



CHILTON POLDEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2023
IN CHILTON POLDEN VILLAGE HALL

MINUTES

1. **Those Present:** Cllrs Perfect-Porter, James, Baker, Clatworthy, Aylmer and Smith. Cllr Hayne chaired the meeting and acted as Interim Clerk. Six members of the public attended.
2. **Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:** None.
3. **Statements by County Councillors:** Cllrs Aujla & Healey not present. Report circulated and on noticeboard. Key point of update is expected £87m budget deficit for next year in Somerset Council, and how this is proposed to be balanced by service reductions, efficiency savings and increases to fees and charges.
4. **Minutes of the meetings held on 8th November 2023:** 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):** Noted that we are still awaiting the replacement of the 30mph signs on Priory Road, at junction of Scrubbits Lane.
6. **Financial Matters**
 - 6.1 Neighbourhood Watch Christmas Card donation – Inv 001 - £27.26 – Approved & thanks noted to NWH Group.
 - 6.2 Village Christmas Tree – Cllr James - £45.06 – Approved.
 - 6.3 Village Christmas Tree lights and batteries – Cllr Clatworthy - £46 – Approved.
 - 6.4 Chilton Polden Village Hall – Hire 08/11/23 – Inv 82 - £10 – Approved.
 - 6.5 Chilton Polden Village Hall – Hire 11/10/23 – Inv 76 - £10 – Approved.
 - 6.6 Somerset Council – Playing Field Grass Cut 10/10/23 – Inv 30042239 - £87.60 – Approved.
 - 6.7 SALC – Cllr Perfect-Porter training 30/10/23 (Responding to Planning Applications) - Inv 2895 - £25 – Approved.
 - 6.8 Playing Field Association – Playing Field Insurance (Sept '23 – Sept '24) - £244.73 (Unity Insurance Services) – Approved.
 - 6.9 Playing Field Association – Annual Safety Inspection (14/06/23) - £190 (Somerset Playing Fields Assoc) – Approved.
7. **Planning:**
 - 7.1 19/23/00009 Land north of Butterwell Farm, TA7 9ED – Mr A Warren-locke – Covered storage, tubular frame, concrete sectional garage. Applicant not present at meeting. The Council voted to object to this application.
 - 7.2 19/23/00013 Avalon Priory TA7 9DH – Internal alterations to reconfigure bathroom/kitchen. Applicant not present at meeting. The Council voted to support this application subject to the report subject to a satisfactory survey(s) as requested by the County Ecologist.

Public Session

Six villagers attending the meeting raised concerns about the serious flooding on Broadway and down Goose Lane on 4th & 5th December, causing some damage to roads and homes. As a matter of urgency the Interim Clerk was requested to contact our Somerset Councillors, Cllrs Aujla & Healey, for advice and help. Key areas to address include: damaged culvert covers at top of Goose Lane; blocked drains / gullies on Broadway; clearance of the depth of the Goose Lane stream toward junction of Smallways Lane; request survey into small / blocked culvert under entrance to Coombe Lane; and creation of drainage hole in wall on Goose Lane to allow water to enter stream from road.

8. **Village Christmas Tree:** The Council has funded and supply a village Christmas tree which is on display in the churchyard. Thanks to Cllrs Clatworthy & James for organising.
9. **Defibrillator:** The Chair/Clerk is arranging the installation on the Village Hall.
10. **Precept.** Cllrs Aylmer, James, Smith, Perfect-Porter and Hayne met to plan the precept on 06/12/23. The proposed precept is £6,752 (a 0.06% decrease vs LY's precept of £6,756).

MATTERS OF REPORT – None

MEETING CLOSED AT 8.36PM Date of next meeting – WEDNESDAY 10th JANUARY 2024 STARTING AT 7PM