



**CHILTON POLDEN PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022 AT 7PM  
IN CHILTON POLDEN VILLAGE HALL**

NOTE: Tim Hayne, Parish Council Chair, is acting as volunteer Interim Clerk. Please excuse any delays in responses to emails.

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- 1. Those Present:** Cllrs Baker, Clatworthy, Smith, James, Aylmer and Perfect-Porter, plus 2 members of the public. County Cllrs Healey and Aujla. Cllr Baker as Vice Chair, chaired this meeting.
- 2. Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest and dispensations:** Cllr Hayne sent apologies due to illness.
- 3. Statements by County /District Councillors:**

Cllrs Mark Healy and Suria Aujla. Statement provided in advance of the meeting.  
Local government organisation, first election to the new authority together held 05<sup>th</sup> May, vesting day for the new unitary council remains 1<sup>st</sup> April.  
Primary school admissions 98.62% of Somerset children were offered a primary school in their top 3 choices. 93.4% received their first choice.  
Winter gritting stood down in May following a busy winter gritting 900 miles of roads on 59 occasions. Think travel, there is a new website <https://somerset.thinktravel.info> providing support for local people to access public and community transport.  
Child safety, as part of child safety week 6<sup>th</sup> June to 12<sup>th</sup> June eligible parents can access free safety equipment through their health visitor.  
Smoking in pregnancy, package of increased support offered to expectant parents with a new app available, support, treatment and financial incentives.  
Duke of Edinburgh award, interested parties to contact [DofE@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:DofE@somerset.gov.uk).  
Blood pressure machines are available to loan from libraries.  
Ukrainian Refugees information can be found at [www.somerset.gov.uk/ukraine/refugee-resettlement/](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/ukraine/refugee-resettlement/)
- 4. Minutes of the meeting held 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022:** 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):**

Disabled space for outside the village hall has been considered by SDC and an option has been passed on to the Village Hall committee, as per their request.  
Village Notice Board is progressing.  
Waste bin is in place.  
Planning response 19/22/00004 comments have now closed and is awaiting decision for no. 88 with 11 objections from concerned residents.
- 6. Financial Matters**
  1. Jubilee Celebrations Public Liability and Equipment Cover Insurance - Paid by Cllr Perfect-Porter £194.73. It was discussed and agreed to pay this insurance for the jubilee celebrations.

Receipts have been requested for any remaining costs of the Jubilee Committee – Any remaining funds will be donated to a charity to benefit local parish.

**7. Planning: None**

**8. 88 Broadway:** Concerns have been raised by parishioners. A meeting has been held with the company that carry out the care of the resident and residents in the local area. Resident provided notes from the meeting held. County Cllr Healey has advised that the Parish Council should contact Mel Lock, Director of Health and Social Care, to raise concerns for safeguarding of the resident to include any evidence and communications on this matter. Various organisations have been informed and a legal trigger assessment has been raised. Environmental Health have recently cleared a substantial amount of waste from the property. Cllr Perfect-Porter will follow this agenda item up on behalf of the Council.

**9. Audit update:** Audit is with Richard Young.

**10. Queens Jubilee celebrations report:** A very enjoyable event with much positive feedback. Thank you to Playing Field Committee; Jubilee Committee; and Village Hall Committee for organising a fun, safe and enjoyable event. Thank you to residents that helped to arrange the many aspects of the event making it a success. A suggestion of an annual event was well received and discussed during the meeting.

**11. Platinum Jubilee Commemorative Stone:** Land by the village notice board ownership to be confirmed. Cllr Alymer confirmed that we are awaiting a quote for stone and engraving.

**12. Road repair – flooding outside 28-30 Broadway:** Road works have taken place last month, but a collapsed culvert was identified, and this has been sprayed on the road. Clerk to contact Liam Gill to understand next steps. County Cllr Healey advised Parish Council to contact Mike Rigby Cabinet Member for Highways to raise issue again.

**13. New Clerk update:** The applicant has accepted the role; contract is being written. Clerk to start next month.

#### **MATTERS OF REPORT**

**Farmland:** Cllr Hayne has been approached by a local farmer to request residents keep dogs on lead on agricultural land and remove any dog waste to protect livestock and prevent contamination to the land and silage.

**Bus Service:** Cllr Baker has raised that the local bus service has been cut and does not extend to beyond working hours or school hours. A handout was provided on the bus service timetable. Residents will struggle to work and travel by bus. This is not in support of meeting the National Green Agenda.

**Website:** Needs some updating to include new councillors.

**Meeting Closed at 20:02**

**Date of next meeting – WEDNESDAY 13<sup>h</sup> JULY 2022 STARTING AT 7PM**