



CHILTON POLDEN PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2024  
IN CHILTON POLDEN VILLAGE HALL

## MINUTES

1. **Those Present:** Cllrs Perfect-Porter, Baker, Aylmer and Smith. Cllr Hayne chaired the meeting and acted as Interim Clerk. Four members of the public attended.
2. **Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:** Cllrs James and Clatworthy sent their apologies. Cllr James joined the meeting at 7.45pm.
3. **Statements by County Councillors:** Cllrs Aujla & Healey not present. Report circulated and on noticeboard. Key points of update included the public consultation on finances and services due to the £100m budget gap for 2024/25. This consultation is open until 22/01/24. Potential changes to waste collection days and the end of charges for DIY waste disposal are also included in the update.
4. **Minutes of the meetings held on 13<sup>th</sup> December 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:** The Clerk to chase Somerset Highways again to replace the incorrect sized 30mph signs on Priory Road, and to report a damaged sign on Broadway at the western approach to the village.
6. **Financial Matters**
  - 6.1 Information Commissioners Office – GDPR / Data Protection Fee – Inv 00015230783 - £40  
This was unanimously approved for payment.
7. **Planning Update from Somerset Council – For Note:**
  - 7.1 19/23/00014 92 Broadway TA& 9EQ – Mr. & Mrs. Oram – Erection of one dwelling. Decision: Refuse Planning Permission. The Parish Council noted that one of the main reasons this had been refused was due to the “...contrived nature and size of the amenity space...” which highlights the need for viable amenity / garden space for new dwelling in the parish.
8. **Somerset Rivers Authority – Strategy & Flood Action Plan Consultation:** This consultation at [www.srastrategy.co.uk](http://www.srastrategy.co.uk) is open until 14/01/24. It was agreed that the Clerk would complete it on behalf of the village and Council. Comments can also be submitted by individuals.
9. **Flooding on Priory Road & Goose Lane:** The Clerk updated the meeting that our Somerset Councillors have been contacted to help advise on the issues including the drains on Broadway; culvert at the junction of Goose Lane and Broadway; culvert under the junction of Goose Lane and Coombe Lane; and the ownership / maintenance of the stream at the junction of Goose Lane and Smallways Lane. The Clerk will also contact the Somerset Rivers Authority. The Clerk will check the insurance to see if a working party of volunteers can plan to clear some of the undergrowth in the stream and on the banks.
10. **Recycling & Waste Collections:** It was noted that waste collection days may change, and that all households have been sent letters. Any change will be in February. Poster put on noticeboard.
11. **Footpath Liaison Officer:** The Clerk has contacted Somerset Council to establish the terms of reference for the role and how to register a volunteer. A villager has expressed an interest in taking the role to help monitor the footpaths and stiles in the parish.
12. **Annual Village Litter Pick:** This year’s Annual Village Litter Pick is planned for Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March. The Clerk will check that the Village Hall is booked and send organising details round to Councillors.

## **MATTERS OF REPORT**

**Photo Frames for Village Hall:** The Clerk will contact the Village Hall Committee to propose that photos from the Village Coronation Event be framed and displayed in the Hall.

**Broadway Avenue garages:** The Clerk was requested to contact Homes in Sedgemoor again about the poor state of the garages on Broadway Avenue.

**Parking on Broadway Avenue:** The Clerk was requested to contact the PCSO about the issue of parking at / on the junction of Broadway Avenue and Broadway.

**MEETING CLOSED AT 7.52PM**

**Date of next meeting – WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2024 STARTING AT 7PM**