



CHILTON POLDEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10TH APRIL 2024
IN CHILTON POLDEN VILLAGE HALL

MINUTES

1. **Those Present:** Cllrs Baker, Smith, Aylmer and Clatworthy. Cllr Hayne chaired the meeting and acted as Interim Clerk. One member of the public attended.
2. **Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:** Cllrs Perfect-Porter and James sent their apologies.
3. **Statements by County Councillors:** The update from Cllrs Aujla and Healey has been circulated and key points were read out. Content covered Somerset Council's Mendip local plan consultation; Somerset Road Safety; Britain in Bloom; new electric buses; voter registration; swimming pool funding; the former Bridgwater hospital site; the purple chair scheme; Go Green scheme; the Digital Innovation Centre; and Green Business Grants.
4. **Minutes of the meetings held on 13th March 2024:** 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):** An application by a villager to become the Parish Path Liaison Officer volunteer role is progressing, and the Council agreed to support the role profile supplied by Somerset Council.
6. **Financial Matters**
 - 6.1 Somerset Council – Inv 30053630 Playing Field Grass Cut March 2024 - £87.60
 - 6.2 Somerset Council – 06.06.23 April 2023 Two grass cuts for Playing Field Inv 30016129 £175.20
 - 6.3 Somerset Council – 15.09.23 VAT on Playing Field grass cut 20/07/23 Inv 30030301 £14.60

The Council unanimously agreed to pay these invoices but will check on the date of the grass cut in item 7.1 before payment.
7. **Planning** – It was noted that application 19/23/00007 West11 Group, 21 Broadway TA7 9DR. Change of use of ancillary accommodation to dwelling has been granted permission by Somerset Council.
8. **Somerset Council** – The Parish Council have received a 2024/25 grass cutting quotation for Chilton Polden Playing Field of £78 (ex-VAT) per cut based on 12 cuts. The Chair/Interim Clerk will check on the number of cuts per year and will inform the Playing Field Association.
9. **Stitchers:** The Council agreed in principle to make a donation for a frame for the Jubilee Wall-hanging in the Village Hall, dependent on a quote being provided. Cllr Baker to progress with the Stitchers Group.
10. **Somerset Day Big Picnic Event:** Cllr Perfect-Porter offered to look at this event opportunity, but the Council felt that as details have only just been received, it was very short notice for 11th or 12th May.

MATTERS OF REPORT

- Cllr Smith offered to find the contact details of a paramedic to discuss training for the village on how to use the defibrillator.
- Cllr Smith suggested having a map of the footpaths on the noticeboard. The Chair/Interim Clerk will try to source one.

MEETING CLOSED AT 7.54PM
Date of next meeting – WEDNESDAY 8th MAY 2024 STARTING AT 7PM