

**CHILTON POLDEN PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8TH March 2017 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 A Carr, Cllr Aylmer, Cllr Oram, Cllr Kehoe, Cllr Cox. In attendance, the Clerk, District Cllr Kingham and Parishioner Mr Harrison
- 2) **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Baker, Cllr Hayne,
- 3) **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Aylmer re item 13
- 4) **Statements by County/District Councillors.** District Cllr Kingham reported that SDC had now set their budget for 2017/18 with a £5 a year increase on Band D properties. As SDC being a prudent Council they are forecasting a 17% in financial growth year on year with no projected cuts envisaged
- 5) **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting** held on February 8th 2017. These were accepted as a true record and signed
- 6) **Matters arising: None**
- 7) **Financial Matters and Planning:**
 - a) **Financial Update:** As at 8th March 2017 the current account stands at £865.68 and the number 2 account stands at £9064.75. At the April meeting the Clerk is to have the necessary letter to make the transfer of the precept from the number 2 account to the number 1 account
 - b) **Clerk's Salary and Admin:** The Council agreed to pay the Clerk's salary of £185.53 - 2 months' expenses of £16, Web site maintenance of £15, and 2 months PAYE of £76. This was proposed by Cllr Carr and seconded by Cllr Oram. All in favour

PLANNING

Planning 19/17/00001 – rerouting of the damaged drainage system in order to replace the emergency system in place at St Edward's Church. This was a late addition to the agenda as the paperwork had only been received by the Clerk that evening. It was agreed unanimously that the Council had no comments with this application

- 8) **Flood Alleviation** – the Clerk read out replies he had received from Highways/Environment Agency/Wessex Water/ Flood risk management which were inconclusive. Mr Harrison informed the meeting the jetting had taken place recently and after he spoke to the engineer photographs were taken and the information passed to the Streetworks Office at SDC. In February flooding, had actually taken place at a property and details of which will be passed to the Clerk along with a detailed plan done by Mr Harrison.

9) Village Litter Pick Up – The Clerk read an email he had received from Cllr Hayne asking Cllrs to donate some cakes etc on the morning - as all the equipment for the litter pick up had been delivered from SDC

10) Community Questionnaire – The Clerk read out an email he had received from the Village Agent identifying this had been successful in another Parish by setting up a microenterprise directory. The Clerk to contact him to possibly come along to the next meeting

11) Local Development Plan – the Cllrs reported back that after reading the consultation they had no comments to make on the plan. This was proposed by Cllr Cox and seconded by Cllr Kehoe. All in favour. The Clerk to register this on line

12) Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Cox reported that they were examples of neighbourhood plans that had pros and cons in other tier 4 villages. It was agreed that as Chilton Polden is a protected Village there was no need for a plan

13) Church Hall/Village Hall Questionnaire- a pre-amble with background information of the need for the questionnaire had been circulated to the Cllrs and after much discussion the Chairman Cllr Carr proposed that this should be accepted. There were no seconders therefore the questionnaire will not be implemented, other than the Chairman A Carr the other Cllrs agreed they will now wait on the decision from the Charity Commission

14) Affordable housing – a Housing Need Survey (HNS) has been sent out to every household in Chilton Polden to obtain a clear insight into the village housing needs. It is important to stress that this survey is nothing more than a piece of research and is **NOT** a pre-cursor to a planning application. Mr Duncan Harvey (Affordable Housing Policy & Development Manager) will be attending the April meeting to talk about the survey in greater depth

15) Welcome Booklet Amends – Cllrs had returned their copies of the booklet with various amendments required. The Clerk to produce a proof for the April meeting before reprinting

Matters of report – NONE

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 12th April 2017 at 7.30pm
Jim Murray, Parish Clerk
12th March 2017