

# CHADDLEWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES

**TUESDAY 7 DECEMBER R 2021 at 7.30PM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING IN THE CHADDLEWORTH VILLAGE HALL, UPPER END. RG20 7DY.**

### **Cllr's Present:**

Cllr. G Murphy (Chair)

Cllr. J Ballard (Vice Chair)

Cllr. J Mills

Cllr. K McNamara

**Clerk:** Mrs K Lloyd

Cllr. Clive Hooker – Councillor for the Downlands Ward.

**Members of the Public:** 2

### 1 **APOLOGIES**

Cllr. S Mcallister sent apologies.

### 2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS**

The Councillors declared an interest in item 12 regarding the budget and Precept consideration.

### 3 **MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Councillors **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** to confirm and adopt the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021.

### 4 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

One member of the public raised the thoughts to considering a community garden within the area of the playground /recreational field if the Parish Council did obtain the extra land.

Cllr. Murphy raised the concern to Cllr. Hooker of the increase of business rates, as local businesses are going out of business, couldn't the Council consider reducing the rate on local businesses and suggested a tier structure?

Cllr. Murphy reported that the Saunders, Wynn Education Trust had made four donations, a total of £1,619 who meet 3 to 4 times a year. Grant Applications are made to the Saunders Wynn Clerk.

### 5 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

No Planning Applications to consider at time of publishing Agenda.

### 6 **FINANCE**

Councillors then **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** to approve the payments for December as shown below. The Cashflow 2020/21 for December was noted.

*(All finance documents emailed to members of the Parish Council before the meeting)*

7 **DOWNLAND VOLUNTEER GROUP (DVG) HANDYBUS**

Following the last meeting, Cllr. Murphy said he would ask the DVG what the situation was with transport for residents wanting to go to appointments outside the Downland ward.

Cllr. Murphy asked a member of the public present to clarify, who had recently written an article in the Chaddleworth December Newsletter about this, where the full details could be found. It was said that residents could use the transport for places outside of the ward for a small contribution towards mileage. Please see the December Chaddleworth Newsletter for further details. [Chaddleworth News 2021 December.pdf](#)

8 **EXTENDING THE FOOTBALL/PLAYGROUND FIELD**

Cllr. Murphy had written to the person who owns the land but was then instructed to contact the tenant who is renting the land. All Councillors agreed for Cllr. Murphy to pursue this item with the tenant.

**ACTION: Cllr. Murphy**

9 **DEFIBRILLATOR**

The Clerk reported she had spoken to South Central Ambulance Service (SCAS) NHS Foundation Trust, regarding the lifespan of the Pads and Battery of the Defibrillator. It was advised to replace the Pads every 3 years as good practice and the Battery every 5 years. The cost of the battery is £160 and the Pads are £32.50, a total of £192.50.

Councillors **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** to £192.50.

The Clerk also reported that someone will come out from SCAS to have a look at the Defibrillator, and then consider completing regular visits to the site. They also did say they could let us know the condition of the Defib and whether it needs replacement pads, battery etc. The Clerk was waiting for them to get back in touch to advise the outcome.

**ACTION: Clerk.**

10 **NORRIS LANE**

Cllr. Murphy reported that he had asked Sovereign Housing for a disclaimer. If Sovereign are dismissing any liability, to the state of the road and footpath down Norris Lane, then the Parish Council need that on file so the Parish Council can steer any claimants to the right vendor.

Cllr. Murphy reported that a representative came out from Sovereign housing to look at the lane again.

Since, Cllr. Murphy had obtained a frontispiece of a Deed of Sale from 1965 which showed that Sovereign own the land to the east of the granite setts and are responsible to the current tenants for its repair and upkeep. Cllr. Murphy will suggest that Sovereign get their legal representatives to locate Sovereigns deeds for this parcel of land and to pursue.

**ACTION: Cllr. Murphy**

11 **REQUEST FOR SPEED LIMIT TO BE REDUCED FROM 30 TO 20 MPH**

The Parish Council received a request from a member of the public regarding reducing the speed in the village from 30mph to 20mph.

All Councillors agreed to support this. Cllr. Hooker present in the meeting was asked the best way forward. The Clerk also had experience of speeding matters from Clerking to other Parish Councils.

The issue to reduce the speed is a very lengthy process, WBC would deploy a speed survey, the captured data would then be analysed. This data is shared with the Parish Council. If the data indicates an issue, the Speed Data Recorder (SDR) may be deployed to gather data 24/7 over a

period of time. If the SDR data indicates a problem with inappropriate speed, either a Speed Indicator Device (SID), a Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) or temporary posters are installed. Or even, if deemed necessary, a Community Speed Watch (CSW) which is a CCTV camera that takes video clips of vehicles exceeding the speed limit threshold. Vehicle indexes are identified, and the information passed to the Police. A letter is sent to the registered keeper of the vehicle. Persistent offenders will receive up to two warning letters, and on a third occasion, offenders can expect further action by the Police.

If all the above fails a further deployment of a SDR can then be used to measure a change in driver behaviour. Where these measures have failed to achieve a change, the next option is enforcement / speed cameras which is the responsibility of the police engineering. Traffic calming will only be considered as a last option and only where there is a history of injury accidents which are attributed to speed.

The Clerk said that Thames Valley Police are trying to encourage communities to create their own speed awareness group. The Clerk emailed the details to the member of the public who raised this who said he had registered interest in the scheme, if any members of the public would like to register and get involved in traffic calming in the village, please get in touch with the Clerk. The Clerk was asked to contact the Senior Road Safety Officer to go on a waiting list to deploy a speed survey in the village.

**ACTION: Clerk**

12 **2022-2023 BUDGET**

The Clerk asked if there were any further thoughts to the budget for 2022-2023. The Clerk said to include £50 for the Defibrillator refresher training. The Clerk said the Precept will be ratified in January to allow any further thoughts to the budget for any additional expenditure.

The Jubilee Celebrations expenditure was discussed to include in the Budget, thoughts to providing each Chaddleworth Child with a Jubilee Commemorative Coin was discussed.

It was agreed to budget £500 towards this.

The Clerk said she will look at the 2021-2022 budget of expenditure underspent to consider allocating some of the unspent funds towards the Jubilee.

**ACTION: Clerk.**

13 **THE QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE – THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> TO SUNDAY 5th JUNE 2022**

Cllr. Ballard said the Village Hall committee had discussed hosting a children's party during the day and a disco later for the families. It is work in progress.

Cllr. Mills said he would try to find out how many children are in the village. The Clerk said the census should be able to provide this information, which should be published early next year.

Cllr. Murphy said a landowner said he might be able to come up with a site for the event, but facilities would need to be provided, it was thought closer to the village hall the better to provide this.

**ACTION: Cllr. Murphy**

14 **COUNCILLORS /CLERK REPORTS**

Cllr. Mills reported an overgrown hedge, Cllr. Murphy said he would investigate further.

**ACTION: Cllr. Murphy**

The Clerk has ordered 8 bags of grit salt, following Cllr. Murphy's grit bin audit.

The Clerk asked if Skittle Alley had been cut? - as no invoice was received from Scofell. The Councillors will let the Clerk know.

Cllr. Ballard said the Village Hall is still looking for a cleaner for the hall and reported that the bookings have increased. The VH Committee are working on organising a New Year's Disco.

15 **MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION**

None.

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**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting is on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7.30pm in the Chaddleworth Village Hall.

**Statement of Accounts**  
**Accounts for Payment December 2021**

Expenditure brought forward 21-22 £9,422.99

**Payments**

Cheque No	Payee	Description	Amount
SO*	Mrs H Anderson	Litter Collection	£ 20.00
SO *	Kim Lloyd	Clerk Salary	
SO *	Chadd V Hall	Village Hall Rent	£ 23.00
800086	Joe Mills	6 new replacement roses for MG	£ 59.94
800086	Joe Mills	Solar Light for Fallen Tommy	£ 6.00
800087	Grahame Murphy	2 x extension for the lights on the MG Pergola	£ 3.25
SO*	Alpha Xperience	Newsletter	£ 87.25
800088	Village Hall	Annual Donation towards the Hall	£ 900.00
800089	Welford Associates	Annual Donaton towards the playground maintenace	£ 250.00
800090	PCC	Annual Contribution to the Churchyard maintenace	£ 200.00
800091	Newbury Library	Annual Contribution to Newbury Library	£ 250.00
800092	Downland Volunteer Group	Annual Donation towards the Handybus	£ 150.00
			<u>£ 2,413.02</u>

*Paid\**

**Receipts**

Total Receipts £ -

Balance carried forward 31/03/21	£9,678.57
Income for year 21-22 to date.	£ 21,740.00
Less payments for year 21-22 to date	<u>£11,836.01</u>
Total including Reserves	<u><b>£ 19,582.56</b></u>