

**CHILTON POLDEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13th NOVEMBER 2019 AT 7.30PM
IN CHILTON POLDEN VILLAGE HALL**

Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability) Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights.

1) Those Present: Chairman Cllr Hayne, Cllr Parsons, Cllr Baker, Cllr Aylmer, Cllr James plus 4 parishioners, District Cllr Kingham – Stuart Houlet, Andy Reading (both from SDC Planning) In attendance the Clerk

2) Apologies for absence: County Cllr Healey (report sent)

3) Declarations of Interest – None

4) Statements by County/District Councillors – None

5) Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th October 2019 - these were accepted as a true record and signed

6) Matters arising – None

7) Financial Matters:

a) Financial update: As at 11th November 2019– the 2 bank accounts stood at £13,314.84

b) Clerk's Salary, Expenses and Admin: The Council agreed to pay the following - Clerk's salary for October £193.97 – PAYE for October £40.74, with expenses of £50.68, This was proposed by Cllr Hayne and seconded by Cllr Baker. All in favour

c) SDC re gross cut (15.07.19 = £55 + VAT) – the Council agreed to pay this invoice. This was proposed by Cllr Parsons and seconded by Cllr Baker. All in favour

d) SDC re gross cut (19.09.19= £55 + VAT) – the Council agreed to pay this invoice. This was proposed by Cllr Parsons and seconded by Cllr Aylmer. All in favour
The cheque for the PFA was signed, as agreed at the October meeting for £387.47

At this point the Chairman closed the PC meeting at 7.40pm to allow an informal discussion take place with the representatives from SDC planning department, with the Council regarding Cllrs concerns over recent planning applications. Much discussion took place and the representatives from SDC answered lots of questions. The Cllrs thought it had been worthwhile meeting. The Parish Council gave thanks for Stuart and Andy from SDC for their time attending the meeting.

The Chairman re opened at 8.25pm

8) Planning –NONE

- 9) Co-option of Councillors to fill the 2 vacancies** – The Chairman informed the meeting that with holidays and illnesses that interviews will be completed within the next 2 weeks
- 10) Budget 2020/2021** – the Clerk had given the Cllrs a copy of the budget year to date enabling them to make their comments at a forthcoming budget setting meeting, so this can be endorsed at the December meeting
- 11) SALC AGM update** – Cllrs Parsons and Aylmer had attended the AGM. They reported that as from April 2020 SALC was changing to a Limited by guarantee organisation, which will mean VAT will be added to their invoices. SALC are now encouraging all Councils to use their SALC website to obtain relative information with policy statements or templates. There is to be an all-area meeting soon and Cllr Aylmer agreed to attend. The Clerk to let all Cllrs have the password to access the SALC site. The Chairman thanked both Cllrs for attending the AGM
- 12) SDC Planning Seminars 19.11.19/28.11.19** – it was agreed that Cllrs would attend the seminars and they would let the Clerk know to allow him to book them in
- 13) Cluster Meeting Woolavington Tuesday 26th** – it was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk to attend
- 14) Welcome Booklet** – as the booklet is out of date, the Chairman stated that with all the new residents moving into the Village it may be better to let them have a postcard or letter welcoming them to Chilton Polden. Details to be given to Clerk to print out
- 15) Web Site** - The Clerk presented the most up to date costings of the existing site, and a possible cost savings of a totally new one. The main reason for this was the complicated set up initially. A spread sheet was given to the Cllrs for them to report back at the December meeting. The Chairman asked for all Cllrs to look at the website to review its content and accuracy, so it can be discussed at the December meeting
- 16) New Bank** – The Clerk had made investigations into having all banking transactions of the PC to be done on the internet. Having been in touch with SALC and other Parishes who use internet banking, he proposed a recommended bank. Cllrs to report back at the December meeting if they wish to go down this road

MATTERS OF REPORT

Cllr Parsons – stated that he had been reporting, yet again, to Highways about blocked drains with all the bad weather. He encouraged all the Cllrs to report this to Highways when they are out and about the Village and see any blocked drains. District Cllr Kingham suggested contacting County Cllr Healey and Cllr Woodman (cabinet member for Highways at SCC)

Chairman – reported that he had attended the recent Development Committee meeting at SDC regarding the planning application 19/19/0007 (Persimmon Homes) and that despite all the Councils and residents' objections, the development was given the go ahead.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday December 11th 2019 at **7.30pm**