

Chaddleworth Parish Council

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Minutes from the meeting held on 4 December 2018

Present : Cllr Murphy (Chair), Cllr Wilson (Vice Chair), Cllr Ballard, Cllr Mills, Cllr Mcallister, Clerk K Lloyd, Georgina Homersham and 1 member of the public.

1. **Apologies** - Cllr C Hooker
2. **Declarations of Interest** - None
3. **Open Forum- un minuted** - None
4. **Planning** –18/02867/FUL – Church of St Andrew - Boiler flue extract at the rear of the building through the vestry wall
PC agreed to Support the Planning application.
5. **Minutes of the meeting of the 13 November 2018 to be agreed, proposed and signed.**
One comment made by Cllr Mcallister following the email from Cllr Hooker to include the details of the WBC Budget consultation. The Clerk said she would include the details in the December minutes. The details are also shown in the December Chadd Newsletter.
The minutes were proposed by Cllr Mcallister and seconded by Cllr Wilson to be a true representation of the meeting; the minutes were signed by the Cllr Murphy.
6. **Finance**
 - a) Bank Accounts

Balances 7 November 2018

Parish Council	£17,002.72
Bakers Trust	£7,607.69
Reserve Fund	£159.16
Football Field	£1,261.71

b) Cheques to approve in meeting

S/O	Kim Lloyd (Parish Clerk)	£402.35
100527	Kim Lloyd – back payment to date following NALC increase scale from April 2018.	£60.84
S/O	Mrs H Anderson (Litter picking)	£20.00
S/O	Chaddleworth Village Hall	£23.00
100528	GMG Services & Solutions Ltd (Rota Cut)	£85.00
	Donations	
100529	Village Hall	£900.00
100530	Welford Residents Company (GMC Playground)	£250.00

100531	PCC	£200.00
100532	The Downland Practice (Handy Bus)	£100.00

7. **Norris Lane footpath update**

The landowner emailed PC to let us know they had been approached directly by Brightwalton Stud with a request for right of access on Norris Lane. The landowner declined to grant access rights in this case and hoped that this will be of help to the Council in the matter of the footpath usage. PC is very grateful for this intervention. Cllr Murphy said he was waiting on advice from the ROW officer from WBC to visit site following the question from a resident requesting 'No Horses' signage to be erected at both ends of the lane. The landowner would also need to give permission for signage. On-going.

8. **GMG quote for signage cleaning and review of number of rota visits per year**

The Clerk previously emailed a quote to PC from GMG for sign cleaning. Quote to carry out parish sign cleaning and removal of hedge growth covering the signs – 70 signs in total at a cost of £400 per clean, GMG recommended 2 cleans per year. After a full discussion it was agreed the signs only needed a one off clean as it were said they had not been cleaned for many years. Cllr Mcallister had confirmed there were 70 signs in total (including the reverse of the sign). It was agreed by all this quote was more expensive than originally thought. A member of the public had said they would clean the signs for £200. PC asked the Clerk to ask GMG if they could match this quote. **Clerk**

GMG had reviewed the rota for grass cutting and routine maintenance. This was a signed agreement for 2 years commencing 6/11/2017. GMG suggested to increase the amount of visits for the coming year and recommended 1 x visit in December, January, and February – and 2 in the other months. This would make a total of 22 visits opposed to the original quote of 16 visits. This would be a £510 increase per year.

On discussing; it was thought no visits were required in January and February and only 1 visit in October, November and December would be sufficient (weather permitting). With the remaining months having 2 visits this would be a total of 17 visits per year.

After a full discussion it was agreed to leave the rota as it stands in the service agreement, the Clerk also said the budget had been set for 16 visits as quoted. PC agreed if more visits are required next year due to the weather climate it can be requested and reviewed at that time. The Clerk will speak to GMG and ask them to schedule for 16 visits per year but if a further visit is required then to contact the Clerk to gain agreement from PC before carrying out additional work.

PC also said how happy they were with the service from GMG and had received lots of positive comments on how well the village was maintained this year, PC thanked GMG for their good workmanship.

The Clerk will pass these comments onto GMG.

Clerk

9. **Home to School Transport update**

Cllr Murphy reported PC is still waiting for a response from CEO at WBC, no further update at this time.

10. Wessex Saw Mill update

Cllr Murphy reported a meeting is taking place in December, all of PC have been invited, no further update at this time.

11. The Budget

- **To set the 2020/21 Budget (20/21 Budget can be completed in Jan/Feb meeting if time does not permit**

This item is moved to the March Agenda.

12. Councillors Questions and Reports

Cllr Mcallister said a big **Thank you** on behalf of the Parish to our gamekeeper Ben Barrett for his great efforts on quickly clearing fallen trees etc. on keeping the local footpaths clear around the village. The Clerk was asked to write a thank you letter to the gamekeepers employer. Clerk

Cllr Ballard reported following the latest Village Hall committee meeting the question was asked if the VH could ask for a donation from the Bakers Trust Fund. This donation would go towards funding for the roof repair.

Cllr Murphy said the Bakers Trust trustees would need to meet to discuss.

Cllr Murphy gave a report following the last meeting of the Patient Participation Group Notes of meeting held on 19 November 2018 at The Surgery, Chieveley

On the topic of prescriptions there are a few problems resulting from confusion over the length of time needed to ensure that prescriptions are ready on time. Repeat prescriptions can be ordered via the Receptionist at Chieveley. This will avoid the necessity of visiting the Surgery. If people want to collect their prescriptions from the Ibex then it must be borne in mind that Ted (the Surgery delivery driver) only visits the Ibex on Tuesday so if this service is required then you need to get your repeat order in by the Monday of the previous week.

Teething problems with the Dispensary since its refurbishment are still going on but when you realise that the Surgery issues 8,000 prescriptions per month, it is not difficult to see that there could be a problem. In addition, there are 11,000-13,000 scripts (requests for prescriptions to the Surgery). Another point I was unaware of is dispensers work in 'pairs' so that they can each check their colleagues work. This may seem to patients as 'having a chat' but really they just being diligent.

The Dispensary staff is having to tolerate rudeness and aggression from some patients who are not very understanding of the problems caused by the sheer volume of requests/prescriptions. As a result of this the staff turnover is much greater than would be expected. Patients are requested please to be more understanding of the problems. As an example, there is a backlog of 350 prescriptions and the Surgery is going to put aside a day at the weekend to try and recover this shortfall.

Although some of the doctors are recorded by the NHS as being part-time all of the Surgery doctors are working 12 hour days and this puts an intolerable strain on the Practice. The problem is that the Ministers of Health do not understand the complexities of how health care is provided. If they did they would be more understanding and devote a more realistic budget to providing health care.

The Patient Panel West Berks Report noted that the CT Scanner at Newbury Hospital is up and running and is doing 20 scans per day, some patients are from as far afield as Basingstoke. The capacity could go up to 40 per day and this is a great help to the health of West Berks residents. The Cancer Care Ward is also ready to go but the staff do not have the required orthopaedic furniture (which is on order) to operate the machines in the unit.

Dr. James Cave, the Downlands Practice Leader, reported that due to the way the Ministry of Health is operating the NHS using a "Episode of Care" philosophy, which is solely based on numbers of patients treated not on quality of care. This method will not be sustainable. Primary Care only works when personal attention is employed. Dr Cave gave the example that to honour the Government's 24/7 appointment system it is possible that in future patients will need to travel many miles to a practice that they do not know to receive treatment from a GP they have never met..

NHS procedures are being constantly changed and all of these changes cost time and money that are not provided. Therefore, the Practice has to do more with the same amount of money and staff. This is untenable.

Grahame Murphy, Chaddleworth PC representative on the Patient Participation Group.

13. Clerk's Correspondence

West Berkshire Council is consulting on budget proposals affecting public services in the district. Read online and have your say by 23 December.

www.westberks.gov.uk/budgetproposals

If you are unable to take part online you can request a hardcopy by calling 01635 503043

Following the last meeting the Clerk writ to a resident concerning their overgrown hedge, the Clerk received a message from the resident saying Sovereign had always cut the hedge, and the resident was unable to cut the hedge themselves.

Cllr Murphy also received a phone call from the resident and was going to contact Sovereign to ask the question.

Cllr Murphy

Georgina Homersham who was present in this meeting agreed to join PC. Georgina signed the Declaration of Acceptance and the Clerk witnessed. Councillors thanked and welcomed Cllr Homersham to Parish Council.

14. Matters for future consideration - None

15. Date of next meeting - Tuesday 8 January 2019

Parish Council wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.