

CHADDLEWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

TUESDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2021 at 7.30PM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING IN THE CHADDLEWORTH VILLAGE HALL, UPPER END. RG20 7DY.

Cllr's Present:

Cllr. G Murphy (Chair)

Cllr. John Ballard (Vice Chair)

Cllr. Kevin McNamara

Cllr. S. Mcallister

Clerk: Mrs K Lloyd

Cllr. Clive Hooker – Councillor for the Downlands Ward.

Members of the Public: 1

1 **APOLOGIES**

Cllr. Mills sent his apologies.

2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS**

All Councillors had a declaration of interest in item 7 when considering the budget and precept.

3 **MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Councillors **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** to confirm and adopt the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5th October 2021.

4 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

One member of the public asked if residents could use the Downland Volunteer Handy Bus who are registered at the Hungerford /Wantage Doctors? The Downland Volunteer Group Handy Bus is used to transport residents within the Downlands area and noted that the Chaddleworth Parish Council donate towards the Downland Volunteer Group Handy Bus.

Cllr. Murphy said as he attends the Patient Participant Group (PPG) Meetings, he will raise this and report back to Council in the next meeting.

5 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

Two Planning Applications were considered by the Councillors.

21/02453/HOUSE and 21/02454/LBC2 Manor Farm - Unnamed Road from A338 Wantage Road to B4494 for the Installation of new roof lights; relocation of staircase and internal layout changes on first and second floors; new and enlarged openings on ground floor.

<http://planning.westberks.gov.uk/rpp/index.asp?caseref=21/02453/HOUSE>

After full discussion the Councillors agreed to no objections.

21/02563/HOUSE 14 Glenn Miller Close, Welford. Install conservatory at rear.
<http://planning.westberks.gov.uk/rpp/index.asp?caseref=21/02563/HOUSE>
 All Councillors agreed to support this application.

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FINANCE

Councillors then **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** to approve the payments for November as shown below. The Cashflow 2020/21 for November was noted. *(All finance documents emailed to members of the Parish Council before the meeting)*

Statement of Accounts Accounts for Payment November 2021

Expenditure brought forward 21-22			£8,536.24
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
800083	RBL	2 x Poppy Wreaths	£ 60.00
800084	Kim Lloyd	Stamps	£ 7.92
DD *	The Alpha Xperience	Newsletter - October	£ 87.25
800085	Scofell	Grass Cutting	£ 225.00
<i>Paid *</i>			<u>£ 886.75</u>
Receipts			
	WBDC	Precept	£ 9,750.00
Total Receipts			<u>£ 9,750.00</u>
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>£9,422.99</u>
Total including Reserves			<u><u>£ 21,995.58</u></u>

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2022-2023 BUDGET

The Clerk emailed the draft budget and the end of year Cashflow to the Councillors for review before the meeting.

Dog Waste Bin Collection and litter picking was increased to £500 due to the dog waste bin contract being reviewed at West Berkshire Council in 2022. Cllr. Hooker suggested if the village had a rota of residents to empty the dog waste bin this would save money on the budget i.e., on residents' council tax. The Councillors said, who would do it? and the Councillors themselves do enough voluntary work in the village already to save the parish money.

Donations will remain the same as last year, Cllr. Hooker gave Thanks to the Parish for the contribution towards the Newbury Library.

Playground Equipment Repairs was agreed at £1,000. Cllr. Ballard said there would be a lot more spent in the playground on repairing equipment if the Councillors did not repair it themselves free of charge.

Playground New Equipment the Parish Council are saving funds towards replacing the play equipment in the future. The Clerk said we have £4,000 already saved. An additional £2,000 was agreed to save for 2022-2023.

The final budget came to £18,928, including a 10% Contingency, which was agreed to keep in the budget, this totalled to £20,821.

The Clerk said she hadn't received the tax base figure from WBC yet, if the Councillors did want to know the cost per Council Tax rating D household, then the precept could be confirmed in January. After discussion it was agreed to confirm the Precept in the January meeting which will also allow any further thoughts on additional budget expenditure.

For a copy of the budget please contact the Clerk who can email a copy to you.

Cllr. Clive Hooker left the meeting.

To further note, during the budget discussion Cllr. Murphy said he will audit the grit bins ready for the winter months.

ACTION: Cllr. Murphy

The Clerk was asked to find out more regarding the Defibrillator maintenance. It was also thought to perhaps host another Defibrillator training course soon to refresh everyone's memory on how to use it in an emergency.

ACTION: Clerk

8 THE QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE – THURSDAY 2ND TO SUNDAY 5th JUNE 2022

Cllr. Murphy reported the Entertainment Committee are not going to host an event for the Jubilee but are going to organise the 2022 Chaddleworth Fete.

All Councillors agreed it would be sad not to be able to have some sort of event for the Jubilee, it was said to perhaps organise a children's party to enable to provide them with a souvenir to mark the day.

Cllr. Mcallister raised the thoughts of getting the Ibex involved and said he will make this suggestion to them. Thoughts of adding a request in the newsletter to ask for volunteers to help organise an event. The Clerk said there is a timetable of events that are published for the Jubilee. All Councillors agreed to think about donating some funds towards this event, especially towards children's souvenirs, the allocated funds would need to be added to the budget in January.

Cllr. Mcallister will speak to the Ibex managers and Cllr. Murphy will speak to the landowners regarding lighting a beacon. The Clerk will look at merchandise for the event regarding costs. All Councillors to give thoughts to the event.

ACTION: Cllr. Mcallister/Murphy/ All

9 COUNCILLORS /CLERK REPORTS

Cllr. Mcallister reported that Cllr. Mills had a footpath sign which had come down. Cllr. Mcallister will find out which sign has come down and look at erecting it.

Cllr. Ballard reported that the Ibex sign opposite Sheephouse Way still has lots of overgrowth. The Clerk will keep chasing but said the latest information from WBC showed that they would be cutting in Chaddleworth in December.

During the recent weather a tree fell in Spray Lane blocking the road – **A very big Thank-you to David Wild** in the village that went out and cleared the tree from obstructing the road.

Cllr. Murphy raised the proposal again that was suggested in the last meeting regarding extending the recreation and playground field and asked Councillors if they were happy for him to write to the landowner to make enquires. All Councillors agreed.

ACTION: Cllr. Murphy

A landowner asked Parish Council if they had any objections for a local field to be levelled and have poacher blocks installed, this was to prevent unauthorised vehicles driving onto the field. The Councillors had no objections to this.

Norris Lane – Cllr. Murphy met with a representative from Sovereign in Norris Lane regarding the road and pavements ongoing issues. He agreed to go back to Sovereign to discuss it further. Cllr. Murphy asked for a letter from Sovereign stating their conclusion that Parish Council could keep on file in case of any claims resulting to the uneven ground.

Electric Car Charges – Cllr. Murphy said he found that The Central Southern Regional Framework for Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure (also known as CSR Framework) is an organisation that will help to install Electric Car Charges. He is making enquires.

15/10 Email. Invitation to join West Berkshire Community Climate Forum - Wednesday 24th November 12.30pm.

10 **MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION**

Downland Volunteer Group – Handy Bus. – December meeting
Precept – January Meeting.

11 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is on Tuesday 7 December 2021 at 7.30pm in the Chaddleworth Village Hall.

SECTION 2

That by virtue of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item(s) of business under Section 2 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.”

1 **CLERKS ANNUAL APPRAISAL AND SALARY REVIEW**

The Clerks Salary was **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** to increase to the next spinal point on the National Joint Council Salary Scale to point 26.