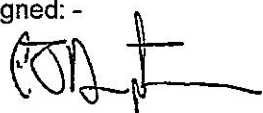


CHESELBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Held on: 06/01/2020 at: 19:00		Location: Cheselbourne Village Hall
Present:	Cllr Colin Hampton (Chairman) Cllr Richard Ashley Cllr James Shaw-Porter Cllr Chrissie Skinner Cllr Jonathon Pearce	
In attendance:	Mrs Dawn Hampton (Parish Clerk) 2 members of the public	
<p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished them a Happy New Year. During the open session a member of the public asked about the future of the playpark at Streetway Lane. The Chairman explained that the lease from Magna expires in 2025 and despite repeated attempts to discuss the future of the area once the lease expires, no response from Magna has been received. The council has paid the peppercorn rent up to the lease expiry date. Approaches will continue to be made to Magna in an attempt to get some clarity regarding their future intentions. It is hoped that a lengthy extension to the lease can be negotiated so that the playpark can be improved.</p>		
068	<u>Apologies</u>	Cllr Marilyn Smith, DC Cllr Jill Haynes
069	<u>Minutes of Meeting held 4th November 2019</u>	RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting be confirmed and signed as a true record.
070	<u>Matters Arising</u>	Cllr Pearce asked why the Climate Emergency item had been postponed for the last 2 meetings and didn't appear on the agenda for January. It was explained that this was something Cllr Crabb was leading on but unfortunately missed the 2 meetings and subsequently has regrettably had to resign from the council due to ill health. Cllr Pearce offered to see if the Parish Council has a role to play.
071	<u>Dorset Councillor's Report</u>	No report
072	<u>Parish Councillor's Reports</u>	Cllr Shaw-Porter The grit bin has been installed at Drakes Lane. The puddling outside the bus shelter was investigated by Highways but it is unlikely that remedial action will be undertaken. Cllr Ashley thanked those responsible for installing the Christmas tree which has been much admired. Cllr Skinner has been keeping a close eye on the stream and groundwater levels, so far all has been well. Cllr Pearce reported that some signs are not clearly visible and he will contact landowners about pruning. Police will be visiting in February to discuss items concerning Speed Watch. The Chairman reported that Dorset Council has reduced the tax base by 1.5% for 2020/21. He contacted Cllr Haynes to find the reason for this but has had no update. He also discussed with her the £4000000 housing fund which was transferred from West Dorset District Council. Cllr Haynes explained that this had been amassed from the sale of council houses and would be used where most needed in Dorset as a whole.
073	<u>Correspondence Report</u>	Was noted. A copy appears as Appendix A of the Minute Book.
074	<u>Planning Applications</u>	None received.
075	<u>Budget and Precept 2020-21</u>	The Chairman presented a draft budget proposing mainly inflationary increases in a number of key areas and a series of options for setting the precept. These ranged from no increase on 2019-20 which would result in a deficit at the end of the year, to various increases giving the council a surplus. RESOLVED to approve the budget for 2020 and set the precept at £4200.00, an increase of 2.7% on 2019-20 resulting in a Parish charge on the council tax of £29.80 for a Band D rated property, an increase of £1.72 for the year.

076	<p><u>Noticeboard</u></p> <p>The Chairman stated that due to concern by some residents that the Cheselbourne signage would be lost from the back of the bus shelter, it was probably better to site a new noticeboard outside the school. He will obtain a quotation for having one made to match the board at the Rivers Arms. Members unanimously agreed.</p>
077	<p><u>Speeding in the Village</u></p> <p>Speeding was discussed and Cllr Pearce will discuss the situation with the Speed Watch monitoring officer when they meet shortly and report back to the council.</p>
078	<p><u>Social Media Policy</u></p> <p>RESOLVED to adopt the NALC template policy.</p>
079	<p><u>Strengthening of Police Powers to Deal With Unauthorised Encampments</u></p> <p>Cllrs Shaw-Porter and Pearce agreed to draft a response to the NALC consultation for the council to approve and submit.</p>
080	<p><u>Date of Annual Parish and Annual Parish Council Meetings in May 2020</u></p> <p>Agreed to move the meeting from the scheduled 11th to 18th May 2020.</p>
081	<p><u>Cheque Schedule</u></p> <p>The Clerk presented the January cheque schedule for approval, a copy appears as Appendix B of the Minute Book.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the cheque schedule for January totalling £804.00 be accepted and approved.</p>
082	<p><u>Date of the next Meeting</u></p> <p>2nd March 2020 at 7pm.</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 20:00</p> <p>Signed: -</p>  <p>Colin Hampton Chairman</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Date: 2nd March 2020</p>