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Minutes of Chilton Polden Parish Council Meeting 9th July 2025

1. Those Present: Cllrs Hayne, Baker, Smith, Aylmer, Perfect-Porter, James and Clatworthy. Three parishioners were in attendance.
2. Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest and Dispensations :Cllr Baker sent apologies.
3. Statements by County Councilors: None received.
4. Minutes of the meeting held on 18th June 2025: Approved as a true record
5. Matter arising (including matters of report from the minutes not itemised below):
 - 5.1 Cllr Smith had produced a draft Chilton Polden Housing Needs & Infrastructure Survey, as a suggestion in relation to the proposed development on Broadway Avenue. This will be discussed at the September meeting.
 - 5.2 Cllr Aylmer questioned the cost of the mowing contract with Somerset Council for the Playing Field. Cllr Hayne/Clerk will contact Somerset Council Clean Surroundings team to ask what other Council owned land (verges, etc) they mow and what frequency. Councillors will also enquire on approx. costs from any other known contractors.
6. **Financial Matters**
 - 6.1 Chilton Polden Hall CIO – Invoice 130 Hall rentals (Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb & Mar x 2) £60
 - 6.2 Somerset Council – Playing Field Grass Cut 22/05/25 – Inv 30114874 £120

The Council unanimously agreed to pay these invoices.

7. Planning Matters: None

8. Broadway Avenue Garages – Update following meeting on 19/06/25. Cllr Baker reported that 8-9 villagers attended this site meeting in Broadway Avenue, along with Cllrs Aylmer and Smith. Consensus was that the residents of the area need parking and some new garages to alleviate the on-pavement parking. There was no identified additional social housing need in the village, and as a Tier 4 village it already has 33 properties (approx 10% of the village) as social housing.
9. Volunteer Highway Maintenance – Briefing note from Somerset Council. Cllr Aylmer will look at this and attend any LCN Highways Meetings if possible.

MATTERS OF REPORT

A letter from the Friends of St Edwards Church has been received. This was noted and will be put on the agenda for the September meeting.

A letter was received from Christine Greenaway (also present at the meeting) about support for a start-up replacement for the Polden Post, to be called 'Poldens Today'. The Council discussed the idea and agreed to potentially support with a donation of a maximum of £150, dependent on further clarity on funding etc. This will be placed on the agenda for the September meeting.

A parishioner commented about the traffic accident on Broadway, where a silage trailer overturned and destroyed outside nos.37 and 39. Concerns were made over the speed of vehicles, particularly large agricultural vehicles driven by contractors, not necessarily familiar with the village.

There is a missing link on the website to the Village Hall booking page. Cllr Hayne/Clerk will arrange for this to be corrected.

A volunteer group was proposed to clear the Goose Lane stream of vegetation and also look at manually clearing the blocked drains on the north of Broadway.

Meeting closed at 8:15pm

Date of next meeting – WEDNESDAY 10th SEPTEMBER 2025 STARTING AT 7PM