

Chaddleworth Parish Council

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Minutes from the meeting held on 5 February 2019

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

1. **Apologies** – Cllr Mills.

2. **No Declarations of Interest.**

3. **Open Forum- un minuted.**

4. **Planning.**

19/00233 - Lime Tree Cottage - Create a second story link between two parts of existing construction; extend current structure to the rear of the property to incorporate 2 bedrooms and a family room/kitchen. Replace existing double garage with a triple bay green oak garage with office space above.

This planning application was received after the agenda was published.

There had been no time by Council to review the application fully. After further discussion comments was asked to be made to keep the area to Norris Lane accessible when the works are carried out. Council said they would view the plans in the coming week and make any concerns (if any) known to PC/Clerk through email. The Clerk will wait on further notes from Council following review of the plans.

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<http://planning.westberks.gov.uk/rpp/index.asp?caseref=19/00233/HOUSE>

5. **Minutes of the meeting of the 8 January 2019 to be agreed, proposed and signed.**

Cllr Wilson proposed and Cllr Mcallister seconded the minutes to be a true record of the meeting. Cllr Murphy signed the minutes.

6. **Finance**

a) Bank Accounts

Balances 7 January 2019

Parish Council	£14,297.44
Bakers Trust	£7,607.82
Reserve Fund	£159.16
Football Field	£1,261.71

b) Cheques to approve in meeting

S/O	Kim Lloyd (Parish Clerk)	£402.35
S/O	Mrs H Anderson (Litter picking)	£20.00
S/O	Chaddleworth Village Hall	£23.00

100538	GMG Services & Solutions Ltd (Jan Rota)	£85.00
100539	Grahame Murphy (Payment for memorial Trees)	£120.40
100540	Willis & Ainsworth (Salt)	£103.20

7. Changing Bank Account.

Council **resolved unanimously** to move all bank accounts from Barclays to the Metro Bank. The Clerk will do a constitution letter for the March PC meeting for the two authorised signatories. The authorised signatories will then need to go into the Metro bank with their ID once the Clerk has given Metro these minutes and the constitution letter following the March meeting.

8. Norris Lane footpath update.

Cllr Murphy is still waiting on signage confirmation from the ROW officer at WBC. Cllr Murphy had sent the officer at least 2 emails. After discussion it was agreed to erect the signs if no acknowledgment was received from WBC very soon. Everyone agreed to a sign stating - 'Footpath Only – No Horses. Cllr Murphy said he would write to the landowner to ask permission.

9. Home to School Transport update.

The response following the review of the complaint under Stage Two of WBC corporate complaints procedure explained that the Home to School Transport policy was not subject to any challenge through the High Court within the statutorily prescribed timescale, it must therefore be considered to be lawful. As a result, there is nothing further that the Council could, must or will do to change its policy. The Home to School Transport policy allows families to appeal if they meet certain criteria or if there are exceptional circumstances. The overall assessment is that the Council was not at fault in the way it has implemented the Home to School Transport policy and do not believe there has been any maladministration causing injustice.

The next stage is to write to the Ombudsman again. Cllr Murphy said following the last letter from them dated 18 January 2019 they stated that this complaint was not one Cllr Murphy could investigate because it was made by a public body!

Cllr Murphy had sought advice on this and been told by The Education Ministry and WBC that he could take it to The Ombudsman acting on behalf of 3 of the parishes constituents. Cllr Murphy had sought their permission to do this and that permission has been granted by all 3 of them. Cllr Murphy is working on a Dossier with at least 9 enclosures reinforcing Chaddleworth's case! **Council again Thanked Cllr Murphy for all his time on this item.**

10. Bus Stop Sign being moved.

Transport Services Team in WBC agreed to the request following Cllr Murphy email asking for the bus stop sign opposite The Ibex be moved to the official Bus Shelter at the foot of School Hill as it was in the wrong place. Cllr Murphy asked for the Village Hall bus stop sign to remain in hope that we may get a better service to our village in the future. WBC confirmed the routing service is always under review and also mentioned as from previous correspondence, the incidents in the recent past where the bus and other vehicles have found it difficult to get through Norris Field due to inconsiderate parking.

11. Thoughts on where to plant the Memorial Trees.

The Memorial Trees to Neville Paterson and Derrick Hill who were both long serving Members of the Parish Council and Village Hall Committee and were involved in both the Play Area and the Football Field.

Cllr Murphy said he had received the families blessing and Council needed to decide on where to plant the trees one being a English Walnut and the other a Black Walnut. It was thought that it would be good to get the trees planted asap. After discussion it was said of planting Derrick Hill's Tree around the Cricket Field area and Neville Paterson's around the village hall/play area. The landowner's permission would need to be requested in first instance. Cllr Murphy asked Council to look at the proposed areas over the next month, so a decision can be made in the March meeting.

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12. Councillors Questions and Reports.

Cllr Homersham reported the **Fete was confirmed for Saturday 15th June.**

Snow

Cllr Murphy reported the salt bins were all full before the last snow fall. The Clerk was asked to order more salt during the snow fall as most of the bins had become empty during the snow. Cllr Murphy took delivery of the salt and distributed the salt between all the bins.

Council Thanked Cllr Murphy for his efforts.

The salt bins are checked every autumn by Council. Unfortunately there is nowhere to stockpile salt which would help when the entire bins become empty and more salt is required.

Cllr Murphy raised the thought of asking local farmers, and reimbursing them, to help clear the snow from the roads at times of recent events. After discussion it was agreed this is a nonstarter as liability insurance would be a major factor.

Cats in Norris Field/Upper End Road

Cllr Murphy and the Clerk had received correspondence concerning sad news of Cats becoming victims of vehicles driving too fast along Norris Field /Upper End Road.

2 cats had been killed in the last two months along this road by vehicles driving too fast! After discussion it was agreed to erect a sign similar to the Nodmore sign stating –Children and Animals –**SLOW DOWN!**

The Christmas Lights for the Memorial War area was still to be purchased.

13. Clerk's Correspondence.

A Thank you letter was received from the Downland Surgery Volunteer Group who runs the Handy Bus for the parish's donation of £100.00.

14. Matters for future consideration.

None

15. Date of next meeting - Tuesday 5 March 2019 - Close