

CHILTON POLDEN PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8th APRIL 2015 AT 7.30PM
IN THE PARISH ROOM (CHURCH HALL), PRIORY ROAD
is as set out below

Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability) Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights.

- 1) Those Present: Mr A Carr, Mr M Davidson, Mr K Ulliyatt, Mr B Parsons, Mrs G Baker, Mr M Aylmer Mr T Hayne . In attendance The Clerk
- 2) Apologies for absence: None
- 3) Declarations of Interest: None
- 4) Statements by County/District Councillors: None
- 5) Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th March 2015 were accepted as a true record and signed
- 6) Matters arising (including matters of report from the minutes not itemised below): None
- 7) Financial and Planning Matters:
 - a) **Financial Update:** As at 8th April 2015 the current account stands at £4825.86 and the reserve account stands at £2500.12.
 - b) **Clerk's Salary and Admin:** The Council agreed to pay the Clerk's salary of £195.70 and the PAYE element of £33.60. This was proposed by Mr A Carr and seconded by Mrs G Baker. All in favour
 - c) **Church Hall Hire** – The Council agreed to pay the invoice for hire of the Church Hall – 3 months totalling £24. This was proposed by Mr A Carr and seconded by Mr B Parsons. All in favour

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- d) 1 Old Vicarage Close – The Council had no observations to offer
 - e) Barn at Horn Farm – as this is agricultural – the Council had no observations to offer
- 8) **Sedgemoor Legal Scheme for Parish Councils** – After some discussion it was agreed that the Council would not be joining the scheme. This was proposed by Mr B Parsons and seconded by Mrs G Baker. All in favour

- 9) **Chilton Polden Emergency Contacts** – It was agreed that the Clerk, Mr A Carr, Mr M Davidson and Mr M Aylmer’s names would be put forward
- 10) **Post Box/ Telephone Box update** - Mr K Ulliyatt updated the meeting re the repositioning of the post box and Royal Mail have been made aware of the change of ownership of the land. Mr M Davidson is to look into a possible new site of the telephone box next to the Church Hall. The Clerk is to make enquiries re the costs involved in moving the telephone box.
- 11) **Litter Pick - update** – Mr B Parsons informed the meeting that the litter pick up was a great success. The Council thanked Mr B Parsons for all his hard work in organising the litter pick up and look forward to next year’s village tidy up
- 12) **Cluster Meeting - update** - Mr M Aylmer informed the meeting of the talk given by Mrs Sue Mountstevens – the Avon and Somerset Police Commissioner – she explained about the Police resources for rural locations. This and much more can be seen on her web site www.avonandsomerset-pcc.gov.uk
- 12) **ABCD – update** – Mr B Parsons informed the meeting of a need for basic computing training within the Village. He is in the process of putting together a Village questionnaire to find suitable skills to help out.
- 13) **Village Hall Group – update** – The Clerk informed the meeting that he had written to the VHG and their reply is due at the end of April. Confirmation that there are funds available to help with their costs (this includes 2015/16 budget)
- 14) **Broadband reception** - The Councillors all reported that their broadband speed was sufficient for their usage
- 15) **Sedgemoor Parish Council Questionnaire** – The Clerk is to complete the questionnaire and circulate a copy to the Councillors
- 16) **Nominate a “Somerset Star”** – www.scvolunteering.com Somerset County Council are looking for a “Somerset Star” – people or groups within the Village who volunteer their time and make a positive impact by what they do. If you would like to nominate individuals or volunteer groups please see the link above or contact the Parish Clerk for application forms
- 17) **Playing Field grass cutting update and quote for 2015/2016** – The Parish Council had received a quote for the grass cutting for the forthcoming year. It was agreed that the Clerk to write to the PFA asking them to monitor the number of cuts over the year.
- 18) **AGM arrangements** – It was agreed that as an election was taking place – that no invitations for speakers for the AGM would be sent

Mr Keith Ulliyatt – after over 25 years being a Parish Councillor for Chilton Polden – has decided to retire. The Council would like to put on record the sterling service which Keith has shown for the good of Chilton Polden

There then followed some general discussion.

Mr M Davidson raised the situation regarding Goose Lane/Combe Lane – it was agreed that the Clerk to write to Mr Steve Cox informing him of any possible help which the Parish Council may bring in contacting water authority's/drainage board/environment agency/district councillors

Mrs G Baker informed the meeting about the incident in The Avenue recently – whereby two fire engines attended a call out – but could not get to the emergency because of inconsiderate parking along the Avenue. Please can residents be more considerate as far as parking is concerned – as the next time – it could be you the fire engines are coming to

A query was raised concerning some building work at Sealeys Farm. The Clerk reported that the matter had already been raised with the planning enforcement officer and has been registered for investigation

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 13th May 2015 at 7.00pm
Followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 8.15pm

Jim Murray, Parish Clerk

10th April 2015