

**CHILTON POLDEN PARISH COUNCIL  
DRAFT MINUTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> April 2017 AT 7.30PM  
IN THE CHURCH 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:** Cllr Baker, Cllr Hayne, Cllr Aylmer, Cllr Oram, Cllr Kehoe, Cllr Cox. In attendance, the Clerk, County Cllr Healey, District Cllr Kingham and 3 Parishioners

**2) Apologies for absence:** None

It was agreed to bring forward agenda item 8, Esther Carter from SDC gave a presentation of Affordable Housing and reported of the Housing Need Assessment in CP which was sent to all residents. A draft copy of the HNA will be made available to the Parish Council within the next couple of weeks for consultation. A draft CP briefing will be placed on the web site. The Council thanked Esther for attending

**3) Declarations of Interest:** District Cllr re planning – to avoid predetermination at Sedgemoor Development Committee.

**4) Statements by County/District Councillors.** District Cllr Kingham was going to report on the affordable housing and backed their draft. County Cllr Healey reported on the work being carried out at Dunball, Bridgwater, regarding all the increased lorry traffic with Hinckley Point which will have an effect on the areas main roads

**5) Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting** held on March 8th, 2017. These were accepted as a true record and signed

**6) Matters arising:** None

**7) Financial Matters and Planning:**

District Cllr Kingham left the meeting at 8.15pm  
PLANNING - **19/16/00012** – Chilton Priory – polytunnels – The Council had no observations with this application

District Cllr Kingham returned to the meeting at 8.25pm

- a) Financial Update:** As at 12<sup>th</sup> April 2017 the current account stands at £293.15 and the number 2 account stands at £9064.75.
- b) Clerk's Salary and Admin:** The Council agreed to pay the Clerk's salary of £185.53 - expenses of £11and PAYE of £38. This was proposed by Cllr Oram and seconded by Cllr Baker. All in favour
- c) Grass cuts at the playing field** – the Council agreed to pay the invoice from SDC for the 3 cuts made – totalling £198.00. This was proposed by Cllr Baker and seconded by Cllr Aylmer. All in favour
- d) Letter to bank re transfer** – the Council agreed to the transfer from the number 2 account of £2870.50. The letter was signed and the Clerk to post

- 9 **Chairman's resignation** – the Clerk informed the meeting of Antony's Carr reason for his resignation. It was agreed that a letter to be sent to him for 17 years' loyal service to the Village. It was agreed that some sort of recognition will be made to Antony and the Cllrs to report back at the May meeting with recommendations
- 10 **Welcome Booklet** – The Clerk apologised that due to his work commitments that the amendments had not been done correctly and will represent at the May meeting
- 11 **Annual General Meeting** – arrangements were made with the Cllrs and reports were to be asked from all the Village organisations and groups who had received donations from the Council last year
- 12 **Field at the top of Southmoor Lane** – The Clerk had received emails from residents with their concerns of what was to happen to the field possibly being sold. As the field has many orchids and other rare and wild flowers it was agreed that the Clerk to write to SCC asking for clarification.
- 13 **The Great Get Together** – the Clerk had received a letter from the Lord-Lieutenant of Somerset, to organise a Village Get Together to remember the MP Jo Cox on the weekend of June 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. As there are already Village events planned by the PFA and the Church near those dates, the Council agreed to write to Hillary Tims to see if something could be done, possibly at the Polden Café morning
- 14 **Stiles in need of repair** – Cllr Hayne had reported stiles BW 9/6 and BW 9/14 needed repair and had sent his report to SDC

**MATTERS OF REPORT** – the Clerk reported that he had been in touch with the Council's bank about signatories to be added and deleted. As this was not going to be an easy task it was agreed for the clerk to possibly look at opening an account with a new bank. The Clerk to report back at the May meeting

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017 **at 7.00pm**

Followed by Annual General Meeting at 8.15pm

Jim Murray, Parish Clerk