

Chaddleworth Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 6 February 2018

Councillors present: Cllr Murphy (Chair), Cllr Mills, Cllr Mcallister, Cllr Wilson, Cllr Renaut, Parish Clerk K Lloyd.

- 1. Apologies** - Cllr Ballard (Vice Chair), Cllr Clive Hooker (District Councillor)
- 2. Declarations of Interest-** None
- 3. Open Forum-** un minuted
- 4. Minutes of the meeting of the 9 January 2018 to be agreed, proposed and signed.**
Cllr Mcallister proposed the minutes and Cllr Wilson seconded the minutes to be a correct representation of the meeting. Cllr Murphy signed the minutes.
- 5. Finance**
 - a) Bank Accounts

Balances 7 December 2017

Parish Council	£9,913.62
Bakers Trust	£7,547.21
Reserve Fund	£159.16
Football Field	£1,261.71

b) Cheques to approve in meeting

100479	Kim Lloyd (Parish Clerk) 381.19 + Ink 20.99	£402.18
100480	GMG-Services Ltd (January invoice– first payment)	£85.00
100481	Mrs H Anderson (Litter picking)	£16.00
100482	Chaddleworth Village Hall	£25.00
100483	Vale Press (November Newsletter)	£85.00
100484	Mrs C Von Stumm – Rent of the football field	£100.00
100485	Willis and Ainsworth (Salt bins)	£168.00

6. Drain and Grip Clearing discussion Cllr Murphy

Cllr Murphy reported he had been chasing WBC to ask them to clear out the grips since April 2017 at 2 Acres and the Butts. Following recent communication with WBC to once again report on 2 Acres and now Sheep House Way Road, which was recently reported to be running like a stream due to all the grips being blocked by hedge cuttings. Cllr Murphy was now informed by WBC this would be put on the list of drainage works required. The drainage budget was cut two years in a row and there are no longer the funds to provide the service as in the past.

Cllr Murphy proposed the Parish take over this responsibility of clearing the grips on a regular basis by employing a contractor. PC could request the extra expense to fund this from the next 2019-20 precept. Cllr Murphy said the Parish had now taken over the ownership of the salt bins which was not PC's decision so why not take over the ownership of grip clearing at least it would get done and would reduce the amount of flooding.

Cllr Mills said before we consider this we need to put more pressure on WBC. Cllr Murphy said he had already written to the newspapers and sent numerous emails to WBC over the past year. After a full discussion it was agreed Cllr Murphy will write to the surrounding villages Parish Councils to ask if they would be prepared to work together with Chaddleworth PC in communications with WBC and the Media to resolve the matter of the state of our rural roads. Cllr Wilson said we need to obtain quotes to find out what a service of grip clearance would cost to the Parish. The Clerk said the next budget will be set in December for the 2019/20 precept.

Cllr Murphy

7. Funding the Route 5 Bus

PC received an email from Clive Tombs Transport Services Team in WBC asking if the Downlands Parishes were in a position between them to contribute significantly, then it may be possible to translate the currently-school-days-only route 5 minibus journeys into a year-round, Monday-Friday service. The route 5 minibus journeys pick up students and other members of the public in the villages in the morning travel peak on schooldays, and bring them home after school/college time, complementing the off peak route 5a amenity service; they have had telephone requests for a year-round service but are not in a position to cover the additional costs.

The Clerk reported the neighbouring Parishes confirmed they were not in a financial position to contribute to the service.

Cllr Murphy proposed PC consider spending the £11,550.00 contributed to WBC from the Ibex Developer that can be used for:

Transport facilities towards the cost of local highways improvement works and integrated transport measures schemes or programmes (which may include improved public transport facilities and services) in the vicinity of the Development.

The Clerk said a note needs to be published in the newsletter to ask if anyone would like this extra service before considering. Cllr Murphy said he would write to Chadd News.

Cllr Mcallister said as no other parishes could contribute towards this bus service, the £11,550 would soon be spent. Cllr Mills said he would favour spending it towards a school minibus. The Clerk said she would write to WBC to ask if the school bus could be an option for this expenditure. The Clerk reminded Council the funds are available until 2025 (any unused money will be returned to the developer after this time).

Cllr Murphy /Clerk

8. The Ibex - Registering as a Community Asset

Cllr Murphy reported no confirmation still received from the application submitted to WBC last summer and following the several emails sent chasing the application since for the registration of a (ACV) Asset of Community Value.

(ACV gives the community 6 months to raise funds and submit a bid before it can be sold or any change of use granted)

Cllr Murphy also reported he had received an email from WBC concerning the siting of advertisement signs for the Ibex Inn that it was taken on the clear provision that the signs would not be sited on public highway land. Officers of the highway authority had drawn the attention to the fact that some signs are in fact still located on highway land and that unless those signs are removed within 28 days they will be removed by the Council. Cllr Murphy

replied to WBC asking which signs are on the Public Highway and PC will get them moved. Cllr Murphy also said to WBC the submission/application of all the positions were clearly marked at their insistence. Permission was given from all the landowners concerned. The junction of Hangmans Stone Lane and Sheephouse Way was moved to the Glenn Miller Close side of the road which is owned by the MOD/Glenn Miller Close Residents Association. As far as PC were/are aware no part of the Public Highway was transgressed
Cllr Murphy reported after sending this email had received no correspondence on the matter. Cllr Murphy said the communications with WBC is becoming worse.

9. Councillors Questions and Reports

Cllr Mcallister reported he had cleared the tree that had fallen in Crosspitt area.

PC Thanked Mcallister for his efforts.

Cllr Renault reported (following item 6 *above*) flooding was reported at the bottom of School Hill Road following heavy rainfall.

Cllr Murphy said he would write to WBC asking again when these drains are likely to be cleared.

Cllr Murphy

Cllr Wilson reported he could attend the (GDPR) General Data Protection Regulations training session. GDPR is coming into force on the 25th May 2018. This will affect all organisations including Parish Councils. Unfortunately the CCB course was now full and Cllr Wilson said he would add himself to the waiting list. The Clerk will look for local training sessions for Cllr Wilson and report back.

Clerk/Cllr Wilson

10. Clerk's Correspondence

None

The Clerk asked Councillors if one extra councillor would become an authorised signatory as PC only had two authorised signatories at present.

Cllr Renault volunteered and all agreed. PC thanked Cllr Renault. The Clerk will obtain a bank mandate and bring it to the next meeting.

Cllr Renault / Clerk

11. Matters for future consideration

None

12. Date of next meeting - Tuesday 6th March 2018 at 7.30pm - Close