



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

1. **Those Present** – Cllrs Aylmer, Smith, James, Baker & Clatworthy. Cllr Hayne chaired the meeting and acted as Clerk. Five parishioners attended all or some of the meeting.
2. **Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest and dispensations** – Cllr Perfect-Porter sent her apologies. Cllr Smith declared an interest in item 7e.
3. **Statements by County /District Councillors** - None received. Cllr Aujla sent apologies.
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 13th July 2022** – These were accepted as a true record and agreed unanimously by the Council.
5. **Minutes of extra meeting for planning applications held on 8th August 2022** – These were accepted as a true record and agreed unanimously by the Council.
6. **Matters arising (including matters of report from the minutes not itemised below)** – Cllr Hayne spoke to the electrician to arrange the preparation work needed for the defibrillator to be installed at the Village Hall. Cllr Hayne has also spoken to Edington Joinery about the new Parish Council noticeboard.
7. **Financial Matters**
 - a) Chilton Polden Village Hall – meeting hire costs Jan-June 2022 - £72
 - b) SALC Membership fee - £188.77
 - c) SDC Uncontested Election – 5th May - £100 (Inv LD043106)
 - d) SDC Grass cutting fees for Playing Field – Total £462 inc VAT) :
 - a. Inv EV042985 – 6th & 29th April - £132 (inc VAT)
 - b. Inv EV043163 – 17th May - £66 (inc VAT)
 - c. Inv EV043332 – 1st & 27th June - £132 (inc VAT)
 - d. Inv EV043469 – 18 July - £66 (inc VAT)
 - e. Inv EV043579 – 28 Aug - £66 (inc VAT)
 - e) Payment for Priory Green play area padlock – Cllr N Smith - £54.54

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

8. **Planning:**

Decisions to note on application numbers: 19/22/00006, 19/22/00007 and 19/22/00008

These decisions were noted by the Council.

Goose Lane Farmhouse development – consultation with Mr H Tolcher (Plot 1)

Mr Tolcher shared his draft plans and progress to date with the Council, ahead of a planning application being submitted.

9. **Avalon Priory – complaints about Anti-Social Behaviour and Licensing / Planning infringements.**

The Council has received several complaints about events and activities at The Priory. The Interim Clerk was asked to write to SDC Planning and Licensing Departments to ask them to review permissions.

10. Playing Field – update from Gordon Margary, ahead of AGM & Bonfire Night.

Gordon kindly gave the Council an update on the Chilton Polden Playing Field Association, with a request for volunteers to join the committee, which now comprises of just four people. The CPPFA AGM is being held on 13/10/22 and a Councillor will attend. A request was also made for the PC to fund the annual insurance and safety inspection costs of the Playing Field.

11. Parish Clerk Vacancy – The Clerk who recently took on the role, has resigned. A new Clerk is now being sought and anyone interested in the salaried role should contact any of the Councillors.

12. Footpaths - report of work needed to stiles from village's Footpath Liaison Officer.

Our volunteer Footpath Liaison Officer has noted several stiles that need repair. The Interim Clerk will report these to SDC.

13. Request for Donation – Somewhere House Somerset Charity No. 1157281.

The Interim Clerk will contact the charity for further information.

14. Allotments – enquiry.

A note will be put on the website to try to gather any interest in developing an allotment project.

15. LCN Consultation - Local Community Networks – New Somerset Council.

This email and documentation has been circulated to Councillors and is available online.

16. Precept setting - budget review and precept setting meeting planning

A planning meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 16 November 2022.

MATTERS OF REPORT

Coronation Event - need to start considering an event for Saturday 6th May 2023.

88 Broadway - it has been noted that an Anti-Social Closure Notice has been served at this address.

21 Broadway – Cllr James shared initial plans of the four houses to be self-built at this location.

Parking issue corner of Church Lane & Broadway – A villager raised this issue of visibility and lack of space.

Neighbourhood Watch Christmas Card – an informal request was made for funding for the cards delivered to village households by the Neighbourhood Watch Group.

Mobile Home, Smallways Lane – an email had been received asking about placing a mobile home on land off Smallways Lane.

Jubilee / Coronation Stone – Cllr Aylmer is progressing with costings and materials for a commemorative stone in the village.

Buses – It was noted that a further reduction in buses serving the village has meant that the last bus from Bridgwater is at 4.30pm, and the last from Street at 5.08pm. This negatively impacts the village and the young, old and non-drivers who rely on public transport.

The meeting ended at 9.00pm

Date of next meeting – WEDNESDAY 9th NOVEMBER 2022 STARTING AT 7PM