

CHUTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at the Village Hall, Malthouse Lane at 7.30pm.

<p><b>Attended</b>                  C’Ilr’s C Wall (in the Chair) (CW), C’Ilr Parr (Vice Chair) (JP), C’Ilr Hopton (MH), C’Ilr Rudland (AR), C’Ilr Harker (TH) &amp; C’Ilr Alderson (MA)                  C Lovell - Clerk (CL)                  C’Ilr Chris Williams – Wiltshire Councillor                  Lisa Jackson – Village Design                  9 members of the public</p>	<p><b>1. Apologies C’Ilr Taylor, Police</b>                  Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972 requires a record to be kept of the members present and that this record form part of the minutes of the meeting. Members who cannot attend a meeting should tender apologies to the Town Clerk as it is usual for the grounds upon which apologies are tendered also to be recorded. Under Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act1972, members present must decide whether the reason(s) for a member's absence are accepted.</p>	
<p>Item</p>	<p>Agenda Item</p>	<p>Action by</p>
<p>2.</p>	<p><b>Declaration of Interest</b> – JP declared an interest in Planning Application PL/2021/08335 and item 12.  <i>Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972 requires a record to be kept of the members present and that this record form part of the minutes of the meeting. Members who cannot attend a meeting should tender apologies to the Town Clerk as it is usual for the grounds upon which apologies are tendered also to be recorded. Under Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act1972, members present must decide whether the reason(s) for a member's absence are accepted.</i></p>	
<p>3.</p>	<p><b>Public Questions</b>                  Lisa Jackson made a presentation explaining the difference between a Village Design Statement (VDS) and Neighbourhood Plan. Due to a change in Planning legislation a VDS would no longer be valid. The options are to write a neighbourhood plan which would not really be relevant to Chute as it is more suited to urban areas, or to write a Village Design Guide and request that Wiltshire adopt it. It would not be a statutory document but will have some weight behind it when it came to planning issues. If CPC were to move forward with this idea it is hoped that a draft could be completed by the end of the year as the majority of the work already done on the VDS is relevant.                   Mr Gough stated that the planting of new trees is always welcomed given the benefit to the wildlife and the positive impact it has to help tackle climate change. However, there are some concerns regarding the planting location of the proposed new trees in particular plot 23                   Due to the proximity to the footpath boundary and housing on Hatchet Hill, the risk this bring to not only the properties, but also the public and the electric transformer located along the boundary edge. In past few years we’ve already</p>	<p>MA</p>

	<p>witnessed the damage fallen trees from this land has caused including no power for 2 days and as such it prompted the removal of the trees from along the boundary in 2020.</p> <p>A new coppice was then planted in the middle of the field of plot 23 It therefore seems counterproductive to plant a new woodland at plot 23, where trees have recently been removed due the risk associated with location along the boundary.</p> <p>Would it not be more beneficial to expand the existing coppice in the middle of the field, which is approximately 2 years old with the same size plot that has been proposed for plot 23. This suggestion means the same volume of trees would be planted give the same environmental benefits, but it would now be located in an area safe to the public and will also add to the to the young trees already planted.</p> <p>Mr Hawkins agreed with this that there had been damage caused in the past by trees falling on this boundary as the area had not been managed and also recommended extending the copse.</p> <p>He stated that you would not normally plant trees at the top of the hill where they succumbed to northerly winds but at the bottom to stop soil erosion.</p> <p>Mrs Gillum-Webb commented that planting trees at the bottom of the hill may aid flooding on the road and stop soil erosion.</p>	
4.	<p><b>County Councillor Repot</b> – C’lIr Williams reported the following</p> <p>Full Council will be meeting on the Tuesday 19 October, papers have not been published yet, but I should think we will be discussing the Business Plan Strategy paper which will come out for consultation later this year amongst other items.</p> <p>Cabinet meets Tuesday 12 October includes items on Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy and National Bus Strategy.</p> <p>Advance notice, next Tidworth Area Board meeting will be Monday 22 November and funding is available with nearly £30K of capital funding and £6705in the Health and wellbeing fund.</p> <p>The Health and Wellbeing Group met on the 30 September and we had an update on the Covid Booster programme from the Castle Practice and a presentation from Warm and Safe Wiltshire which was primarily around advice, guidance and funding. This very important now due to the energy crisis and winter approaching. Funding, including help with bills, updating old equipment and even free replacement boilers are available to those you need assistance. There was also a report on a Prevention and Wellbeing Team which will replace the Local Area Coordinators. Previously Tidworth Community was not covered by the Local Coordinators Scheme, but the new Team will cover the whole of the County. The Team will work with individuals on a one-to-one basis but will not get involved in any community groups.</p>	

	<p><b>Covid-19 Update</b></p> <p>The number of cases in Wiltshire has increased in recent days, the rate has gone from 205.5 to 296.4 per 100,000. The advice is to keep washing hands regularly and consider meetings outside or open doors and windows when indoors with others, make sure you get vaccinated and have your booster jab when invited, and ensure you get your flu jab as well if you haven't already done so.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Minutes</b>  <b>Resolved:</b> JP proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021 were confirmed as a correct record this was seconded by AR. These minutes were signed by the Chairman.  There were no matters arising</p>	
6.	<p><b>Correspondence Received</b>  CW received an email confirming that the Defibrillator at the Church is now secured to the wall. Signage will now be put up and an article put in the Chronicle and on the village app</p>	
7.	<p><b>Specific Reports</b>  <b>Highways</b> – No specific updates.  Highways issues can be reported on <a href="http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywilts-online-reporting">www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywilts-online-reporting</a>  CW has established that Simon Rowe at Wiltshire is the contact regarding the gritting of Conholt Hill. This is a problem as it is shared responsibility with Hampshire Council and there is a patch not getting done. C'Ilr Williams will pick this up. In the meantime, another meeting with Simon Rowe will be requested.</p> <p><b>Footpaths</b> – AR reported that she had spoken with the owner of the previously reported overgrown footpath. Moving forward she would like a working group so that potential issues can be reported prior to them becoming a problem. Chute26 has had styles replaced with kissing gates and she suggested that styles on Chute18 could also be replaced with kissing gates as they are rather high. Having recently attended a Paths for All meeting there is now some funding available and these would incur a cost of £125.00 each to CPC. There followed a discussion about ownership of styles into Chute 18 that will be investigated.</p> <p><b>King George Field</b> – TH reported that there had been a follow up meeting with Tony Stock to discuss issues raised in the maintenance report. There is essential structural support work required. Two quotes have been considered and all are in agreement that DH Property are instructed to carry out the work at a cost of £4745 plus vat.  CW advised that as the field had not been treated this year we do have the necessary funds to carry out the work.</p> <p><b>Village Hall</b> – MA reported that the coffee mornings and lunches are fully up and running again and have been well attended. A quote of £2000.00 for the work on the gable end has been received.</p>	AR

	<p><b>Allotments</b> – A second quote for work on the Leylandii has been received. All are in favour that Josh Harris is instructed to carry out the work at a cost of £1090. The Clerk will contact tenants prior to the work commencing. It will be replaced when with a Hornbeam or something similar. Time allowing TH will tidy up the hedges at the entrance of the allotments.</p> <p><b>Village Design Statement</b> – Following Lisa Jackson’s presentation, CPC unanimously agreed that a Neighbourhood Development Plan is not appropriate for Chute. In view of the significant amount of work which has gone into the VDS project over the past 20 months, particularly by MH, it was agreed that a Chute Design Code should be produced by adapting the current draft. This document will have the status of Supplementary Planning Guidance.</p>	<p>CL</p> <p>MAH</p>																																				
8.	<p><b>War Memorial Maintenance</b> TH reported that the War memorial requires cleaning. A special solution called D2 Bio is needed to ensure no damage. The cost will be shared with Chute Forest Parish Council at £40.00 each. All are in agreement that the War Memorial should be cleaned in time for Remembrance Day.</p>																																					
9.	<p><b>Village Green – Questionnaire Feedback</b> Due to the Chronicle being published later there has only been one response so far, the closing date for replies is the end of October, AR will update at the next meeting.</p>	AR																																				
10.	<p><b>Finance</b> <b>HMRC</b> – The additional payment made to HMRC was due to a previous miscalculation. <b>Current balance - £10,568.30</b></p> <p><b>Payments made during September were:</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date</th> <th>Reason</th> <th>Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>06/09/2021</td> <td>Clerks Salary</td> <td>£266.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>09/09/2021</td> <td>HMRC Tax</td> <td>£62.48</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10/09/2021</td> <td>Grant Village Hall</td> <td>£150.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10/09/2021</td> <td>Hire fee Village Hall</td> <td>£210.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10/09/2021</td> <td>Grant King George Field</td> <td>£2,700.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>28/09/2021</td> <td>HMRC outstanding amount</td> <td>£12.36</td> </tr> <tr> <td>30/09/2021</td> <td>HMRC</td> <td>£66.60</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>It was resolved that the following payments be made:</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Payee</th> <th>Reason</th> <th>Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>C Wall</td> <td>Expenses (Ink/postage)</td> <td>£31.37</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C Lovell</td> <td>Clerks Salary</td> <td>£263.28</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC</td> <td>Tax</td> <td>£66.60</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>Proposed by JP, seconded by TH, carried.</b></p>	Date	Reason	Amount	06/09/2021	Clerks Salary	£266.40	09/09/2021	HMRC Tax	£62.48	10/09/2021	Grant Village Hall	£150.00	10/09/2021	Hire fee Village Hall	£210.00	10/09/2021	Grant King George Field	£2,700.00	28/09/2021	HMRC outstanding amount	£12.36	30/09/2021	HMRC	£66.60	Payee	Reason	Amount	C Wall	Expenses (Ink/postage)	£31.37	C Lovell	Clerks Salary	£263.28	HMRC	Tax	£66.60	
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11.	<p><b>Chute Cadley Wellhead</b> No progress to report, further advice will be requested.</p>	CW																																				

12.	<p><b>Tree Planting proposal Standen Farm</b></p> <p>Following on from the issues raised in Public Questions the members are all in agreement that they fully support the planting of trees but they cannot support the proposed planting of Plot 23 and will reply accordingly.</p> <p>**For clarity the members of CPC who were present at the meeting have since taken a voted on the two following proposals by email</p> <p>1. To accept the proposal as presented by Savills. – 1 for this proposal.</p> <p>2. To accept the proposal <b>with the exception of woodland 23 due to the representation and points put forward by parishioners in opposition to this woodland. 4 for this proposal.</b></p>	CL
13.	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p><b>The following applications were discussed</b></p> <p><b>PL/2021/08335</b> - Standen Farm, Dummer Lane, Chute Standen, SP11 9EE Proposal -Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) on 20/10093/FUL to allow for minor changes to the site plan, floor plans and elevations <b>NO OBJECTION</b></p> <p><b>PL/2021/08619</b> - 3, Upper Chute, Andover SP11 9EQ Proposal -Two storey extension to the side of the property and new entrance porch <b>NO OBJECTION</b></p> <p><b>PL/2021/07540</b> -Chute Collis Cottage, Hookwood Lane, Upper Chute, SP11 9EF Proposal - Change of use/conversion of a double garage with recreational area above to granny/carer's annex residential use and canopy over side door entrance <b>NO OBJECTION</b></p> <p>It was resolved that CPC has no objections to the applications received. <b>Proposed by MA, seconded by TH, carried.</b></p>	
14.	<p><b>Business to be transacted at next meeting</b></p> <p>No specific items raised.</p>	
15.	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b></p> <p>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021, 7.30pm at Chute Village Hall</p>	<p>Agenda items to be submitted to the Clerk 7 days before the meeting</p>

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 9.30pm.

Agreed as a true record..... C Wall, Chair Date.....