

CHADDLEWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

TUESDAY 6 APRIL 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

Cllr. Clive Hooker – Downlands ward district Councillor.

Members of the Public: 0

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

AGENDA

1 APOLOGIES

To receive apologies.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. McNamara declared an interest in item 7 Newsletter/Quote/Budget.

3 MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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

4 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None.

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

No Planning Applications received at time of publishing Agenda.

6 FINANCE

Councillors **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** to approve the April payments as shown in Appendix 1.
The 2021/22 Cashflow was noted for April.

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

7 NEWSLETTER QUOTE / BUDGET

The Clerk had emailed a quote comparison table to the Councillors to review. Cllr. Ballard raised the thoughts of finding out what quality of paper the current printer supplier uses and for the

competitors to provide proofs before confirming which printing supplier to use. This item will be on the May Agenda to determine.

8 WEST BERKSHIRE COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN REVIEW - SETTLEMENT BOUNDARY REVIEW

WBC is reviewing the local plan and part of the local plan is the consideration of the review of settlement boundaries which is out for consultation. This is a time to consider amendments and new settlement boundaries.

The Parish Council received a proposed plan showing a new proposed settlement boundary around the village of Chaddleworth. Chaddleworth has never had a settlement boundary before.

After a full discussion, it was resolved by all the Councillors that the proposed new boundary contains the 'most' developed area of our Parish and the Parish Council could see no gain or loss to what currently exists. Most of the land in Chaddleworth is owned by 4 large estates (some has recently been sold and bought by these same estates) and to the Parish Councils knowledge no development is being planned. All Councillors therefore feel that Chaddleworth would like to retain the existing situation of having no settlement boundary.

The Councillors also gave thanks to Cllr. Clive Hooker for answering questions and explaining settlement boundaries in more detail.

Cllr. Murphy said he would draft an email to the planners but first email the Councillors for approval before the Clerk sends to WBC.

ACTION: Cllr. Murphy

9 MEMORIAL GARDEN WORKS UPDATE

Cllr. Murphy said the memorial garden is now finished. All the Councillors gave Thanks to Mr Henry Ponsonby for his generous donation towards the planting. Thanks to Joe Mills and Grahame Murphy for the design, groundwork, planting, erecting a new pergola and fence, and repairing the bench. Thanks also to Jim Warwick (rotovating), Gary Pounds, Charles Hadland, (laying turf), David Jennings (chippings), Steve Poole & Ben Barratt (removal of detritus) and invaluable planting advice from Lea Naples, Judy Kelly, John and Phyllis Bibbings and Heather Murphy. Also, thanks to Kevin Brady for loaning tools and liquid refreshments.

Cllr. Mcallister said everyone has done sterling work, and all the Councillors agreed how great the new garden now looks.

10 NORRIS LANE ROAD ADOPTION REQUEST UPDATE

Cllr. Murphy said WBC had replied to confirm they will not adopt the road due to road maintenance costs. Laura Farris MP has taken up the issue with Sovereign regarding the footpath and an area of the road adjacent to the bungalows. Laura Farris suggested that Sovereign should adopt this part of the road, it would then become Sovereign's responsibility to maintain this section of the road and the footpath. Cllr. Murphy is waiting to hear back from Laura.

11 DOG WASTE BINS

The Clerk reported that the WBC grounds maintenance team who normally do the mowing has also been emptying the dog waste bins, because the two contractors that normally collect the dog waste have both been off sick. Unfortunately, the WBC grounds maintenance team have not always been able to find where the bins are, and some dog waste bins have not been emptied recently. The Clerk reported that dog waste bins are overflowing everywhere, not just in Chaddleworth. The Clerk spoke to the ground maintenance Senior Officer at WBC and was told that the dog waste collection tender is being renewed next year. Extra new dog waste bin collections will be proposed in the new contract, unlike the current contract where no further dog waste collections can be added.

The Parish Council could buy a third dog waste bin, but the problem is the parish would need to pay for a private company to empty the new bin which would cost nearly £280 annually for one weekly bin collection, opposed to £68 annually that is currently paid to WBC for the current two dog bins.

The Clerk advised the Parish Council to wait until we are at least out of the lockdown and allowing WBC to be back up to speed in collections, to see if there are any improvements before paying for a third bin.

12 PROPOSED DIVERSION OF A FOOTPATH

The Parish Council received a proposal from a landowner for a footpath diversion in the north west area of the village, the field adjacent to the Church. The Councillors had no objections to this proposal and unanimously supported. The Councillors said they could see it as a gain of a more 'walkable route' for the public. Cllr. Mcallister confirmed that no residents had approached him regarding any concerns. Cllr. Murphy said he would write to the landowner and copy in the WBC Senior ROW Officer.

ACTION: Cllr. Murphy.

13 PTFA FOR CHADDLEWORTH AND SHEFFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL - GRANT REQUEST

The Parish Council received an email from the School asking if the Parish Council would consider a contribution towards their reflection garden. The Parish Council since has been informed the School had achieved their fundraising target. The Clerk was asked to write to the School.

14 RETURNING TO FACE-TO-FACE MEETINGS UPDATE

The Clerk reported that the government legislation was not extended to allow for remote meetings after the 7th of May. The next Parish Council meeting is on 4th May, which is the Annual Parish Council Meeting (AGM). As this meeting is before the 7th May the Parish Council can hold this as a remote meeting. The next meeting was scheduled for the 25th May. The Clerk suggested cancelling the 25th May and holding a meeting after the 21st June when government covid protocol hopefully will be lifted.

All Councillors agreed. The Clerk said we can confirm the date of the June meeting in our May meeting, but this possibly could be the Tuesdays of the 22nd/29th June. This is all pending the government gateway plan.

15 COUNCILLORS /CLERK REPORTS

Cllr. Ballard reported that the Village Hall is being painted inside w/c 12th April 2021.

Cllr. Clive Hooker said the members bid grant is out for applications. After a discussion it was felt no funds were needed at this time which the Parish Council could match fund.

Cllr. Wilson asked if we could communicate to the residents to not put dog waste into the litter waste bins in the village because WBC will not empty the litter bins if dog waste is found in the litter bins.

The Clerk said she was chasing WBC regarding the white entrance gates and signage in the village that needed refurbishing.

Cllr. McNamara reported that some of the vertical posts around the cricket ground was unstable. Cllr. Murphy said he and Cllr. Mills had been there the day of the meeting to secure the posts and there were more still to do.

Cllr. Mcallister reported that the ROW footpath pointers were very faded. Cllr. Mcallister and the Clerk will investigate how to replace them.

PLEASE TAKE YOUR DOG POO HOME IF THERE IS NO ROOM IN THE DOG POO BINS AND PLEASE DO NOT DISPOSE OF YOUR DOG POO IN THE 'LITTER' WASTE BINS BECAUSE WEST BERKSHIRE COUNCIL WILL NOT EMPTY THE LITTER BINS IF DOG POO IS FOUND IN THE LITTER BINS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP IN KEEPING THE VILLAGE TIDY.

16 MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

None.

17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next REMOTE meeting is Tuesday 4th May 2021 at 7.30pm, this will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting (AGM).

APPENDIX 1

**Statement of Accounts
Accounts for Payment APRIL 2021**

Expenditure brought forward 20-21 £21,588.41

Payments

Cheque No	Payee	Description	Amount	
SO	Mrs H Anderson	Litter Collection - April	£	20.00
SO	Kim Lloyd	Clerk Salary - April		
SO	Chadd V Hall	Village Hall Rent - April	£	23.00
800062	Mr J Mills	War memorial Garden Materials	£	170.95
800063	Mr G Murphy	War memorial Garden Materials	£	594.23
800064	Autlea Payroll Services Ltd	Final Invoice	£	78.54
800065	West Berkshire Council	Annual Dog Waste Bins	£	68.53
800066	Scofell	Grounds Maintenance	£	225.00
			£	1,643.83

Receipts

	Metro 01/04/2021	Interest in Reserve Account	£	0.09
Total Receipts			£	0.09