

**CHILTON POLDEN PARISH COUNCIL  
DRAFT MINUTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2016 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:** Chairman A Carr, Cllr Hayne, Cllr Baker, Cllr Oram In attendance – the Clerk District Cllr S Kingham and 6 Parishioners
- 2) Apologies for absence:** Cllr Aylmer
- 3) Declarations of Interest:** Chairman & Cllr Kingham– Planning – Cllr Oram – West house
- 4) Statements by County/District Councillors.** Cllr Kingham informed the meeting of the proposed road improvements on Bristol Road Bridgwater for the forthcoming start of work at Hinkley Point (copy of map to be placed in the Council notice board and on the web site) – also the fine for fly tipping has now been increased to £400
- 5) Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings** held on September 14<sup>th</sup> 2016 and October 12<sup>th</sup> 2016 These were accepted as a true record and signed
- 6) Matters arising – None**
  
- 7) Financial Matters and Planning:**
  - a) **Financial Update:** As at 5<sup>th</sup> November 2016 the current account stands at £3112.10 and the number 2 account stands at £9039.30.
  - b) **Clerk's Salary and Admin:** The Council agreed to pay the Clerk's salary of £185.53 and the PAYE element of £35. Web maintenance for 4 months -£60 and general expenses for 2 months of £12. This was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr Oram. All in favour
  - c) **Request from St Edward's –** The Council agreed to pay £450 for help towards the upkeep of the Churchyard. Proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr Baker. All in favour

## **PLANNING**

**19/16/00009**

96 Broadway, Chilton Polden, Bridgwater, TA7 9EN Formation of access and installation of a dropped kerb. This application was supported. Proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr Baker. All in favour

**19/16/00010**

Broadfields, Scrubbitts Lane, Chilton Polden, Bridgwater, TA7 9EJ

Conversion of loft to living accommodation, including raising roof height, installation of dormer windows and roof lifts, replacement of conservatory with single storey garden room to West elevation. This application was supported. Proposed by the Cllr Baker and seconded by Cllr Oram. All in favour

- 8) Community Questionnaire** – It was agreed that with the changes made to the form and the Clerk to administer the information gathered, it would be delivered along with the Church Newsletter. The Clerk to print 310 copies and deliver to Mr C Lush. The Council thanked Mr Lush for his help in distributing the form
- 9) Flood Alleviation update** – as no reply had been received from SCC – the Clerk to follow up if the funding was possible to roll over and all Cllrs to see if there is anyone local with the qualifications to act for the Council with this project
- 10) Clerks meeting with SALC** – The Clerk informed the meeting of his meeting at SALC re certain procedures within the Council
- 11) Bus Service update** – Cllr Baker informed the meeting of how the revised bus service is very overcrowded at peak times. It was agreed that the Council to make representation to the new joint Parish Council meeting to discuss matters of joint interest – especially the bus service as it impacts on all the villages nearby.
- 12) Precept request** – a date has been set – December 7<sup>th</sup> for the Council to set the precept for 2017
- 13) Joint PC meetings to discuss matters of joint interests** – see point 11
- 14) Free Health checks** – as the deadline had passed -the Clerk had written to the project co-ordinator asking for an extension due to only receiving notification 2 days beforehand – will have to wait until the offer is next available in the area
- 15) New Parish Councillor** – Mr Danny Kehoe gave a brief resume of his experience and it was agreed that the Clerk to send all the necessary paperwork for the new Cllr in time for the December meeting. Another possible new Cllr has been in touch with the Clerk and he is arranging an informal meeting to discuss them becoming a Cllr.
- 16) Road markings on Broadway** – Cllr Hayne presented an excellent detailed report on the state of the white lines on the road. It was agreed that the Clerk to write to highways asking for the work to be carried out as soon as possible
- 17) Planning Training** – this was deferred to the next meeting
- 18) West house sign** – Cllr Oram had been in touch with the regulatory body which administers recreational signage for highways and reported that the new gym signs are within the acceptable size
- 19) Xmas Tree – St Edwards** – the Council had received a request from St Edward's re the Christmas Tree Festival. Cllr Oram agreed to deliver and dress a real tree on behalf of the Council and would liaise with them

**20) Royal Mail Deliveries – A39** – the Clerk read a letter he had received regarding the suspension of postal deliveries to parishioners who live along the A39 (basically from the Olive Mill to the Edington junction – Holywell Road – 13 properties). It was agreed that the Clerk to write to Royal Mail and County / District Cllrs to see if the service can be reinstated. Proposed by Cllr Baker and seconded by Cllr Hayne. All in favour

**21) Proposed Base Station** – Following a proposal received from the agents who install new telephone masts, it was agreed that the Council look forward to the installation – as it would vastly improve 2G 3g and 4G mobile signals – as long as it was sympathetic in keeping with the area. The Clerk to write back informing the agents

**MATTERS OF REPORT** - Cllr Baker informed the meeting about the overhanging tree branches blocking the view of the bus driver at the bus stop near the old post office. The Chairman agreed to contact the owners to have the branches trimmed back – so the drivers could see the bus stop

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 7.30pm  
Jim Murray, Parish Clerk  
10<sup>th</sup> November 2016