

CHITTERNE PARISH COUNCIL
Draft Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
Monday 11th January 2016 at Chitterne Village Hall

Present: M Lucas, P. Emmerson, B. Ricketts, M. Kent, V. Neal (Clerk),
Apologies, Cllr Newbury, P. Pike, C. Horsfall

700/33 Declarations of Interest: V. Neal Planning application 16/00274/TCA

700/34 Risk Management Review – signed by Chairman

700/35 Minutes of last meeting 09/11/2015 – approved and signed as a true record

700/36 Matters Arising

Register of Assets, draft form produced - ongoing
Play Equipment - Zipwire tension -
Quote for repairs -

ACTION: M. Lucas
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ACTION: V. Neal

700/37 Flood Warden Report – B. Ricketts thanked for useful village flood updates

Water in The Cut is lower than normal for the time of year.

Monitoring of village wells has confirmed that they all fill at the same time

Actions in event of a flood – priority to prevent The Cut overflowing onto roads. Some footbridges may need to be isolated.

Rising ground water – householders need to be prepared to take action to protect their property.

A note to be prepared for Chit Chat

Village Hall sewage treatment plant – Not eligible for Landfill Tax credit funding

Harley Farms to be approached direct for possible funding

Operational Flood Working Group (South) – a useful meeting was had with Atkins representative.

The technical report was discussed and works that could be actioned immediately highlighted.

Sluice gates at Middle Barn – it has been calculated that more than a certain volume of water could be held back. This categorises the holding pond as a ‘reservoir’, so there are many more regulations/restrictions. Chitterne have entered another flood season with no action from authorities to action obvious improvements.

ACTION: B. Ricketts

700/38 Precept 2016/2017

Grant from Wiltshire Council has been reduced from £258.72 in 2015/16 to £46.57 in 2016/17

There were a number of unexpected payments £400.00 contribution to topographical survey, £660.00 pollarding of horse chestnut. The precept will need to be increased to ensure that the Parish Council can deal with unexpected expenditure and respond to the general reduction in support from Wiltshire Council.

Proposal to raise the precept by 11% which would give us a precept of £7049.13. For a Band D, this would be an increase of £5.23 to £52.75

Vote – four in favour.

700/39 Traffic

Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) – Wiltshire Council no longer supporting SIDs in villages. Parish Councils will need to find volunteers to set them up and funding for training.

Warminster Town Council will acquire 2 SIDs. These could be made available to villages on a rota. Chitterne would need to provide some funds but this option is likely to be cheaper than the parish council being directly responsible.

It was suggested that an alternative is for the Parish Council to buy their own equipment. Quotes to be obtained

ACTION: M.Kent

01/02/2016 Wiltshire Council work to start on building out the curb at the junction of B390 and C22 to slow cornering traffic. Three way traffic signals will be in place for a maximum of 10 days.

700/40 90th Birthday Celebrations Queen Elizabeth II

‘Clean for the Queen’ – planned to coincide with Breakfast Club on 7th May.

Note for Chit Chat

ACTION: M. Lucas

700/41 Mobile Infrastructure Project

M Lucas had corresponded with Andrew Murrison MP to a) express concern at the cancellation of the possibility of a new mast for Chitterne in the foreseeable future. And b) raise the concern that emergency services will soon communicate via the mobile network. Assurance has been given that the 'Airwave System' will be kept on until mobile signals are set up everywhere. **ACTION: M. Lucas**

700/42 Planning Applications

15//TCA - Yew Tree Chitterne House – fell. Objection as owners of tree not consulted. Request for tree officer to visit and assess the condition of the tree.

15/11066/FUL – Glasshouses, East Codford Down – whilst the Parish Council support energy from waste and the aim to be carbon neutral, there are some serious concerns about the visibility of the glasshouses from the B390, the bridleway heading NW then SW until it meets The Hollow. Potential light pollution and reflection also raised. Request for better screening – comments submitted

16/00274/TCA – Pollarding of Ash Tree adjacent (and over) B390, Clump House – no objections

700/43 Sportsfield Booking System - Problems with booking system to be addressed by Village Hall Committee. Improvements to be communicated to Cricket Club representative.

700/44 Electors Meeting - Oil and gas extraction (Fracking) in Wiltshire to be the subject of the meeting. Licences for exploration have already been taken up in Wiltshire. Speakers to represent pro and anti fracking views to be sourced **ACTION: V. Neal**

700/45 Warminster Area Board – attended by M. Lucas. Presentation from new chief of Wiltshire & Dorset fire and Rescue Service.

700/46 Village Hall Committee – Area Board grant to be pursued for renewing plumbing in association with sewage plant update. Quotes to be obtained. **ACTION: B. Ricketts**
Quote for water heater to be obtained **ACTION: M. Kent**

700/47 Environment Agency Complaint – no response

700/48 Transparency – A grant of £539.00 has been secured to buy a pc and software for the maintenance of the village website

700/49 Orders for Payment

Barry Ricketts – SSE grant equipment £1,012.36 chq 100483, Greg Gent – Tree work £660.00 chq 100484, Murray Kent – SSE grant materials for shed £265.40 chq 100484, Nick Windsor - grass cutting - £120.00 chq 100486, Dupliquick Ltd - printing of Chit Chat £84.00 chq 100487, A V Neal – clerk salary £475.00 chq 100488, Brian Lee – shed construction (SSE grant) £450.00 chq 100489, M Kent – SSE grant equipment £172.69 chq 100490

To be minuted from September: Roger Watkins – SSE grant equipment £1,130.00 chq 100472, Dupliquick Ltd - printing of Chit Chat £84.00 chq 100473, Chitterne Cricket Club £909.50 chq 100474, Dupliquick Ltd - printing of Chit Chat £84.00 chq 100475, Wiltshire Council – topographical survey £400.00 chq 100476, A V Neal – clerk salary £475.00 chq 100477

700/50 Finance – balance in Nationwide Account 31/12/15 £9,

700/51 – Any Other Business

Tree down on footpath opposite church – reported on MyWiltshire App
4x4 vehicles have been using Imber Range path from top of Back Lane. D. Albertsen to check status of path.

Walking maps to be printed for noticeboard

ACTION: V. Neal

Date of Next Meeting – Monday 14th March 2016

