

CHITTERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Chitterne Parish Council held remotely via Zoom on Monday 11th January 2021 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillors

Murray Kent (Chairman), Peter Emmerson, Charles Horsfall, Mike Lucas and Virginia Neal.

In attendance: Parish Clerk Nikki Spreadbury-Clews and two members of the public.

Public Participation

None

20/95 Acceptance of apologies for absence. Resolved: Cllr Booth and Cllr Wilkinson. Cllr Booth had advised she is currently working long hours and would like to step back. Clerk advised members The Local Government Act 1972 states that when a Council Member fails to attend any meeting for six consecutive months from the date of their last attendance, they cease to be a member of the authority. The Clerk will advise Cllr Booth of this.

20/96 Minutes. The minutes of the Extra Ordinary Council meeting held on 7th December 2020 were approved as a true record and will be signed by the Chairman at a future date.

20/97 Dispensations and Declarations of interest. Resolved: Cllr Horsfall in respect of the Cricket Club request for permanent net area.

20/98 Updates from previous meetings:

- 1) Clerk asked if the redundant Basket ball posts had been removed from the Sports field – Cllr Murray has this on his schedule.
- 2) Cricket Club – the poplar tree is scheduled for removal 25 January. Cricket Club have requested to install a more permanent net on the Cricket field, this would involve creating a permanent site near the current one, close to St Mary's Close entrance, by lifting a strip of turf (approx. 15 x 2 metres), laying hardcore and covering with permeable weatherproof mat. Cllr Kent proposed approval of the request with the Cricket Club making enquiries to Planning and processing any application required, seconded Cllr Emmerson, voting unanimous in favour with Cllr Horsfall ineligible to vote.
- 3) Andy Cameron, the webmaster, has advised he will be moving in a few months and therefore stepping down. Members to seek a new webmaster. The site also requires to meet The Public Sector Bodies (websites and mobility applications) Accessibility regulations 2018. The Clerk is happy to update the Parish Council pages in the interim.
- 4) Parish Steward – lower culverts entering Chitterne from Warminster cleared, upper ones require traffic management. The Machine is due in February. Potholes close to cats' eyes require filling. Gullies along Townsend are blocked, Cllr Lucas will try to clear them.
- 5) Clearance of the 'cut' took place a week ago.

- 6) Remote meeting took place with local MP Dr Andrew Murrison in November, members felt it was constructive, post meeting notes were sent and a follow up meeting to be arranged.

20/99 Planning applications for discussed and decisions made:

(Please note: in planning matters the Parish Council acts as consultee of the Principal Authority, the Principal Authority being the deciding Body)

20/11251/PNCOU Notification for Prior Approval Under Class Q - Conversion of Agricultural Building to form 3 Dwellings and for Associated Operational Development. Claypits Barn, East Farm, Codford, Warminster, Wiltshire, BA12 0PJ.
Cllr Lucas proposed objecting for the following reasons;

- 1) The proposed development's location is in an unsustainable open countryside location. It will result in a more prominent and urbanising development of the site that will have a detrimental impact and lead to the long-term erosion of the character and the visual landscape character of the area and countryside as a whole. This is contrary to the provisions of the National Planning Policy Framework; Wiltshire Core Strategy policies CP1 (Settlement Strategy), CP2 (Delivery Strategy), CP51 (Landscape); CP57 (Ensuring High Quality Design & Place Shaping), CP60 (Sustainable Transport) and CP61 (Transport & Development).
- 2) The proposed development will lead to an increase in traffic entering and exit the already busy B390. (there has already been an increase in traffic on the lane to the B390 with the planning application approved to the computer recycling company)
- 3) The proposed site is considered to be environmentally unhealthy due to its close proximity to the Codford bio-gas site and its associated digestate lagoon.
Seconded Cllr Neal, voting unanimous in favour.

20/100 Planning Decisions from Wiltshire Council noted:

20/09903/FUL Change of use of land from agriculture to garden associated with prior approval dwelling 20/06082/PNCOU. Village Barn, Shrewton Road, Chitterne, Warminster, BA12 0LN. Wiltshire Council decision – Approved with conditions.

20/09787/TCA T1 - Ash tree - remove the first long heavily end weighted lateral branch over the outbuilding roof and reduce the branch above back to the 3rd growth point. White Hart House, 95 Chitterne, Warminster, Wiltshire BA12 0LL. Wiltshire Council decision – No objections.

20/10224/TCA Poplar – Remove. Chitterne Recreation Ground, Chitterne, Wiltshire. The Council decided not to comment as the tree is on land owned by the Parish Council. Wiltshire Council decision – No objections.

20/101 Accounts for Payment Approved LGA 1972 s150 (5)

Resolved: Cllr Kent proposed ratifying the three payments listed, seconded Cllr Neal, voting unanimous in favour.

Clerks expenses & reimbursement of costs	£29.98
Clerks salary (January)	£260.31
HMRC (January)	£1.20

20/102 Approval and signing-off of Parish Accounts for the months to 31 December 2020.

Previously circulated, along with year to date spend against budget to 31 December 2020. The clerk reported Bank balances as at 31 December 2020

Bank account £12,746.45

Less outstanding payments £ 2,230.01

Balance £10,516.44

Resolved: The accounts were approved. Proposed Cllr Horsfall, seconded Cllr Emmerson, voting unanimous in favour. The Clerk signed the accounts and will be signed by the Chairman at a future date.

20/103 Cllr Kent volunteered to complete the annual inspection of condition of assets. He has also agreed to complete the monthly risk assessments of the play area and equipment.

20/104 Wiltshire Local Plan Review Consultation and Gypsy & Traveller Local Plan Consultation.

The consultation runs from 13 January to 9 March. Online events – Rural Areas 1st or 2nd February, both 7pm – 8pm. Members of the public are encouraged to complete the consultations.

Information is available at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-policy-local-plan-review

and www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-gypsy-travellers

20/105 Large mound of soil on land ‘The Old Cart Barn’. As this is private land there is nothing the Parish or Wiltshire Council can do.

20/106 Dog Fouling and poo bags being left around the village continue to spoil the area. This can be reported to Wiltshire Council via MyWilts, if it is considered a sufficient problem dog warden will visit.

20/107 Trees on Selwood land. Clerk to write to Selwood regarding 3 or 4 trees along the ‘Cut’ which are covered in ivy and in danger of falling.

20/108 Kings Head update. Katie Fielding, from WALC, has reviewed the PWLB application and is happy for it to be submitted, Chairman and Clerk to sign it. Share issue will be ready once the loan decision has been received.

20/109 The Parish Council would like to thank Oliver Hardman and Pete Sawyers for repairing the SID.

20/110 Partnership meetings:

i) **Warminster Area Board** - Thursday 4 February 2021 at 7.00pm. Via Microsoft Teams

20/111 Date of next meeting.

The next meeting will be on Monday 8th March 2021 at 7.00pm to be held remotely via Zoom.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Approved by the Council as a true record

Signed.....Chairman Date.....

Minutes are on the Website www.chitterne.com or available from the Clerk on request.