



**CHILTON POLDEN PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES  
FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 12 JANUARY 2022 AT 7PM  
IN CHILTON POLDEN VILLAGE HALL**

This meeting was held under CV19 restrictions and followed the Risk Assessment from the Village Hall Committee

1. **Those Present:** Cllrs Hayne, Baker, Aylmer, James, Smith, Perfect-Porter and Clatworthy, and District Cllr S Kingham.
  
2. **Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest and dispensations:** The Clerk (due to illness). Vice-Chair Cllr Baker took the role as Clerk for the meeting. Apologies also from County Councillor Mark Healey.
  
3. **Statements by County /District Councillors:** County Cllr Healey had sent his apologies for not being able to attend or provide a report, due to a family bereavement. District Cllr Kingham stated that SDC would soon be providing villagers with blue bags for household recycling collection of plastics and small household electrical items. He also stated that he had not been selected to stand as a councillor in the forthcoming unitary council. The Parish Councillors at this point again asked for the District Councillor's urgent help in getting SCC Highways to resolve the flooding issue on Broadway, from 28 Broadway down to The Grange and junction of Goose Lane. This has been raised many times and is again a serious concern during wet and icy weather. Cllr Kingham resolved to help pursue this as a priority.
  
4. **Minutes of the meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021:** 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):** None.
  
6. **Financial Matters**  

Due to being absent through illness, the Clerk will circulate the financial reports to the Council by email following this meeting.

a)	Clerk's Salary (December)	£ 211.33
b)	PAYE for (December)	£ 44.38
c)	Data Protection annual fee	£40.00
  
- All the above will be paid by the Clerk through the Unity Internet banking facility as agreed unanimously by all the Cllrs.
  
7. **Planning:** None.
  
8. **Defibrillator update:** This project is on-going. The Clerk has written to the West Poldens PCC to note that the Village Hall Committee have confirmed that a defibrillator can be mounted to the hall and electrical supply connected to it. The Clerk has received one response from an electrician to provide a quote. Councillors will supply the Clerk with other suggested electricians to contact.
  
9. **Persimmon update re affordable housing:** The Council had contacted Esther Carter, SDC Housing Development Officer, asking her to attend the meeting to outline the process for the allocation of social

housing in Priory Green. Mrs Carter sent an email with contacts at Sovereign Housing and SDC. The Clerk will make contact.

- 10. Queens Jubilee celebrations update:** Following an initial meeting between representatives of the Council and the Playing Field Association, it was agreed that Cllrs Smith, Baker and Perfect-Porter will meet again with the PFA, and invite the Village Hall Committee, to agree a proposed plan for the February PC meeting. The current plan is to have a village tea party / lunch on Sat 4<sup>th</sup> or Sun 5<sup>th</sup> June. Villagers are again invited to join in the planning and offer their support for this event, if it is to take place. Please contact the Clerk.
- 11. Bank Signatory update:** There has been no further update on getting more Councillors as authorising signatories on the online banking. The Clerk will progress this as a matter of priority.
- 12. Disabled parking at Hall update:** The Clerk wrote to Liam Gill, Assistant Highways Service Manager at SCC, and received a reply saying that this had been forwarded to the SCC Traffic Management Team.
- 13. Notice Boards:** Project in progress. Cllr Aylmer is awaiting a quote for a replacement PC noticeboard.
- 14. New Clerk update:** The Clerk is leaving his position following the February meeting and has contacted other local PC clerks to see if they want to take on the Chilton Polden role as well. To date, no progress. The PC have placed an advert in the next edition of the Polden Post, and the advert will be posted on social media. SALC and SDC are also being contacted to see if anyone in those organisations would be interested. If anyone is interested in finding out more about this salaried role, please contact the Clerk or the Chair in the first instance.
- 15. Litter Pick:** It was agreed that the annual village litter pick will be continued and is to be planned for Saturday 19 March. The Council noted that this community initiative, started by Brian Parsons when he was a councillor, is of great benefit to the village.

**MATTERS OF REPORT: None**

**Date of next meeting – WEDNESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2022 STARTING AT 7PM**