

**CHILTON POLDEN PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2015 AT 7.30PM
IN THE CHURCH HALL, PRIORY ROAD**

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:** Mr A Carr, Mr B Parsons, Mr M Aylmer, Mr M Davidson Mr T Hayne(arrived 20.00)
- 2) **Apologies for absence:** Mrs G Baker, The Clerk
- 3) **Declarations of Interest: None**
- 4) **Statements by County/District Councillors. None**
- 5) **Village Agent:** Alex Ward introduced himself as our new Village Agent covering 11 villages in the Poldens. Information was left on how to contact him was left for the Parish Clerk to hold. (Contact details would be put on the website.)
- 6) **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th September 2015:** These were accepted as a true record and signed.
- 7) **Matters arising** (including matters of report from the minutes not itemised below) **None**
- 8) Financial Matters and Planning:
 - a) **Financial Update:** As at 14th October 2015 the current account stands at £7786.37 and the number 2 account stands at £3300.12.
 - b) **Clerk's Salary and Admin:** The Council agreed to pay the Clerk's salary of £188.53 and the PAYE element of £34.70. This was proposed by Mr B Parsons and seconded by Mr M Aylmer. All in favour
 - c) **Church Grounds Maintenance - £450** The Council agreed to pay this invoice. This was proposed by Mr M Davidson and seconded by Mr M Aylmer. All in favour
 - d) **Playing Field – Bouncy Castle - £75** The Council agreed to pay this invoice. This was proposed by Mr M Davidson and seconded by Mr B Parsons. All in favour
 - e) **Councillor Training - £20** The Council agreed to pay this invoice. This was proposed by Mr A Carr and seconded by Mr M Davidson. All in favour

PLANNING

19/15/00018 -Land and Buildings (2) to the West of, Canny Croft, Scrubbits Lane, Chilton Polden, Bridgwater,TA7 9EJ

There were no objections and the letter of objection was noted. This was proposed by Mr A Carr and seconded by MR M Aylmer. All in favour

19/15/00019 - Sealey's Farmhouse, 27 Broadway, Chilton Polden, Bridgwater, TA7 9DP

The Council supported this application as it corrects an anomaly. This was proposed by Mr A Carr and seconded by Mr B Parsons. All in favour

19/15/00017 - Internal alterations Chilton Priory

There were no objections to this application. This was proposed by Mr A Carr and seconded by Mr M Davidson. All in favour.

- 9) **Flood Alleviation update** – Mr M Davidson gave a briefing on what has gone on including the stumbling blocks. Planning permission has to be granted and Mr M Davidson gave some approximate costings. As this is an ongoing project another update will be given at the next meeting
- 10) **Happy Companions Grant** – It was agreed that the Clerk to write to the organisation to ask for idea of costings required
- 11) **Free Bulbs** – It was agreed that the Clerk would arrange to pick up the bulbs from Sedgemoor and liase with Mr M Davidson and Mr B Parsons to decide where to plant in the village
- 11) **Defibrillator request** – Mr M Davidson is to assess usage in neighbouring villages and report back at the next meeting, for the Clerk to reply to the request
- 12) **Village litter pick up and community day** – It was agreed that Saturday 12th March 2016 would be suitable and combine with a social event afterwards
- 13) **De-icing material** – This was considered but not currently required with stocks left from the previous winter
- 14) **Award for service to the community update** - Mr A Carr updated the meeting of how Mr K Ulliyatt's service to the village has been recognised through this award and Mr M Davidson to write an Article for the December issue of the Polden Post
- 15) **Affordable housing/right to buy /local plan reviewed** – Mr A Carr informed the Council of the likelihood of our affordable social housing being sold off to sitting tenants under the new Right to Buy proposals. We have been approached to support some more houses but we only intend to support those that can stay rented for our local inhabitants. The District is revising the local plan after five years and Mr M Davidson gave a briefing on the consultation which was about to take place. There are some aspects to pay attention to.
- 16) **Cluster meeting** – Mr A Carr was to attend the meeting and it was agreed that he would raise the point that Shapwick's new bid for RLT3 funding did not appear to be the best use of the remaining funds.
- 17) **SALC AGM update** – Mr A Carr updated the meeting on the AGM proceedings.
The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 11th November 2015 at 7.30pm

Jim Murray
Clerk to Chilton Polden Parish Council
16th October 2015

