

**CHILTON POLDEN PARISH COUNCIL  
DRAFT MINUTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2016 AT 7.30PM  
IN THE CHURCH HALL, PRIORY ROAD**

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 Aylmer, Mr M Davidson, Mr T Hayne , Mrs G Baker, Mr B Parsons. 41 residents (at least 50% non-Chilton Polden residents).  
County Cllr Mr D Huxtable and in attendance the Clerk

**Bus Route 375**

As so many parishioners had come to the meeting for item 8 on the agenda (bus route 375) it was agreed to start the meeting with this point.

The Chairman gave a brief resume of what the Parish Council had done to date then allowed County Cllr Mr D Huxtable to address the meeting

He explained that this bus route is not subsidised by Somerset County Council and is run purely commercially and the decision is being taken by First Bus. He had attended meetings with First bus, Webber Bus and College Bus to try and resolve this situation. Talks are ongoing and assured the meeting that it will be sorted to perhaps the detrimental of other County budgets. He expects an answer hopefully by the end of April. Cllr Huxtable then took various questions from the residents who expressed their concern for students at Stroud and Bridgwater Colleges, hospital visits, work commitments and the elderly who all rely on this valuable service. It was generally accepted that along with other solutions, that the bus service could run – say 4 times a day if costs were the main factor in First Bus overall decision. Cllr Huxtable suggested it would be a good idea to perhaps email/write to him as well as County Cllr Mr M Healey, District Cllr Mr S Kingham and First bus expressing their concerns over the proposed withdrawal of this bus route. The Clerk was to place on the web site and inform the parishioners of emails for them to make contact. It was agreed by the Parish Council to also make contact with all the above parties expressing their SURPRISE that there was no consultation by the Bus Company and more importantly to the Councils the threat to the sustainability of Chilton Polden (and other Polden villages)

- 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 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016:** These were accepted as a true record and signed.
- 6) Matters arising** (including matters of report from the minutes not itemised below) None

**7) Financial Matters and Planning:**

- a) **Financial Update:** As at 13<sup>th</sup> April 2016 the current account stands at £3537.09 and the number 2 account stands at £2318.80.
- b) **Clerk's Salary and Admin:** The Council agreed to pay the Clerk's salary of £188.53 and the PAYE element of £35.00. This was proposed by Mr A Carr and seconded by Mrs G Baker. All in favour
- c) **Retrospective authorisation** re a transfer from number 2 account to number 1 account - £1000. This measure was taken as the invoice (7d) had to be submitted in the financial year ending March 31<sup>st</sup>. Proposed by Mr A Carr and seconded by Mr Davidson. All in favour.
- d) **Retrospective authorisation** of Barnabys invoice - £2000 + VAT re flood alleviation – This measure was taken as to make sure the Parish Council was repaid in the financial year ending March 31<sup>st</sup>. Proposed and seconded as above.
- e) **Church Hall hire** – 3 months Jan/Feb/March - £24 The Council agreed to pay this invoice. Proposed by Mrs G Baker and seconded by Mr M Davidson. All in favour
- f) **Bank Accounts and procedure** – The Clerk informed the meeting that he had visited Santander Bank in Bridgwater to see why payments from SCC had not been accepted into the Parish Councils account by BACS. He explained that the Council has an old National Giro account which cover any cheques written but the Council has another bank account reference number for any BACS transfer linked to our cheque account so deposits can be made. It was agreed that the Clerk to inform Councillors of this procedure if he was not present
- g) **Sedgemoor DC** – Grass cutting x 3 @ £55 = £165 + VAT – The Council agreed to pay this invoice. Proposed by Mrs G Baker and seconded by Mr B Parsons. All in favour

**PLANNING –**

**19/16/00003** Horn Farm Chilton Road Chilton Polden TA7 9ET – The Council agreed that there were no observations re this application

**8) Withdrawal of Bus Service** – See above notes

**9) Flood Alleviation Update** – Mr M Davidson informed the meeting that with the help of County Cllr Mr M Healey that the funding could be carried forward to this current financial

year at SCC . Once this has been confirmed that there would be a meeting called with the residents most effected with the proposed work to be undertaken

- 10) Fly Tipping** – Following Mr B Parsons email to Sedgemoor concerning the amount of fly tipping on Priory Road – it was agreed that in future photographic evidence could be sent to Sedgemoor to enable a quick response
- 11) AGM arrangements May 11<sup>th</sup>** – It was agreed that a flyer was to be printed informing the parishioners of the Annual Parish meeting. Items would include a defibrillator demonstration and presentation, bus route update and the Parish Councillor vacancy. This was also to be placed on the Village web site. The flyer would be distributed approximately 1 week prior to the meeting on May 11th
- 12) Addition to web site** – The Clerk informed the meeting of how quickly something can be placed on the web site ( as was the case of the bus route)
- 13) Parish Room update** – Mr A Carr updated the meeting of a recent communication to the Parish Room solicitors

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 7.00pm  
Followed by Annual Parish Meeting at 8.15pm  
Jim Murray, Parish Clerk