

**Draft Minutes of CHITTERNE PARISH COUNCIL meeting held at 7pm on
MONDAY 9th January 2017 in the Village Hall.**

Present: M. Lucas, C Horsfall, B. Ricketts, P. Emmerson, M. Kent, P. Pike, Cllr C Newbury, V. Neal(Clerk), PC Charly Chilton, Lorraine ?

800/29 Apologies: D. Albertson,

800/30 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

800/31 RISK MANAGEMENT - All agreed no changes to existing Risk Management schedule adopted 11/07/16

800/32 To Confirm the minutes of meeting held on 14th November 2016

Proposed: C. Horsfall Seconded: M. Kent. All in favour. Duly signed as a true record.

800/33 Matters Arising

Police tactical parking – need a mobile signal to implement tactical parking

800/34 Traffic/Police Issues – 20 mph speed limit Townsend has been approved, with some improvements by the Area Board. Community Area Transport Group (CATG) attended by M. Lucas and P. Emmerson. Parish Council would need to contribute approximately £1700.00. This was advised to G. Davies and S. Murray. This will be budgeted for as a specific project during calculation of precept for 2017/18 – increase. G Davies offer of help; The Parish Council thank Mr Davies for his offer of help. M. Lucas to write a letter responding to the offer of assistance and the specific areas identified. The list of items was worked through and the Parish Council are confident that all possible pressure has been and is continuing to be put on the relevant authorities. It was suggested that Mr Davies put himself up for election to the Parish Council in May to assist directly.

ACTION: M. Lucas

P. Pike reported that there had recently been a collision (RTC) on B390 – vehicle driven into parked cars. Four vehicles written off police contacted but didn't attend – why?

Police response– this was a non-injury/ non reportable RTC. If blockage to road etc police will attend. It will be recorded as a statistic as police were contacted.

Police update – rural area report. Community policing in transition, Mark Jackson has been moved temporarily, due back next month. A session for community coordinators is planned to ensure a consistent approach.

ACTION: M. Lucas

800/34 Presentation on SMART Meters – Liz Dagger Centre for Sustainable Energy, Bristol. Smart meters can replace existing electricity meter. Government scheme - all to have by 2020. Meters communicate to a central data point by mobile signal, upgrading of mobile signal to take place in rural areas. Aim to reduce energy consumption system and raise awareness of energy consumption. Less billing issues via direct debit issues. Real time readings in £ or Kw/hours. Look at fuel supplier every year, change if tariff no good.

Wiltshire has Warm & Safe Wiltshire, Freephone for energy advice 0800 038 2323

Feed in tariff – not at present but will be coming soon. Problem in Chitterne as no mobile phone signal.

M. Lucas explained Parish Council engagement in the recent mobile infrastructure meeting where a site was identified for a new mast. Subsequently the PC were informed by Arqiva that it would not happen due to lack of time. New Emergency Services communications to be on EE 4G. M. Lucas to write directly to Chief of Executive of EE. Cllr Newbury will find out if there is a contact at County Hall and put them in touch with CPC.

Liz Dagger to ask in office to find out about the not spots and how these are going to be improved. Cllr Newbury raised the point that this could be viewed as another invasion of our personal space/habits by the Government. Liz Dagger responded that only data about times

and amount of energy used will be obtained. For those uneasy is there any kind of guarantee that we will not be forced to have one? Individuals will need to say no.

800/36 PRECEPT 2017/18 – SET & CONFIRM PRECEPT

Data was presented outlining current financial situation of the council. Precept and precept grant for 2016/17 = £7,095.70

There are a number of items of expenditure for which funds will be needed relating to speed reduction in the village - known additional expenditure 2017/18 - Townsend 20 mph £1700, 5 poles for SIDs £962.00 inc (VAT)

It was suggested that the precept should be raised by £1000 to £8,095.70 in order to accommodate this known future expenditure. This would represent a 13% increase to a Band D properties equivalent to £7.13 per annum.

Proposed: M.Lucas Seconded: C Horsfall All in agreement

800/37 POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER CONSULTATION

The main issue for Chitterne is speeding traffic. Speeding is enforceable and the only people who can enforce it is the police. There is a flaw in the loose language used. What are the problems in Wiltshire? How will the police address these problems. Who will enforce? PC to respond.

ACTION: M. Lucas, V. Neal

800/38 WARMINSTER AREA BOARD - Next Neighbourhood tasking Group meeting on 7th March. A representative to attend with M. Lucas (see item 800/44 – Cllr Newbury). Another councillor should attend Area Board meeting as M. Lucas standing down in May. Health & Wellbeing Fair to be hosted on 31st March at Warminster Civic Centre. Safe & Well Visits – Dorset/Wiltshire Fire & Rescue will visit homes to advise for free. Leaflet to be circulated.

800/39 RISK ASSESSMENT – Play equipment assessment – M. Kent to monitor Football goals and nets – need attention.

Approved disclaimer sign to be sought, cost of planting a hedge in front of broken area of sportsfield wall to be estimated

ACTION: V. Neal

800/40 FLOOD WARDEN REPORT – water levels c80' depth. The village have flood equipment in case of flooding. The clear out of The Cut by volunteers was successful. Next Operational Flood Working Group cancelled.

800/41 THE KING'S HEAD UPDATE – Has been sold as a licenced premises. A bookings only restaurant planned. Asset of Community Value order has been set up if the venture doesn't work out.

800/42 VILLAGE ITEMS

Parish steward Scheme – will clear leaves removed from The Cut. Coming up with suggestions – January - clearing culverts etc. February – hedge /grass cutting around signs and railings. Remove stones taken out of The Cut by Wiltshire Council drainage team.

ACTION: P. Emmerson

SSE – have looked at trees between The Coach House and Manor Farm House. PC disagree with the findings. Photos to be taken and a letter sent outlining why the Parish Council disagree with the findings.

ACTION: V. Neal

Tree work along Townsend needed – approach Selwood about one near Abdon Close

ACTION: V. Neal

Village Clean Up - May breakfast Club date – March/April Chit Chats

800/43 CLERK REPORT

Finance: Balance in Nationwide on 31/12/16 £8,508.08

Orders for Payment – M.Kent £15.57, Grant Thornton £120.00, N. Windsor £125.00, Dupliquick £84.00, C. Micklem £40.00, Clerk salary £475.00

Planning Issues: – 16/12351/TCA – The Old Vicarage – no objections

Valley Farm mud on road – WC enforcement – Earthline have supplied a road washing vehicle.

RA hunt emailed to thank Chitterne for the use of the sportsfield and village hall on Boxing Day – thanks to Alex and other stewards for organising parking away from verges.

Allotments: There has been a request to take one on. All occupied at present although some look as though they are not in use.

ACTION: V. Neal

800/44 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Defibrillator – application accepted 06/01/17. Money left over from fundraising events.

M. Kent proposed that the money goes to the PC to pay £400.00 and the balance is ring fenced for repairs etc. Once equipment is here is put an item into Feb Chit Chat.

ACTION: M. Kent

Cut Clean Up – leaves being deposited in the Cut?

ACTION: C Horsfall

Cllr Newbury – Area Board on Thursday – Neighbourhood Tasking Group to be set up to agree priorities. There is concern about management of attendance by Parish Councils, as this could become a large and unwieldy meeting. Cllr Newbury suggested that CPC ask to attend these meetings.

20mph - a word of caution. Actual experience of 20mph have a very small reduction in speeding unless you have physical measures such as road humps (which Wiltshire Council will not support in unlit areas).

Council Tax – heading for a 3% increase. More than rate of inflation. Positive, as have had a number of years of zero increase.

M. Kent – little back up from Wiltshire Council. How can D. Everett cope? One of only 2 drainage engineers who don't have adequate resources to deal with issues.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 13th March 2017