



CHILTON POLDEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT 7PM ON WEDNESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2022
IN CHILTOIN POLDEN VILLAGE HALL

MINUTES

1. **Those Present:** Cllrs Baker, Smith, James, Clatworthy & Perfect-Porter. County Councillor Healey. Cllr Hayne chaired the meeting and acted as Clerk. Two parishioners & one visitor attended all or some of the meeting.
2. **Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest and dispensations:** Cllr Aylmer sent his apologies.
3. **Statements by County /District Councillors:** Cllr Healey had sent his November summary (posted on noticeboard) and updated the Council on the Northgate development now being open in Bridgwater: the progress of the Gravity site, where a train line will now not be part of the plans; and expressed concern over the Local Community Network proposal.
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 12th October 2022:** These were accepted as a true record and agreed unanimously by the Council.
5. **Matter arising (including matters of report from the minutes not itemised below):**
 - 5.1 **Parish Clerk vacancy:** The role is being advertised locally online, on noticeboards and on social media.
 - 5.2 **Footpaths:** The footpaths and stiles reported as needing attention by the village's Footpath Liaison Officer have been reported to SCC.
 - 5.3 **Remembrance Wreath** A wreath will be placed on the Commonwealth War Grave in St Edwards Churchyard on behalf of the Parish Council.
 - 5.4 **Defibrillator:** The electrician has been contacted again and asked to do the work on the Village Hall before Christmas.
 - 5.5 **Mobile homes:** SDC Planning team were contacted regarding the situation of mobile homes on land in the village.
 - 5.6 **Parish Council Noticeboard:** Edington Joinery have been contacted again about the replacement noticeboard.
 - 5.7 **Coronation:** It is planned to ask for volunteers to form a group to arrange a village celebration for Saturday 6th May 2023.
 - 5.8 **Allotments:** Cllr Clatworthy will write a note to go on the Parish Council's website about any interest to look into starting an allotment project.
 - 5.9 **Playing Field Association AGM:** Cllr Smith attended the AGM on 13/10/22 representing the Parish Council.
 - 5.10 **Avalon Priory:** SDC Planning and Licensing Depts have been contacted about possible infringements at the Priory. A discussion took place with the Parish Council and parishioners. Cllr Healey to give the Chair/Clerk the contact details of the Private Sector Housing Officer at SDC. The Chair/Clerk to contact Kelly Brown (Environmental Health Officer) and the PSH Officer.
6. **Financial Matters**
 - a) Chilton Polden Playing Field Association
 - a. Annual insurance for field - £216
 - b. Annual safety inspection - £175
 - b) Neighbourhood Watch Association. Christmas info booklet / card - £27.46
 - a. A revised invoice for £25.11 has been received for these cards.

c) Sedgemoor District Council – Playing Field Grass Cutting

a. Inv EV043819 – 22 Sept - £66 (inc VAT)

All financial items were approved for payment unanimously by the Council. Cllr Hayne will contact the PFA for invoices for the insurance and will progress these for payment via Unity Trust Bank and for authorisation by two Councillors.

7. Planning:

Goose Lane Farmhouse development – Applications 19/22/00006 and 19/22/00007

No further planning application has been made for this site. Mr Paul Lillycrop, Planning Agent, came to discuss the situation with the Parish Council, on behalf of the applicants.

- 8. Playing Field Association – Dog waste bin request.** Following this request from the PFA the Chair/Clerk will contact SDC to enquire about installation and emptying costs.
- 9. Village Hall Group – report of broken pavement outside Hall.** The Chair/Clerk will contact SDC to enquire whether the kerb edge of the Hall is registered with them as public land, and reply to the Hall Committee.
- 10. Bus Services – Threat to services for the village.** Cllr Baker had attended the Somerset Bus Partnership meeting on behalf of the Council and village. Notes included that Somerset buses are rated the worst in the country and that funding is expected to be reduced significantly in April 2023. There is a risk to buses serving the village and an update will be circulated on how the Council and parishioners can raise concerns. The Council will laminate a timetable to go on the bus stop and also on noticeboards.

MATTERS OF REPORT

Cllr Baker noted that there had been reports of nitrous oxide canisters found in public areas of the village. The Chair/Clerk will contact the PCSO to request more frequent patrols. Any reports of usage or anti-social behaviour can be reported by calling 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Warm Hubs – Discussion was also held about whether the village could run a Warm Hub in the coming months. This was enthusiastically supported by Councillors and ways forward will be discussed ahead of the next meeting. Any suggestions or volunteers, please contact any Parish Councillor.

Date of next meeting – WEDNESDAY 14th DECEMBER 2022 STARTING AT 7PM