

Chaddleworth Parish Council

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

Councillors present: Cllr Murphy (Chair), Cllr Ballard, Cllr Mills, Cllr Renaut,
Parish Clerk K Lloyd and 1 member of the public.

1. **Apologies** - Cllr Mcallister and Cllr Wilson.
2. **Declarations of Interest**- None
3. **Open Forum**- un minuted
4. **Minutes of the meeting of the 6 February 2018 to be agreed, proposed and signed.**
Cllr Mills proposed and Cllr Renaut seconded the minutes to be a true representation of the meeting, Cllr Murphy signed the minutes.
5. **Finance**
 - a) Bank Accounts

Balances 7 February 2018

Parish Council	£9,231.43
Bakers Trust	£7,547.21
Reserve Fund	£159.16
Football Field	£1,261.71

b) Cheques to approve in meeting

100486	Kim Lloyd (Parish Clerk)	£381.19
100487	GMG-Services Ltd (January invoice)	£85.00
100488	Mrs H Anderson (Litter picking)	£16.00
100489	Chaddleworth Village Hall	£25.00
100490	Mr J Mills (payment for Roses in War Memorial Garden)	£19.96

- The Clerk reported a VAT Refund had been submitted for £1,105.82 on 23rd February and should be refunded in this account year.
- The Clerk proposed to PC for standing order payments to be set up from the new financial year for the Clerk, Mrs H Anderson and the Village hall instead of cheque payments. The Clerk said the payment date of the 25th would be set (as this date is stated on the Clerk payroll). This date would also allow the payment to be approved in a PC meeting before the standing order was paid.

PC agreed for the Clerk to set up. The Clerk will report back in the next meeting as two authorised signatories will be required to set up this bank instruction. The Clerk will also inform the S/O receivers of the new payment method. **Clerk**

- Following agreement in the last meeting for Cllr Renaut to be an authorised signatory, the Clerk passed the mandate to Cllr Murphy and Cllr Ballard for signatory and handed to Cllr Renaut, asking Cllr Renaut to visit Barclays Bank with identification documents. The Clerk informed Cllr Renaut of the address to send the mandate to but said Barclays should post the mandate and supporting documents when they do the verification in bank. **Cllr Renaut**

6. The Ibex - Asset Community Value update (ACV)

Cllr Murphy reported the delay had been with the land registry finalising the new boundary's following the development. The site has only just been split accordingly with the land Registry and WBC are now able to consider an ACV. It will go to a panel and PC should know in the next couple of weeks

7. Poppy Cottage Boundary

Cllr Murphy reported communications had previously been made with the owners of Poppy Cottage and the developer following the strip of land between Poppy Cottage's current boundary to the footpath, adjacent to the school.

If this piece of land remains how it stands, PC would have to maintain this strip of land meaning more cost to the Parish. Therefore it was previously agreed by PC to ask the owners of Poppy Cottage if they would like to take ownership of this strip of land. Since, the owners of Poppy Cottage have now agreed to take the strip of land and will be erecting a fence in due course. Cllr Murphy will forward an email to the Clerk following communications from the developer's/Poppy Cottage owners on confirmation; this will be kept on file 'The Ibex' if any future correspondence was ever requested. **Cllr Murphy**

8. Wessex Saw Mill Application

Following the decision of the appeal allowing planning permission, Cllr Murphy had sent a letter to Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government and waiting on a reply.

Cllr Murphy also reported a meeting on the 14th March in the Council Offices, Newbury will take place with members of the public and the Head of Planners to discuss how the decision was made based on some of the findings in the Inspectorate report.

9. Saunders Wynne and Coventry Charity

Cllr Murphy reported one application had been awarded.

10. Post office update

Cllr Murphy reported following the Village Hall committee meeting that the offer of a weekly post office session was unfortunately not going to be possible. The only day offered for a post office session advised from the PO agent is a Thursday afternoon. Pilate's sessions are run in the hall on a late Thursday afternoon as the hall would require cleaning after the PO session before the Pilates class took place, this would incur an extra cost to the village hall which is not something the hall could afford at this

time with the ongoing pressure of trying to find ideas to increase income. The Clerk will inform the PO agent of the decision.

If anyone has ideas on how we can increase the income for our Village Hall, please contact the VH committee.

Cllr Mills suggested the School as a location for the post office. The Clerk was asked to contact Mary Harwood to ask if using the School could be considered. **Clerk**

11. Funding the Route 5 Bus update

Cllr Murphy and the Clerk reported no replies received from neighbouring Parishes to their thoughts on extra funding to have the bus route 5 journey all year round opposed to just term times. Cllr Murphy said this is a non-starter. Item closed.

12. Drain and Grip Clearing discussion update

Following the last meeting, Cllr Murphy proposed PC take ownership of the drain/grip clearance works. He reported no replies from neighbouring Parishes were received in proposing to work together to make our roads better. Cllr Murphy again proposed that this Parish take over ownership. The Clerk said she would need to contact WBC in first instance and quotes are required to find out how much this will cost the Parish. The Clerk said a 'Band D' property will pay in the new financial year £6.59 a month this is a result of the Parish Council precept. The Clerk said the cost for increasing the precept would need to be calculated and a note in the Chadd newsletter to ask electors if they had any objections to paying extra a month for our roads. The Clerk also mentioned to bear in mind WBC did state in their email correspondence that drainage works would be done in the new financial year but would take several weeks. However there is no routine ditch clearing programme, it is done as and when required (budgets permitting). Cllr Murphy said that numerous emails had been sent to WBC to have the drainage cleared especially at 2 Acre Dairy, the first being almost a year ago and nothing had been cleared. WBC had promised to clear the problem over a year ago and ongoing emails to them were sent, but nothing has been done. The Clerk will look into obtaining quotes, item ongoing and on the April agenda **Clerk**
(Note: the 2019/20 precept is set in Nov/Dec)

13. Councillors Questions and Reports

Cllr Mills reported a concern had been made to him about the hedge overgrowth on Lime Cottage and the White House, the Clerk was asked to contact the residents. **Clerk**

14. Clerk's Correspondence

The Clerk and Cllr Murphy reported they were still chasing WBC for an answer if the S106 development 'transport' fund could be used towards a school bus (on-going).

Cllr Wilson (not present in meeting) had confirmed to the Clerk he would attend the GDPR (Data Protection Regs) training course on Tuesday 20th March in Padworth Village Hall. The cost for this session is £35.00 The Clerk will confirm Cllr Wilsons place, and payment will be invoiced. **Clerk / Cllr Wilson**

The Clerk asked if anyone would like to attend the 101 Squadron Lancaster Memorial Service at RAF Welford, Cllr Murphy and Cllr Ballard said they are attending.

Cllr Murphy/Cllr Ballard

The Clerk reported an email was received from a resident to complain about the damage done to their hazel recently. The hazel was cut bordering the footpath down the side of the house. This is a public right of way and as the land owner the resident asks if there are problems with access, for PC to contact them and request that they carry out clearance.

Following discussion, PC will notify the resident if any complaints are received concerning the overgrowth within the footpath and to ask the resident to carry out the clearance.

15. Matters for future consideration

Following comments made in the Open Forum- Co-Wheels and Electric Car Chargers are matters for future consideration, the member of the public in the meeting will submit further information to the Clerk.

16. Date of next meeting - Tuesday 10 April 2018 7.30pm - Close