

CHADDLEWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

TUESDAY 6 JULY 2021 at 7.30PM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING IN THE CHADDLEWORTH VILLAGE HALL, UPPER END. RG20 7DY.

Cllr's Present:

Cllr. G Murphy (Chair)

Cllr. John Ballard (Vice Chair)

Cllr. Shane Mcallister

Cllr. Kevin McNamara

Cllr. J Mills

Clerk: Mrs K Lloyd

Members of the Public: 1

1 APOLOGIES

No apologies were received.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS

No Declarations of Interest were received.

3 MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes were not finished and not circulated to the Councillors at the time of this meeting. The minutes of the meeting held on 29th June 2021 will be approved in the September meeting.

4 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None.

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

No Planning Applications received at time of publishing Agenda.

6 FINANCE

Councillors then **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** to approve the payments for July as shown below.

Statement of Accounts
Accounts for Payment July 2021

Expenditure brought forward 21-22

£4,603.00

Payments

Cheque No	Payee	Description	Amount
SO	Mrs H Anderson	Litter Collection	£ 20.00
SO	Kim Lloyd	Clerk Salary	
SO	Chadd V Hall	Village Hall Rent	£ 23.00
800077	Scofell	Grass Mowing	£ 225.00
800078	David Weller	Internal Auditor	£ 50.00
<i>Paid *</i>			<u>£ 781.58</u>

Receipts

Total Receipts	<u>£ -</u>
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Balance carried forward 31/03/20

£9,678.57

Income for year 20-21 to date.

£ 9,750.09

Less payments for year 20-21 to date

£5,384.58

Total including Reserves

£ 14,044.08

The Cashflow 2020/21 for July was noted.

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

7 STANDARD DOCUMENTS

The Clerk said she had reviewed the standard documents and emailed comments to a member of the public who had raised comments regarding the Standing Orders. The Councillors had also reviewed the documents and after discussion it was agreed no amendments were required. The Chairman signed the Standing Documents, and they were adopted for the forthcoming year.

8 NOTICEBOARD

Cllr. Murphy said the PC noticeboard had deteriorated over the years and had been maintained by himself for some time and felt a new noticeboard was now in need. It was agreed to make this an agenda item for October when quotes could be obtained.

9 ELECTRIC CAR CHARGES IN THE VILLAGE

Cllr. Ballard said he had spoken to the managers of the Ibex to ask them to consider installing an electric car charger in the pub car park. The managers had confirmed that unfortunately this would not be an option as it would require more power than the pub could supply.

Cllr. Ballard and Murphy both thought the Village Hall (side) Car Park could be the only place an electric car charger could possibly go, the Clerk was asked to write to the Village Hall Committee to ask them to consider this.

ACTION: Clerk.

10 RESPONDING TO THE GOVERNMENTS GREEN STRATEGY

The Parish Council received a paper from a member of the public to ask the Parish Council to consider the Parish Councils position in responding to the Governments Green Industrial Strategy.

Cllr. Ballard said he could not understand why the items 'offshore wind' and 'nuclear power' was noted on the paper as he was not quite sure what the Parish Council could do to support this?

Regarding the 'nuclear power' statement, Cllr. Murphy said the paper states for CPC to use their political influence through dialogue with both the local Council and our MP. Cllr. Murphy pointed out that the Parish Council does not hold a political influence.

Cllr. Murphy then read the paper picking out points of interest of what a Parish Council could, or not do, to support the Green Strategy.

Cllr. Murphy reminded Council that Trees were planted in the village just recently, donated free from the Woodland Trust. Permission was sought from the landowners and only one landowner agreed. It was asked if trees could be planted behind St Andrews, but this was also flatly refused by Sovereign who own this piece of land.

Cllr. Ballard made a proposal to offer to residents to replace their light bulbs to LED by promoting initiatives to the residents where the Parish Council could match fund the cost, from the Poor's Charity funds. This could be an incentive for the village to become greener. Cllr. Murphy asked the other Councillors their thoughts on this, after discussion, all three Councillors were not in agreement with this proposal.

It was discussed what the Parish Council could do to promote and encourage the residents to go greener, it was thought something could be wrote in the newsletter to encourage residents to become greener. It was agreed the Parish Council could not at this stage do much else. Cllr. Murphy said, the matter of where the funds would come from to implement a greener village is the biggest issue as we do not have the funds to use, and which Councillor would take on the environmental responsibility, as all Councillors do an awful lot for the village already.

All Councillors felt that if the member of the public could get a working group together the Parish Council would be happy to hear their ideas and support where they could on environmental issues.

An environmental group meeting has been advertised on the village Facebook page by the member of public who provided the paper to the Parish Council. For anyone that is interested in making Chaddleworth greener should go along on the 21 July 2021 to the Ibex.

11 **LOW-COST HOUSING**

Cllr. Murphy had suggested to the Parish Council thoughts on the land behind St Andrews Close being promoted for more affordable housing. Connecting Communities in Berkshire (CCB) who the Parish Council subscribe to are hosting a workshop on the 15th July 2021 on 'Setting up a Community Land Trust' delivered by Collaborative Housing, on Community Land Trusts.

Extract on the details of the workshop....

Many communities are seeing their young people and essential workers priced out of local homes. Even where there is housing development it often does not meet the needs of local people.

Some communities are taking back control and developing their own housing to meet the needs of their own communities, which will be protected as affordable housing for future generations.

This online workshop will provide a hands-on guide to starting up as a Community Land Trust and demonstrate how you might go about developing a project, hearing from successful local schemes. It will take you through the 5 key stages of forming a group, finding land, getting planning permission, building out the scheme and letting and managing the homes.

Cllr. Murphy will report back in the September meeting of what he found out from going on the workshop.

ACTION: Cllr. Murphy

12 **COUNCILLORS /CLERK REPORTS**

Cllr. Murphy reported that the Highways Engineer from WBC visited St Andrews Close after the verge damage had been reported. The Highways Engineer reported that something will be done about it in due course.

Cllr. Murphy proposed that the Skittle Alley maintenance that Cllr. Mcallister had recently done should be added to the grass cutting maintenance schedule. Cllr. Mcallister informed the Clerk it should only need doing twice to three times a year the most. The Clerk will speak to the grass cutting contractors.

ACTION: Clerk

Cllr. Mills reminded the Clerk of the verges being overgrown; the Clerk had already reported this to WBC following last week's meeting.

Cllr. Murphy mentioned the article in the Newbury Weekly News regarding WBC CIL Community Bids becoming available and asked the Councillors to give some thought to any projects in the village that the Parish Council could apply for.

ACTION: All

Cllr. Mcallister passed the Clerk the internal playground inspection check papers from December 2020 to June 2021 which will be kept on file with the Clerk, all reported as satisfactory.

13 **MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION**

None.

14 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting is on Tuesday 7TH September 2021 at 7.30pm in the Chaddleworth Village Hall.