

CHADDLEWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

TUESDAY 2 MARCH 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

Members of the Public: 1.

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

1 APOLOGIES.

Cllr. Clive Hooker sent his apologies.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Cllr McNamara declared an interest in item 7 Newsletter Quote.

3 MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

Councillors then **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** to confirm and adopt the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 2 February 2021.

4 PUBLIC QUESTIONS.

One member of the public attending the meeting asked what the Parish Council could do to tackle the West Berkshire Council declaration of climate emergency which was declared in July 2019. The Councillors accepted and agreed we are in a climate crisis but did not know what a small rural parish council with little reserves could do to help at this stage, apart from encourage the parishioners to do what they could to help.

The Councillors asked the member of the public to deliver a paper showing suggestions of what the parish council could do, if any members of the public have further thoughts on this, please contact the Clerk.

Cllr. Murphy left the meeting due to connectivity issues and Cllr. Ballard chaired the meeting from item 5.

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED.

No Planning Applications received at time of publishing Agenda.

6 **FINANCE**

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

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

7 **NEWSLETTER QUOTE / BUDGET**

Two quotes had been received. After discussion it was agreed to move this agenda item to the April meeting because the figures were presented in a different format, it was unclear to do a comparison during the meeting.

The Clerk will look at the figures and email the Councillors a comparison table.

It was originally agreed to pay for eleven newsletters a year, with only four of the newsletters being the colour prints, at the times of village events. (i.e., Christmas, Easter, terrier race event, the slow gin competition. All Councillors present agreed to keep to this newsletter delivery format.

ACTION: Clerk

8 **MEMORIAL GARDEN WORKS UPDATE**

Cllr. Mcallister reported the turf is being laid next week and that Cllrs. Mills and Murphy had been busy preparing the ground, re-erecting the railings and the shrubs were now ordered. It is looking very good. The Councillors **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** the payment of £362 for the Turf.

Henry Ponsonby a resident of Chaddleworth was kind enough to donate a large amount of funds to replenish the memorial garden. On behalf of the village, the Parish Council thank Mr Ponsonby.

Then Clerk will also write to Mr Ponsonby to thank him.

ACTION: Clerk

9 **OVERGROWN HEDGES /LAND NEXT TO SCHOOL**

Following the last meeting the question of who owns this piece of land was agreed to look into. Cllr. Murphy investigated through land registry and it was shown as a Sovereign ownership. Since, the Clerk was copied into correspondence between WBC and Sovereign and it was confirmed that WBC takes ownership of the maintenance on this piece of land.

The Clerk reported that WBC said they would cut the grass as soon as they were able to carry out the work.

The Clerk also reported Sovereign had now confirmed they will cut the hedges back.

10 **NORRIS LANE ROAD ADOPTION REQUEST**

Cllr. Ballard said as far as we know without Cllr. Murphy's attendance in the meeting, was that WBC had refused to adopt the road. Cllr. Murphy had since written to Laura Farris MP to ask for her help.

11 **COUNCILLORS /CLERK REPORTS**

Cllr. McNamara reported that the white entrance gates are looking untidy. The Clerk said she will contact WBC but nothing will happen while in the lockdown. The Chaddleworth Sign entering Botmoor Way is still waiting to be renovated by WBC.

ACTION: Clerk

Cllr. Ballard reported that in the coming weeks the heating in the village hall will be replaced, both him and Cllr. Murphy had been working on making the heating more cost effective.

Timed /lockable electric heaters will be installed. The blow heaters will be replaced with infra-red heaters. All this in turn helps the environment and saves cost. The Councillors thanked Cllrs. Ballard and Murphy.

The Clerk said Laura Farris MP will be attending the Chaddleworth Parish Council meeting on the 25th May 2021.

12 MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION FROM ITEM 4, PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None.

13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next remote meeting is on Tuesday 6th April 2021 at 7.30pm.

To note.

The latest advice from HALC (Hampshire Association of Local Councils) states that Parish Councils can meet after the 7th of May 2021, but community halls are not allowed for meetings until after 17th May 2021.

The Chaddleworth 'Annual Parish Council Meeting' on the 25th of May 2021 will be a 'face to face' meeting in the Chaddleworth Village Hall.

Please note, this is all pending any further government guidance announced regarding the lockdown gateway stages.

Statement of Accounts
Accounts for Payment MARCH 2021

Expenditure brought forward 20-21 £19,937.24

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
800056	Mr G Murphy	Land Registry search and stamp	£ 3.85
800057	G. A Butler & Sons Ltd	Memorial Garden tree work	£ 750.00
800058	Kim Lloyd	NJC inflation increase backdated to 01/04/2020	
800059	Carter Jonas	Field Rents	£ 300.00
			<u>£ 1,651.17</u>

Receipts

	Metro	Interest in Reserve Account	£ 0.17
	Mr H Ponsonby	Gift Donation towards War Memorial Shrubs	£ 250.00
Total Receipts			<u>£ 250.17</u>

Balance carried forward 31/03/20	£ 13,687.75
Income for year 20-21 to date.	£ 17,386.79
Less payments for year 20-21 to date	£21,588.41
Total including Reserves	<u><u>£ 9,486.13</u></u>