

**CHILTON POLDEN PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2018 AT 7.30PM  
IN THE CHURCH 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 B Parsons, Cllr Cox, Cllr Kehoe, Cllr Baker, Cllr Oram In attendance the Clerk and County Cllr Healey plus 1 parishioner
- 2) Apologies for absence:** Cllr Aylmer
- 3) Declarations of Interest: NONE**
- 4) Statements by County/District Councillors.** County Cllr Healey informed the meeting about discussions taking place for a Community Hub at Woolavington which would include a chemist shop. This is being objected to by the Doctors surgeries at both Edington and Woolavington. A letter is to be sent to all area Parish Clerks asking for their Councils opinions. A decision will be made in May 2018. Cllr Healey also stated that budgets were being set re the Council Tax for 2018/19 and anticipated a rise of approximate £120 re band D properties  
**Agenda point 9** was then brought forward. The Chairman outlined the on-going situation that had happened over the past 8 months. County Cllr Healey asked for a letter from the PC to be sent to the SCC – attention of Pat Flaherety, Cllr Fothergill, Mr Fields, Cllr Healey outlining the PC concerns over to the future of the field. The Chairman agreed to write to them
- 5) Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting** held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018 - These were accepted as a true record and signed
- 6) Matters arising:** Although some drains had been cleaned there were still concerns with the drains in general. Highways had been out and emptied some along Broadway. Cllr Healey asked the Clerk to write to him with all the correspondence he has had with Highways so he can try and resolve the ongoing problem.  
The PC would like to thank those residents who have trimmed back their hedges, but some more still need to be cut back.
- 7) Financial Matters and Planning:**
  - a) Financial Update:** As at February 14<sup>th</sup> 2018 the current account stands at £1220.50 and the number 2 account stands at £6494.09
  - b) Clerk's Salary and Admin:** The Council agreed to pay the Clerk's salary of £185.53 – and PAYE of £38.00. Expenses for Dec/Jan of £11.50, web site maintenance of £30 (Jan/Feb) This was proposed by Cllr Baker and seconded by Cllr Kehoe.. All in favour

- c) **Domain Renewal** – the PC agreed to pay this invoice for £60. Proposed by Cllr Hayne and seconded by Cllr Baker. All in favour
- d) **Get Mapping** – the PC agreed to pay this invoice of £18. Proposed by Cllr Hayne and seconded by Cllr Parsons – all in favour
- e) **Data Protection** – the PC agreed to pay this invoice of £35 ( not as the agenda of £30 – due to the Clerks error) Proposed by Cllr Baker and seconded by Cllr Oram. All in favour
- f) **Letter to bank for transfer of funds to current account - £1657.14** – As the Council is awaiting reimbursement of the RTL funding the Clerk informed the meeting that this was the installation invoice for the new equipment at the playing field. The PC agreed to pay this invoice and make the transfer. This was proposed by Cllr Hayne and seconded by Cllr Parsons. All in favour.

#### **PLANNING - None**

- 8) **Footpath Liaison Officer - Mr W Bolt** - The PC thanked Mr Bolt for volunteering to undertake to report on the many footpaths within the Village. Additional tools are available if Mr Bolt requires them
- 9) **Southmoor Field update** – this point was covered in the above - see point 4
- 10) **Esther Carter email – Sedgemoor Housing** – The Chairman gave a resume of what had transpired so far. It was agreed that the PC would invite Esther Carter from SDC to the APM in May – where it would be an opportunity for residents to come along and listen to the proposal and an opportunity to ask questions about their concerns. It was also agreed that the PC’s decision would be made once the complete Polden overview was known. The Clerk to write to SDC informing them
- 11) **Speed Gun Watch Teams (with Edington)** -the Clerk had been in touch with the Edington co-ordinator (Sam Gilbert) stating that at least 3 Cllrs were willing to become part of the joint speed watch teams for the two villages. Potential “hot spots” were discussed and the Clerk to liaise with Mrs Gilbert to arrange the best to start the new team
- 12) **Neighbourhood Watch** – As Peter Callaghan is soon to retire from this position the Clerk to write to Peter to ask him of what process is required in finding a replacement and if the PC can help in anyway
- 13) **Litter pick up – SATURDAY MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup>** – from 10am till noon has been arranged. The equipment has been booked from SDC and the necessary risk assessment updated. We look forward to seeing as many parishioners on the day where it will be also an opportunity to meet the Parish Councillors over a refreshment and cakes
- 14) **CIL – (Community Infrastructure Levy) update** – Cllr Kehoe had attended the meeting at SDC and reported that no planning applications from CP were applicable for the levy at this moment in time
- 15) **Church Hall Lease to the Village Hall Group** – On Sunday February 11<sup>th</sup> the keys of the Hall were handed over from the PCC to the Village Hall Group securing a 35-year lease. The Parish Council would like to congratulate both groups in the successful outcome after many years of discussions
- 16) **Dog Fouling** – with what seems to be a spate of dog fouling throughout the village – the Clerk had been in touch with the Dog Warden at SDC – where she intends to visit various locations and supply us with some more signage. An article to be placed on the web site and notice boards reminding dog owners of their responsibility of clearing up the offending faeces

**Matters of report** – the Clerk had made enquiries about changing bank accounts for the PC – as there were many new Cllrs that now can be signatories. As the Clerk cannot be a signatory -only an administrator of the bank account – it was agreed that the Clerk to let the Chairman have all the Cllrs personal details so that he can make application for a new account to be opened

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

**Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7.30pm  
 Jim Murray Parish Clerk  
 15<sup>th</sup> February 2018