. The BT trees have now been taken down, however the land around the exchange still looks unsightly. KP will speak to her contact at BT. **KP**
- 3.04: The email received regarding the defective gullies on the A356 near Chiselborough House will be discussed in the Highways report later.
- 4: **Minutes of the meeting:** Held on the 10th of June 2015. These were agreed as a correct copy and signed. Matters arising under:
 - 2015.06.3.02 Information had been obtained on the Community Car Scheme for both new drivers and users of the scheme. It was decided that these would be displayed on the website and noticeboard if there is room. **KP**
 - 2015.06.3.03 KP has spoken to PCSO Caroline Matthews to report the speeding driver and is waiting for a response from them. **KP**
 - 2015.06.3.04 Potholes and road deterioration around the village will be discussed in the highways report later.
 - 2014.07.12.04 It has been established that the vehicle monitor can be connected to telegraph poles. We now need to check if there are poles opposite each other that can be used and also check that there is no wire running down the side of the poles. KP will also speak to Highways to see if the monitor can be set up in two locations. **KP**
 - 2014.10.15.04 A meeting is due to be set up between SCC and SSDC to discuss the placement of the barrier on the Chiselborough to Norton footpath. The old barrier is in storage and ready to be put back up. **AP**
 - 2014.12.14.01 RBR has established through SSDC that other than special roadside gullies, ditches are the responsibility of the land owner on the road side. Before approaching land owners we need to find out the key areas where the flooding problem lies in wet weather at the top of East Street **RBR**
 - 2015.3.15.04 No further progress has been made on the ownership around Old Road **RBR**

- at present. RBR welcomed any help from parishioners on this.
- 2015.3.16.05 KP has advised the horse riding company about the running event in July.
- 2015.06.6 Mark Keating is trying to get a neighbouring County Councillor to take over queries on road issues to help out in Marcus Fysh's absence.
- 2015.06.12 AP has contacted the webmaster and the link to the Chiselborough Village website will soon be updated on the Crewkerne and District site. **AP**
- 2015.06.15 KP has added the Audio and Film Policy to the website.
- 2015.06.16 Spraying of nettles on verges was discussed earlier in the meeting.
- 2015.06.18 Reporting of various potholes will be discussed in the highways report later.
- 5: **District Councillor's Report Ric Pallister**
No report this month as RP is not present
- 6: **County Councillor's Report Marcus Fysh**
No report this month as MF is not present.
- 7: **Planning:**
- 7.01: No applications were received this month.
- 7.02: A letter has been received from SSDC concerning a planning enforcement investigation into moveable structures on land owned by Paul Richards and Jo Oliver. SSDC is obliged to investigate allegations made by the Parish Council concerning whether planning permission was required for the moveable structures and was carried out by Dave Norris, Development Manager. He visited the site and based on what he saw during his investigation and was satisfied that planning permission was not required.
Regrettably the request was made without the knowledge of the full council and without Paul Richards or Jo Oliver being notified of the pending visit.
This situation is not acceptable for alleged planning infringement claims and will not be repeated in the future. A majority of councillors must discuss and agree such allegations and if action is deemed necessary the land owner will be involved and notified of our decision.
- 8: **Community Land Trust:**
A decision still needs to be made on whether the CLT will take over the running of the post office.
The company that built the 10 houses on Minchingtons Close has since gone into liquidation. There are a few unfinished bits around the outside of the houses that Yarlinton Homes are now completing.
- 9: **A356 Speed Limit:**
We have no further news on this. Mark Keating is going to try and shed some light on the progress for us.
- 10: **Parish Council Website:**
KP asked for councillor photos for the website. There are no other known problems
- 11: **Telephone Box Adoption:**
The kiosk has been adopted by the Community Heartbeat Trust who provide defibrillators. KP will make contact with the trust to find out more information. To the Councils surprise BT did not contact us on this matter despite knowing we had an interest in it **KP**
- 12: **Fence around the Flood Alleviation Pool:**

A parishioner queried whether a structural engineer was sent out and approved its construction at the time it was built and since some further excavation work has taken place. It appears the subject of safety in this area has some history. A risk assessment still needs to take place to progress. It will be referred to Ric Pallister concerning the history.

RBR

- 13: **Transparency code actions to be implemented from July 2015:**
Rules for councils with less than £25,000 spend come into force this month. Most requirements are already carried out by the parish council however there are a few final bits to be tidied up which KP will finalise.

KP

- 14: **Update on Council function and procedures:**
The council are looking to carry out an evaluation for each role carried out by the councillors and set up procedures. RBR hopes to have the scope and duties defined by the end of 2015.

- 15: **Finance:**

15.01: A cheque for £250 payable to the Village Hall was signed.

15.02: A cheque for £250 payable to the Church Fabric Fund was signed.

15.03: A cheque for £200 payable to the Parish magazine was signed.

- 16: **Reports: Ranger:** On his visit last week he cut back on the main road and strimmed on the common. He also cleared drains on New Road. Please contact ML if you see anything that needs doing. We may not need him to visit in August.

Parish Land: No report this month as RBU is not present. RBU is currently getting up to speed on what needs to be done with regards to the Parish Land.

Highways: ML has reported the pothole up from Manor Farm as it appears to have got bigger. The pothole near Bridgestone House is still outstanding ML will chase. ML has also reported deterioration on Skillgate Lane. A parishioner pointed out the lettering still needs to be painted black on the sign at Cat Head Cross. ML suggested the Ranger could do it. ML has also reported the defective gullies on the A356.

ML

Rights of Way: Grintley Lane has been widened to two metres and just now needs to be tread down. The path alongside the church was cut prior to the fair last month. The Balham Hill path is overgrown and is due to be cut next. The bridalway will also be cut next. The gates on the Valley Farm Path should be put in soon.

- 17: **Correspondence:** None

- 18: **Points for New Business:** None

There will be no Parish Council Meeting in August the next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th of September 2015 at 7.30pm.

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