

CHILTON POLDEN PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14th JANUARY 2015 AT 7.30PM
IN THE PARISH ROOM (CHURCH HALL), PRIORY ROAD
is as set out below

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: Mr A Carr, Mr M Davidson, Mr K Ulliyatt, Mr B Parsons, Mrs G Baker, Mr M Aylmer. Mr T Hayne arrived at 8.10pm. County Cllr Mark Healey. In attendance The Clerk
- 2) Apologies for absence: None
- 3) Declarations of Interest: None
- 4) **Statements by County/District Councillors:** Cllr Healey presented a cheque for £800 re the Wellbeing application for the Parish Hall Committee- which was gratefully received. He also mentioned about the possibility of more cuts re local transport for rural communities
- 5) Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th December 2014 were accepted as a true record and signed
- 6) Matters arising (including matters of report from the minutes not itemised below): Mr A Carr to attend the planning meeting re 83 Broadway
- 7) Financial Matters:
 - a) **Financial Update:** As at 14th January 2015 the current account stands at £4863.57 and the reserve account stands at £2494.37.
 - b) **Clerk's Salary and Admin:** The Council agreed to pay the Clerk's salary of £195.70 and the PAYE element of £29.75. This was proposed by Mrs G Baker and seconded by Mr M Davidson. All in favour
 - c) **Precept 2015/16:** The Council agreed the new precept for 2015/16 of £5740 – a slight reduction on the previous year. This was proposed by Mr A Carr and seconded by Mr M Davidson. All in favour
 - d) **Get Mapping:** The Council agreed to pay the invoice of £33.60 for Get Mapping (Parish Online). This was proposed by Mr A Carr and seconded by Mr M Aylmer. All in favour
- 8) **First Bus - Lack of service:** Mrs G Baker addressed the meeting about the lack of the bus service through the Polden Villages over the Christmas period. It was agreed that the Clerk was to write to Mr Harvey Siggs at Sedgemoor and all the Parish Clerks within the Polden Villages to make known of the unacceptable bus service in the rural community.

- 9) **Playing Field Association:** – It was agreed that the Clerk to write to the Secretary of the PFA to verify that all the planned grass cuts for the forthcoming year will have taken place.
- 10) **Village Clean Up:** – Mr B Parsons updated the meeting re the planned Village clean up on Saturday 14th March 2015 between 10am and noon approximately. For all those willing to help refreshments will be made available in the Church Hall afterwards.
- 11) **Welcome Pack for new residents:** – Mr K Ulliyatt presented the new welcome booklet which was well received. It was agreed to place a version on the web site once phone numbers have been verified and then plan to have some printed which will be issued to the Councillors in order to hand out to the new residents
- 11) **Small Grants for Village organisations:** – As the Parish Council has budgeted for small grants for help with village organisations it was agreed to ask for them to contact the Parish Clerk asking for any funding which will be discussed at the November 2015 Parish Council Meeting.
- 12) **Strimmer** – As the Village does not have a Footpath Officer – it was agreed to write to Mr Fred Clark asking about the condition of the strimmer for future use.
- 13) **Goose Lane/Combe Lane stream update** – Mr M Davidson updated the meeting on his findings re the culvert mentioned above. It was agreed that Mr M Davidson and Mr A Carr to make contact with the owner of Westfield House.
- 14) **Speeding Update** – Following contact from PCSO Lora Bray – Mr M Davidson and Mike Aylmer are to attend a training course for the hand held speed gun.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 11th February 2015 at 7.30pm

Jim Murray, Parish Clerk
16th January 2015