

# CHADDLEWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES

**TUESDAY 5 JANUARY 2021 at 7.30PM. THIS WAS A REMOTE MEETING USING ZOOM.**

### **Cllr's Present:**

Cllr. Grahame Murphy (Chair)

Cllr. John Ballard (Vice Chair)

Cllr. Shane Mcallister

Cllr. Jim Wilson

Cllr. Kevin McNamara

**Clerk:** Mrs K Lloyd

**District Cllr.** Clive Hooker

**Members of the Public:** None

The Clerk announced this meeting will be recorded for minute purposes and the recording will be deleted once the minutes are approved.

### **1     APOLOGIES.**

No apologies received.

### **2     DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllrs. Murphy, Mcallister, McNamara declared an interest in the Precept agenda item 8.

### **3     MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.**

Councillors then **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** to confirm and adopt the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1 December 2020.

### **4     PUBLIC QUESTIONS.**

None

### **5     PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED.**

No Planning Applications received.

### **6     FINANCE**

Councillors **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** to approve the January payments as shown in Appendix 1. The 2020/21 Cashflow was noted for January.

*(All finance documents emailed to Councillors of the Parish Council before the meeting)*

### **7     GREEN INITIATIVES**

This Item was carried over to the next meeting, pending information from a member of public that had raised this item.

**8      BUDGET 2021-2022 – TO CONFIRM PRECEPT**

It was provisionally agreed to request a Precept of £19,500 in the last meeting, but to be ratified in this meeting after WBC had sent Parish Councils the Tax Base figure.

The Tax Base figure 198.69 had been received, which is equivalent to £98.04 per annual for a band D household towards the Parish Council contribution, for a £19,500 precept.

The Clerk advised Parish Council that reserves are needed. Cllr. Murphy raised the thoughts, as Cllr. Ballard had previously, that the playground needs more reserve funds for future equipment replacements. Cllr. Ballard said we do keep the precept reduced through the amount of work the Parish Councillors do around the village at no labour cost. After discussion, Councillors **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** to approve the Precept of £19,500.

If anyone would like to see the full budget 2021-2022, please contact the Clerk.

**9      PUBLIC CONSULTATION FOR A NEW JOINT HEALTH AND WELL-BEING STRATEGY**

Cllr. Murphy completed this survey and recommended to Councillors to also do the survey.

**10     FREE TREES NOW PLANTED**

After Cllr. Murphy's on-going communications with several Sovereign staff to ask if free trees from Woodland Trust could be planted in the field, adjacent to St Andrews, a refusal was later received.

Mr and Mrs Hambro in Chaddleworth accepted the trees and asked for them to be planted in various areas around the village. Cllrs. Murphy, Mills, McNamara, Nikkie McNamara and David Jennings all helped plant the trees. Cllr. Murphy on behalf of the village, Thanked the Councillors and volunteers who all helped and said all their efforts will improve the environment in the Parish.

**11     COUNCILLORS /CLERK REPORTS**

Cllr. Ballard reported that the Village Hall roof is now finished, and a bat box has been added. The ceiling and new LED lights are also fitted. There are some funds left over to try and complete the maintenance.

Cllr. Murphy said, the Village Hall Secretary is hoping to get a deep clean organised for the hall in the spring. A further maintenance date for the cladding that needs repairing and the preservation treatment will be done once the lockdown is over.

Cllr. Ballard asked if Parish Council volunteer work could be considered to do in the week and not at the weekends. Cllr. Murphy said he would make effort to try but pointed out that other Councillors have full time jobs to consider.

Cllr. Mcallister reported that parishioners had said they thought that the footpaths were being maintained very well by the landowners.

Cllr. Wilson said its great to have the pub back even if it is not allowed to open properly yet because of the lockdown, and everyone was looking forward to having their pub back. The takeaway meals were reported to be particularly good.

Cllr. Mills had contacted the Parish Council before the meeting to report that two large trees needed replacing in the late spring in the Memorial Garden and replaced with roses.

Cllr. Mills reported all the works that needed doing in the Memorial Garden could cost around £1,500. The Clerk was asked to add this item for discussion to the next agenda.

Cllr. Murphy reported some of the Grit Bins, possibly three, need replacing, the Clerk was asked to make this an agenda item next month.

Cllr. Murphy said the hedge next to the school, adjacent to Nodmore is still an issue with overgrown hedging. This belongs to Sovereign Housing who need to carry out the work. The Clerk had contacted Sovereign just before the previous lockdown, but no action has been followed. The Clerk asked Cllr. Murphy for more pictures of the overgrowth and will then contact Sovereign again.

**ACTION: Cllr. Murphy/Clerk**

Cllr. Murphy said he is receiving reports from parishioners that debris on the village roads are making it dangerous for walkers and cyclists. Cllr. Murphy said we are losing up to 3 foot off the road due to the verge debris encroaching the road. The drains are also collapsing. The Parish Council have already spoken to WBC about this matter in the past. A WBC official was going to meet with Cllr. Murphy on site to look at the problems but COVID had prevented this from happening. The Councillors agreed WBC need to be reminded of these issues, with pictures. Cllr. Ballard said the drain at the bottom of Sheephouse Lane had been worked on, Cllr. Ballard believed by WBC, and some work to the flooded part of the road in Hangman Lane, but there is still an issue with these areas too. Cllr. Murphy and the Clerk will contact WBC again and provide more pictures.

**ACTION: Cllr. Murphy/Clerk**

Cllr. Murphy said a parishioner reported that gun shots were heard in Spray Lane, to Brightwalton on the day of this meeting and a deer was shot and put into a pickup vehicle. The question was raised if this is the landowner's instructions or was it a poacher? After a discussion, Cllr. Mcallister said he would contact the landowner.

**ACTION: Cllr. Mcallister**

The Parish Council would like to Thank Steve Poole for disposing the garden waste cuttings from the War Memorial that Cllrs. Mills and Murphy had worked on.

Cllr. Hooker said an 'Bids on Infrastructure Levey Grants' is open for applications. If the Parish has a community project in mind, it would be worth looking into. The closing date is on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January. A minimum spends of £10,000 for a community project to apply for the grant would need to be identified first. The Parish Council said he would give this some thought.

## **12 MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION**

None raised.

## **13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next remote meeting was confirmed for Tuesday 2<sup>ND</sup> February 2021 at 7.30pm.

February 2<sup>nd</sup>

January 4<sup>th</sup> 2022

March 2<sup>nd</sup>

April 6<sup>th</sup>

May 4<sup>th</sup>

May 25<sup>th</sup>

July 6<sup>th</sup>

September 7<sup>th</sup>

October 5<sup>th</sup>

November 2<sup>nd</sup>

December 7<sup>th</sup>

**APPENDIX 1**

**Statement of Accounts**  
**Accounts for Payment JANUARY 2021**

Expenditure brought forward 20-21 £18,155.78

**Payments**

Cheque No	Payee	Description	Amount
SO	Mrs H Anderson	Litter Collection - Dec	£ 20.00
SO	Kim Lloyd	Clerk Salary - Dec	
SO	Chadd V Hall	Village Hall Rent - Dec	£ 23.00
800052	Autela Payroll Service Ltd	Oct, Nov, Dec	£ 51.25
800053	Clere	Inv. 4286 -31.08.2020	£ 85.00
800053	Clere	Inv. 4445 -31.09.2020	£ 180.00
800053	Clere	Inv. 4555 - 30.10.2020	£ 153.00
800053	Clere	Inv. 4668 - 30.11.2020	£ 210.00
800054	BALC	Subs	£ 124.41
800055	Kim Lloyd	Postage -2nd class stamps	£ 7.80
			<u>£ 1,296.46</u>

**Receipts**

01.12.2020 Metro Bank	Bank Interest on Reserve Acct.	£ 0.08
01.01.2021 Metro Bank	Bank Interest on Reserve Acct.	£ 0.09
Total Receipts		<u>£ 0.17</u>

Balance carried forward 31/03/20	£ 13,687.75
Income for year 20-21 to date.	£ 17,136.62
Less payments for year 20-21 to date	£19,452.24
Total including Reserves	<u><b>£ 11,372.13</b></u>