

Chaddleworth Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 4 April 2017

Councillors present: Cllr Murphy (Chair), Cllr Mills, Cllr Ballard, Cllr Mcallister, Cllr Wilson, Cllr Renaut, Parish Clerk K Lloyd and Cllr Clive Hooker District Councillor.

1. **Apologies** - None
2. **Declarations of Interest** – None.
3. **Planning** –None
4. **Minutes of the meeting of 7 March 2017.** Cllr Mills proposed and Cllr Mcallister seconded the minutes. Cllr Murphy signed the minutes.
5. **Open Forum**- un minuted
6. **Finance**
 - a) **Bank Accounts**

Balances on 7 March 2017

Parish Council	£5,682.11
Bakers Trust	£6,526.55
Reserve Fund	£159.16
Football Field	£1,311.60

b) Cheques to approve in meeting

100417	Kim Lloyd (Parish Clerk) £381.17 +14.28 Stamps	£395.45
100418	Mrs H Anderson (Litter picking)	£16.00
100419	Chaddleworth Village Hall	£25.00
100420	Autela Payroll Services (Jan-Feb-Mar)	£30.00
100421	West Berkshire Council –Dog waste bins	£97.68
100422	Kim Lloyd PC –Ink, paper.	£47.47

7. **Item S137 added to budget 2018-19.**

Clerk

The Clerk explained the S137 that permits councils which do not have the 'general power of competence to incur expenditure for purposes for which they do not have a specific power. Councils should first try to identify a specific power for expenditure (incl. grants) section 137 unlike the general power of competences is a power of last resort. Because there is a limit (17-18 - £7.57) to the amount of expenditure that may be incurred under section 137 in a financial year, councils must keep a separate record of expenditure incurred under section 137. However S137 expenditure is not disclosed separately in the annual return.

The Clerk explained when a contingency item was discussed in the last meeting and added to the budget the Clerk found out more concerning S137. The Clerk emailed the Councillors asking to remove the contingency item and replace with S137 to the budget 2018-19. This could be used for unforeseeable expenditure (like a contingency plan). The Clerk said funds will still be saved into the reserve account for the on-going playground maintenance. The Clerk said Auditors would want to see

S137 item in the budget rather than a contingency budget. It was agreed to add S137 instead of a contingency budget.

8. Financial Regs, SO, Code of Conduct etc. to be reviewed ready for adoption in May.

All model documents were emailed to the Councillors before the meeting and no amendments are required. They are ready for adoption in the May meeting.

9. Ibex Signage

Cllr Murphy and Cllr Ballard reported they met Western Area planning Committee (WAPC) on 30th March along with Cllr Clive Hooker at the Ibex Inn. The planning application had been refused due to being in AONB and following the Planning Policy it would cumulatively lead to an unacceptable proliferation of signage within the open countryside and would harm the character and appearance for such sensitive, rural location and too much signage can cause a distraction to drivers.

Cllr Murphy telephoned and followed up with emails to WAPC asking why none of this was pointed out to PC before funds were spent to support this application. Cllr Murphy had originally spoken in detail to WAPC to understand the process for signage permission and no policy was explained.

Cllr Murphy had asked Cllr Hooker to 'call in' the application, which Cllr Hooker agreed.

Some of the points highlighted from the Ibex meeting were:-

- WBC had placed the orange notices in the wrong place.
- One of the planners when attending the meeting said "The Ibex was hard to find"

The WAPC meeting is being held on 5th April, Cllr Murphy, Cllr Ballard, and Clive Hooker will all be attending to speak and support the application.

Thanks were given to Cllr Hooker for his support.

10. Councillors Questions and Reports

Cllr Mcallister said he will obtain the ROW documentation from Michael Pooley. **Cllr Mcallister**

Cllr Ballard asked the Clerk for the revised quotation for the bus shelter now being re-enforced concrete. The Clerk reported the quote was £1,200 plus VAT for the waiting area and the path leading up to it. The Clerk read out the breakdown of the costs. After discussion it was agreed to accept the quote. The Clerk had spoken to Pete Noll who could possibly carry out the works late April/early May.

Clerk

Cllr Mills reported the litter bin in the war memorial is overflowing, the Clerk will write to WBC. Cllr Murphy reported that dog waste is being put into the litter bins and this could be the reason why they are not being emptied, Cllr Murphy said he had put a note in the next newsletter.

Clerk

Cllr Mills proposed three rose bushes to be purchased along with some feed for the war memorial garden. Cllr Mills requested £50 to be spent for the garden. All agreed. Cllr Mills will buy the roses and feed and a receipt will be passed to the Clerk for payment.

Cllr Mills

Cllr Murphy reported the Grips at '2 Acre Dairy' have not been dug out. There must be some confusion over location as it was reported from WBC to Cllr Murphy they had been done. Cllr Murphy had emailed photo's clearly showing the position of the flood. Cllr Murphy has requested WBC re-inspect the area and if necessary he would show the exact location.

11. Clerk Correspondence – none

12. Matters for future consideration from Open Forum- None

13. Date of next meeting - Tuesday 2 May 2017 at 7.30pm 'Annual Meeting of the Council'

Closed 8.45pm