

**CHILTON POLDEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12th FEBRUARY 2020 AT 7.30PM
IN CHILTON POLDEN VILLAGE 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 Cllr Hayne, Cllr James, Cllr Parsons, Cllr N Smith, District Cllr Kingham, plus 6 parishioners –In attendance the Clerk

2) Apologies for absence: Cllr Baker, Cllr Aylmer, County Cllr Healey,

3) Declarations of Interest – Chairman for agenda points 7 c/d, District Cllr Kingham to avoid predetermination at Sedgemoor Development Committee

4) Statements by County/District Councillors –District Cllr Kingham informed the meeting that the full SDC committee will be setting the new Council Tax for 2020/2021 within the next few weeks. General discussion took place re certain issues with Highways etc. The Chairman asked Cllr Kingham about the progress of the Persimmon development. As the application is still being worked on, it was agreed that the Clerk to write to the case officer asking for an update

5) Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8th January 2020 - these were accepted as a true record and signed

6) Matters arising – None

7) Financial Matters:

- a) **Financial Update** – as at 11th February 2020 the 2 bank accounts stood at £11,539.09 and the Clerk distributed a hard copy of an up to date cash book
- b) **Clerk's Salary, Expenses and Admin for January 2020** – the Council agreed to pay the following: Salary £193.97, PAYE £40.74. This was proposed by Cllr Hayne and seconded by Cllr James – all in favour
- c) **Church contribution grass cutting 2018/19** = £450 – this was cancelled as it was paid in April 2019. The confusion by the Clerk was calendar year/financial year
- d) **Church contribution grass cutting 2019/20** = £450
- e) **SALC – Training fee for Cllr** £25
- f) **Parish Online (get mapping)** £36

The Council agreed unanimously to pay 7d/e/f

District Cllr Kingham left the meeting at 7.50pm

8) Planning – 19/19/00020 Change of use of land to garden and erection of office building with mezzanine floor.' – located at 1 Priory Cottages, Chilton Polden Hill TA7 9AH. The Council agreed unanimously to support this application

District Cllr Kingham returned to the meeting at 8.00pm

9) Planting Trees update – the Clerk had contacted SCC, who had let him have some details of a tree planting guide, plus a survey which SCC were asking to be completed. Some parishioners had been making some of their own enquiries as to land which maybe available to plant trees. It was agreed that the PC would still liaise with SCC as to what land they may have and recommend the type of tree/costings etc which be suitable for the ground in Chilton Polden

10) Playing Field update -The Chairman of the PFA gave a detailed outline of the future plans for the playing field (new surface areas and new equipment). It was agreed that the two organisations will work more closely together for the best of the Village. Some discussion took place about financial help from the PC re the emptying of a bin on the playing field – the Chairman of the PFA to let the Clerk have the invoice before the March meeting. The Council thanked the PFA Chairman for attending

11) Welcome card new residents – the Chairman presented a rough proof of the new card, which all the Cllrs endorsed. A new design of the cover and costs to be submitted for the next meeting

12) VE celebrations update – Cllr Parsons had attended a joint meeting with Catcott and Edington, whereby various plans were discussed. The consensus of how to celebrate the occasion – was a proposal of an engraved medal for all children in the Villages – up the age of 11. **Parents of children within Chilton Polden who qualify – please contact the Clerk with their names**, A further meeting is to be held later this month – so an update will be made at the next meeting. The Clerk to write to the Catcott Clerk asking for costings of the proposed medals

13) Litter Pick up Saturday March 14th2020 – 10.00am, till noon - Cllr Parsons has arranged all the equipment to be delivered from SDC – posters are to be distributed – so see you all there with refreshments being served afterwards.

14) Ideas to enhance the village – with very limited response with ideas, it was agreed that planters/tubs would be a start point. The Clerk to find out some costings and to write to Highways asking where planters can/cannot be placed around the Village. **If parishioners have any ideas of how to enhance the Village – then please contact the Clerk**

15) SCC Chairman's Service to the Community – it was agreed that the Chairman to write a few words of the nominated parishioner

16) Road Survey – as potholes is a problem – it was agreed that all Cllrs to report where and when they see any within the Village, so this can be sent to Highways

MATTERS OF REPORT

Cllr Parsons – reported on the flooding on Broadway (between 65 and 55) – he had contacted Highways – but asked for the Clerk to contact County Cllr Healey and Cllr Woodman at SCC to see if more can be done to alleviate this on-going problem

Clerk – reported that he is experiencing problems with Outlook Express for the new email and hopefully should be resolved so the new bank application can then be completed

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday March 11th, 2020 at 7.30pm