

# Chaddleworth Parish Council

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## Minutes from the meeting on Tuesday 10th July 2018.

**Present :** Cllr Murphy (Chair), Cllr Wilson (Vice Chair), Cllr Ballard, Cllr Mcallister and the Clerk K Lloyd.

1. **Apologies** – Cllr Mills and Clive Hooker District Councillor
2. **Declarations of Interest**- None
3. **Open Forum**- un minuted
4. **Minutes of the meeting of the 5 June 2018 to be agreed, proposed and signed.** The minutes were proposed by Cllr Wilson and seconded by Cllr Ballard, Cllr Murphy signed the minutes.
5. **Finance**
  - a) Bank Accounts

### Balances 7 June 2018

Parish Council	£14,746.01
Bakers Trust	£7,097.56
Reserve Fund	£159.16
Football Field	£1,261.71

### b) Cheques to approve in meeting

S/O	Kim Lloyd (Parish Clerk)	£402.35
100512	GMG Services & Solutions Ltd” (March & April invoice)	£170.00
S/O	Mrs H Anderson (Litter picking)	£20.00
100513	Chaddleworth Village Hall	£25.00
100514	Autela Group Limited (April, May Jun)	£46.08
100515	Vale Press Ltd - Newsletter	£170.00
100516	Mr Kevin Brady – United Hosting Domain	£132.00

The Clerk had received bank details from the Village Hall treasurer and will set up a standing order to be paid monthly to the village hall for PC meeting hire. The amount of £23.00 a month was proposed meaning an increase of £1.00 a year, this keeps it simple as PC has no meeting in August but the payment would be spread over 12

months. All agreed to the increase of £1.00 a year to the village hall. The Clerk will set up the standing order.

**Clerk**

The Clerk asked for signatory on the Direct Debit mandate for the data protection registration for £35 a year. Cllr Murphy and Cllr Ballard signed the mandate.

**6. Norris Lane footpath**

Cllr Mcallister said he contacted the Ramblers Association and WBDC concerning the misuse of the public footpath that was being used by both horses and motorised vehicles following previous complaints brought to the Parish Council.

Cllr Mcallister was informed by the Ramblers Association that it was only a civil offence against landowners. If however the landowner was ok about it there was not much anyone could do. Cllr Mcallister said PC could write to the owner of the footpath to inform them it is being used as a bridleway and for motorised vehicles. Cllr Murphy had also been in communication with WBDC to say this particular path becomes so 'churned up' in the autumn/winter that it becomes unusable by walkers, and asked if a sign could be introduced to deter horses and vehicle users, and what the rules are on this matter so PC can enforce them. Cllr Murphy said he would write to the owner of the footpath and will carry on the discussion with WBDC concerning signage. On-going

**Cllr Murphy**

**7. Speeding in the Village**

The Clerk reported she had received complaints about speeding in the village.

The Clerk suggested a piece in the newsletter giving instructions of a link that people can report speeding vehicles to WBDC. A copy of the report is also sent to the Parish Council. All agreed.

**Clerk**

Cllr Mcallister is booked onto the next SID (Speed Indicator Device) training session in August and Cllr Murphy and Cllr Mcallister said they would carry out SIDS in the village in due course.

**Cllr Murphy/Cllr Mcallister**

**To report speeding in the village please click on the link below**

(Or go to [www.westberks.gov.uk](http://www.westberks.gov.uk) – and search for 'speeding reports' and go to the link for 'report speeding traffic'.

<http://www.westberks.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=31711&formid=436807#form>

You do not have to give your name, but you can give the registration number of the offending vehicle. Where possible WBDC work together with the parish council to assess the data collected and the information is used to identify and combat the problem of speeding vehicles in our community.

**8. Grips and Gullies Clearance**

Following the Clerks communication with Highways in WBDC concerning PC taken ownership of clearing grips and gullies it was reported highways would only allow areas of up to 30 mph – over 30 mph becomes a mass of issues regarding health and safety. Cllr Murphy said there was nothing we can do as the areas that need the works carried

out are over 30mph. Cllr Ballard asked why PC could not use the same contractors already doing the work for WBDC but CPC pays them extra to carry out the work more frequently or when needed. The Clerk will ask the question to highways. On-going  
**Clerk**

**9. Overgrown Hedges and hanging trees**

Mcallister reported he had cut back hard the areas surrounding the fingerboard signage at the bottom of School Hill.

**Parish Council Thanked Cllr Mcallister for his time and efforts.**

Parish Council also said how a lot of the hedges had been cut back that PC previously had to write to following concerns from residents and WBDC.

**Parish Council thanked the community for keeping their hedges cut back and not letting the hedges encroach onto highway land.**

**10. Wessex Saw Mill**

Cllr Murphy reported a group has formed called SMOG (Saw Mills Objection Group) SMOG is hoping to take legal action against the appeal but this was going to be very costly. They are looking into the conflicting reports that EA (Environmental Agency) and AONB (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) produced which is being ignored. The Vets are also producing a report on how animals will become affected by the incinerator. –  
On-going

**11. Home to School Transport**

Following a comment from a member of public on discussing this agenda item in the last meeting to perhaps write to the NAO (National Audit Office).

Cllr Murphy wrote to NAO to inform them of the money being wasted to taxi children to and from King Alfred's School in Wantage as this was the closest school to West Chaddleworth following the new WBDC policy requirement, Cllr Murphy pointed out to NAO that a school bus comes to the village to take the rest of school children not living in West-side of Chaddleworth to the Downs School.

Cllr Murphy received a reply from NAO saying they are statutorily prohibited from questioning the merits of government policy and they have no remit to look directly into matters or the actions of individual bodies such as West Berkshire Council as they are separately and locally accountable.

Cllr Murphy had also written to the department of education to ask why this policy could not be changed and is waiting for an answer. Cllr Murphy said the charity for Saunders and Wynn had received another application for school transport funding and these funds had nearly all gone.  
On-going

**12. Councillors Questions and Reports -**

Cllr Wilson was pleased to announce the village shop in the Ibex was re-opening on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July. Monday to Saturday 8.30-11.30 – 1.30-6.30 and Sunday 9.30-11.30.

**13. Clerk's Correspondence – None**

**14. Matters for future consideration**

Norris Lane

Gulley and Grip Clearance

**15. Date of next meeting - Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

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