



**CHILTON POLDEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10th November 2021 at 7pm
IN CHILTON POLDEN VILLAGE HALL**

This meeting was held under CV19 restrictions and followed the Risk Assessment from the Village Hall Committee

- 1) Those Present:** Cllrs Hayne, Baker, Aylmer, James and Smith.
1 Parishioner and in attendance the Clerk

With the resignation of Cllr Brian Parsons, the Parish Council would like thank Brian for all his hard work, professionalism, and dedication for the good of Chilton Polden. He will be sorely missed.

- 2) Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest and dispensations** - District Cllr Kingham sent his apologies.
- 3) Statements by County /District Councilors** – County Cllr Healey had sent his monthly report which had been circulated to the Cllrs prior to the meeting.
- 4) Minutes of the meeting held 13th October 2021-** 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) NONE**

6) Financial Matters

Update the Clerk to distribute the bank reconciliation to the Cllrs

	Clerk's Salary (October)	£ 211.33
b)	PAYE for (October)	£ 44.38
c)	SDC re grass cut 08.09.21	£66.00 inc VAT
d)	Clerk's expenses Jy/Aug/Sept/Oct	£15.00
e)	Web Maintenance Aug/Sept/Oct	£75.00

- 7. Planning: NONE**
- 8. Defibrillator** – Cllr James gave a detailed presentation on the use of a defibrillator. It was agreed that the Clerk to obtain some quotes for an electrician for the installation, and report back at the next meeting.
- 9. Persimmon update** – it was agreed that another site meeting for WEDNESDAY 17th NOVEMBER at 3pm to be arranged. The Clerk to arrange the site meeting. It was agreed that the PC to write to Persimmon to see if they would purchase the defibrillator and install a new Council notice board. The Clerk to write to SDC Housing Department to enquire how many Chilton Polden parishioners are part of the allocation of the new homes and how this allocation is being progressed.
- 10. Interview update** – The Chairman and interview panel members reported back to the Council, following the interviews with the two candidates. It was agreed by all that both would be invited to become the new Cllrs for Chilton Polden.

11. **Budget meeting for precept 2022/23** – a date of Wednesday December 1st was agreed to discuss the precept budget.
12. **Christmas Tree Festival at St Edward's December 4th & 5th** – it was agreed that the Parish Council would take part in the festival. The Clerk to confirm, Cllr Smith to arrange a small tree and the Chairman to locate the decorations.
13. **Queens Jubilee celebrations** – it was agreed that the Clerk to write to the PFA to see what plans they have about a possible joint venture for the celebrations. An article to be placed in the Polden Post asking for suggestions or being able to help. The Chairman to investigate the costs of providing saplings for the children of the Parish. Cllr Aylmer to look into the possibility of a memorable stone to be placed within the village. Any villagers with suggestions on how to mark the Jubilee and are willing to be involved, please do contact any member of the Parish Council.
14. **Quarterly risk assessment** – it was agreed to defer this till the next meeting.
15. **Bank Signatory** – the Clerk has applied for Cllr Smith to become a signatory, once ID has been provided. Cllrs James and Baker to send their details to become signatories.

MATTERS OF REPORT

Chairman – the ongoing situation with the flooding near 30 Broadway is unacceptable, as nothing has been done in over a year of contacting Highways at Somerset County Council. Lots of Villagers have been in touch with Cllrs asking for something to be done. The Clerk to write again to the County/District Cllrs to push for this to be rectified. Villagers are encouraged to report this on the Somerset County Council website, under the Roads and Transport section.

The Clerk to write to SCC, thanking them for the road safety white line markings now in place.

Cllr Baker – has been asked about the new waste bin to be installed in the Village, to replace the one that was previously situated outside the Post Office. The Clerk to write to SDC for an update. Potholes on Church Lane were discussed and the Chairman offered to report them on the Somerset County Council's website.

Cllr Smith – stated that the 30mph signs still need replacing on the entrance to the Village from Edington.

Cllr Aylmer – stated that the nuisance of bonfires is an issue within certain parts of the Village. With bonfires being Anti-Social, it was agreed that the Clerk to write to SDC to find out what the rules are for bonfires within a Village. Details would then be communicated on the PC noticeboard. Villagers having bonfires are asked to consider the time of day and wind direction in respect of neighbours when doing so.

The Parish Council has been contacted quite a lot recently regarding events being held at the Priory. It was agreed that the Clerk to write to SDC planning to see if these events are contravening their remit of their planning applications. It was also agreed that the Clerk to write to the Priory to see if they would be able to give notice of any future events

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

**Date of next meeting: Wednesday 8th December 2021 at the Hall
Starting at 7pm**