

**CHILTON POLDEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9th OCTOBER 2019 AT 7.30PM
IN CHILTON POLDEN VILLAGE HALL**

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:** Chairman Cllr Hayne, Cllr Parsons, Cllr Baker plus 3 parishioners - District Cllr Kingham - In attendance the Clerk
- 2) Apologies for absence:** Cllr Aylmer, Cllr Oram, County Cllr Healey
- 3) Declarations of Interest – None**
- 4) Statements by County/District Councillors –** District Cllr Kingham informed the meeting that the jetty at Hinkley Point is now operational which will mean substantially less lorries on the A39. The waste partnership for recycling more food waste and plastics has been rolled out and will start in April 2020.
- 5) Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th September 2019** - these were accepted as a true record and signed
- 6) Matters arising – None**
- 7) Financial Matters:**
 - a) Financial update:** As at 6th October 2019– the 2 bank accounts stood at £13,953.29
 - b) Clerk's Salary, Expenses and Admin:** The Council agreed to pay the following - Clerk's salary for September £193.97 – PAYE for September £40.74, with expenses for £6.00, along with web maintenance for Aug/Sept/Oct of £45 This was proposed by Cllr Hayne and seconded by Cllr Baker. All in favour
 - c) SDC re grass cut x 2 (01.08.19/28.08.19)** – the Council agreed to pay this invoice. This was proposed by Cllr Parsons and seconded by Cllr Baker. All in favour
- 8) Planning –NONE**
- 9) Co-option of Councillors to fill the 2 vacancies –** The Chairman informed the meeting that interviews are now taking place over the next few weeks
- 10) Memorials for Antony Carr and Keith Ulliyatt update –** The Chairman had attended the PFA Annual meeting, where it was discussed to have a bench installed in the playing field. As this was to be a joint venture, it was agreed that the PC to contribute £387.47
- 11) Speed Watch for Chilton Polden –** The Clerk had been in touch with the area PCSO, who had contacted the speed watch co-ordinator, who will be in touch with the Clerk to deliver the kit required and arrange roadside training. If anyone is interested in volunteering to become part of the speed watch team, then please contact the Clerk
- 12) SALC AGM 26.10.19 –** Cllrs Parsons stated that he may be able to attend

13) Remembrance Wreaths – it was agreed that the Clerk to purchase 2 wreaths for Remembrance Sunday.

14) VE Day Celebrations – these will take place over the weekend of May 8th/10th 2020. It was suggested to ask for volunteers to set up a working Committee to make this a special Village celebration. For more details please contact the Clerk.

MATTERS OF REPORT

Cllr Parsons updated the meeting of his visit to the joint cluster meeting on October 8th.

With homelessness a huge problem in Somerset, the Government are giving money to Councils to build more houses. SDC through SHAL are building affordable homes in Bridgwater. The waste partnership starts in April 2020 but will take until February 2022 to roll out completely. At the cluster meeting he raised the point of overgrown vegetation. If, after the PC has asked the landowners to cut back the vegetation, has not been done, then the Highways department will come out to do the work and bill the landowner. The PC ask all landowners to trim any overgrown vegetation. The Chairman on behalf of the PC thanked Cllr Parsons for attending the cluster meeting

The Chairman informed the meeting that the planning application for Persimmon Homes, Hayne Walk, is now with the Development Committee – and he will attend the meeting on Tuesday 15th October

There has been acts of vandalism at the playing field and along Smallways Lane. Graffiti vandalism is also on the Churchyard wall and the Sunday School. This has been reported to the area PCSO

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 13th November 2019 at **7.30pm**