

CHADDLEWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

TUESDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2022 at 7.30PM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING IN THE CHADDLEWORTH VILLAGE HALL, UPPER END. RG20 7DY.

Cllr's Present:

Cllr. G Murphy (Chair)

Cllr. J Ballard (Vice Chair)

Cllr. J Mills

Cllr. S. Mcallister

Cllr. K. McNamara

Clerk: Mrs K Lloyd

Members of the Public: 1

1 **APOLOGIES**

No apologies received.

2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Cllr. Murphy declared an interest in Item 6, the Cashflow.

3 **MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Councillors **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** to confirm and adopt the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4 January 2022.

4 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

A member of the public raised questions regarding the Poor's Land fund (Bakers Trust) which will be considered after the meeting.

Louise James, Head of Grants, Greenham Trust attended the meeting to provide a presentation on the Greenham Trust 25th Anniversary. Louise provided an explanation on how the Greenham Trust considers and awards grants to organisations. Louise provided the history of Greenham Common and advised what businesses are located at the Greenham Business Centre. Louise also reported on the grant aid the Trust provided to schools for home schooling, the aid to food banks, and the mental health funding, during the pandemic, with some funding still ongoing.

The Trust have launched a Youth Appeal which will support a range of good causes for children and young people most in need. Eligible charities and voluntary organisations will include those supporting young people with disabilities and their families, and those offering educational support, or guidance when it comes to training and employment opportunities. Non-profits providing mental health support through counselling and therapy, as well as anti-bullying projects, including those featuring cyber safety training; community youth groups, such as Scouts

and Guides; sport and social activities; and any other projects helping young people to fulfil their potential, will also be able to apply for funding via the Youth Appeal.

5 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

No Planning Applications to consider at time of publishing Agenda.

6 **FINANCE**

Councillors then **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** to approve the payments for February as shown below. The Cashflow 2020/21 for February was noted.

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

7 **EXTENDING THE FOOTBALL/PLAYGROUND FIELD**

Cllr. Murphy reported that the Agent and Landowner had refused permission for the Parish Council to rent extra land for an extension to the Football/Playground field. This item is now sadly closed.

8 **NORRIS LANE**

Following the last meeting when Cllr. Murphy reported that he had obtained a frontispiece of a Title Deed from 1965 which showed that Sovereign own the land to the east of the granite setts and are responsible to the current tenants for its repair and upkeep.

Since the last meeting, Cllr. Murphy has continuously chased Sovereign for an answer. Sovereign had replied recently asking for a copy of the full document showing the Title Deed to investigate the ownership.

ACTION: Cllr. Murphy

9 **ROAD VERGES**

Cllr. Murphy had contacted the Highways Engineer regarding the verges in Chaddleworth, but had heard nothing since, Cllr. Murphy will keep pursuing.

ACTION: Cllr. Murphy/Clerk

10 **THE QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE – THURSDAY 2ND TO SUNDAY 5th JUNE 2022**

As reported in the last meeting, Cllr. Murphy said the landowner had asked a sculptor to make a beacon for the event, and a place had been suggested to position it, as noted in the 4th of January 2022, Item 8, Minutes.

Cllr. Ballard reported that the Village Hall Committee had said that the event should be organised by the Entertainment Committee, with help from other community groups. It was reported that the Chairman of the VH Committee was going to speak with the Entertainment Committee to find out if this could be achieved.

The Clerk reported she had received only 2 emails regarding the commemorative coins for all children under the age of 16. This will be more highlighted in the next newsletter. The Clerk said looking into the coins further, 50 coins would cost £5.99 per coin, this is without a pouch or presentation box. The Councillors said they agreed in principle to £5.99 per coin, but only, if there was interest in the village, and in turn the Clerk receives more emails from residents.

11 **CLERK REPORTS**

24/01 Email from West Berkshire Council regarding planned reroute of kerbside waste collections rounds in West Berkshire. Please click on the link to find out if your new waste collection day has changed. Or go to West Berkshire Council website. <https://www.westberks.gov.uk/binday>

18/01 Email regarding a zoom meeting with West Berkshire Council for Budget Briefing. This meeting will be held at lunchtime on the 16th of February; from 12-12.30. The Clerk said she would try to attend this meeting.

13/01 Email from a member on behalf of Glenn Miller Close, thanking the Parish Council for their donation towards the playground maintenance.

Defibrillator update.

The Clerk reported that the replacement Pads and Battery had been ordered for the Defibrillator, but there is a delay on the shipping.

The cost was more than originally agreed. The Clerk had emailed Parish Council before the meeting regarding this, the payment is approved under item 6, Finance.

Annual Parish Meeting – The Annual Parish Meeting was agreed to be hosted the same day as the Annual Parish Council Meeting (AGM) being on the 3rd May 2022 at 8pm, with the Parish Council Annual Meeting starting at 7.30pm.

The Annual Parish Meeting which used to be known as the Assembly, is a meeting for the electors of the Parish, who have the right not only to attend but also to speak on any matter of local interest. All community groups are also welcomed to attend and provide a talk on their group's activities, if they wanted to, or simply to have a table to showcase their materials.

ACTION: Clerk

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COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr. Mills reported that after the recent hedge cutting the playground sign needs clearing of overgrowth. Cllr. Mills said he would do this. Cllrs. Mills and McNamara both reported on hedge overgrowth on the road from Norris Field up to The Ibex. Cllrs. Murphy and Mills said they would contact the landowner/agent to ask if the hedge and brambles are intended to be cut soon.

ACTION: Cllrs. Murphy /Mills

Cllr. Ballard provided a report on the Village Hall. The Village Hall received a refund from Octopus Energy from the meters for £2,000. Sixty new chairs had been ordered and since delivered; a cleaner has been employed. A projector and screen are being looked into, along with new towel dispensers. A hospitality and leisure grant application has been submitted for consideration.

Cllr. Murphy raised an email from a resident to Parish Council regarding the following points: -

The playground and recreational field fencing was reported to need maintenance to repair/replace broken rails and posts. The Councillors said they would look at the fence and report back.

ACTION: All Councillors

The resident asked if the playground metal rail and gate could be painted a nice bright colour. Cllr. Mills said he would investigate this.

ACTION: Cllr. Mills

It was said the football goal posts need sanding and painting. The Councillors said they would look at this.

ACTION All Councillors

The resident also felt the grass cutting was rather poor around the play area. Cllr. Mills said this has never been fertilised and if it was it would need to be fenced off. Cllr. Mcallister said when he was next inspecting the playground, it would be good if the resident could meet him there to point out the section of grass he is referring too. The Councillors also said they would monitor the grass cutting contractors.

ACTION: Cllr. Mcallister/All Councillors

The red triangular warning sign near the hall was also reported to be very faded along with the village white entrance gates. The Clerk will contact WBC about these.

ACTION: Clerk

The resident also said how much he appreciated all that the Parish Council did for the Parish.

Cllr. Murphy reported that he was invited inside the Chaddleworth School and said how lovely the school was looking. He was informed that the school is looking for a 'Family Support Worker', please get in touch with the school for more information if anyone is interested.

Cllr. Murphy reported that the noticeboard is now beyond repair, and asked the Councillors if they would approve a new noticeboard for just over £200, as previously quoted.

Councillors **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** to approve this expenditure. **ACTION: Cllr. Murphy**

The black speed boxes have now been removed from the village and the Parish Council are waiting for the data.

Cllr. Murphy reported that six oak trees were donated from the Woodland Trust. Himself and Cllr. Mills planted the six trees on the 29/01, on the opposite side to The Butts. The private landowner said he would be happy for more to be planted if more can be donated at a later stage.

Cllr. Murphy said, four trees on the entrance to Mount Lane were also planted a while back. Altogether with the fifty planted earlier in the year this totals sixty trees planted in the parish so far.

13 **MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION**

None.

14 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting will be on Tuesday 1st March 2022 at 7.30pm in the Chaddleworth Village Hall.

Meeting Closed. 21.10

APPENDIX 1
Statement of Accounts
Accounts for Payment February 2022

Expenditure brought forward 21-22 £12,527.89

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
SO*	Alpha Xperience	Newsletter	£ 87.25
800095	Imperative Training	Replacement Battery and Pads for Defibrillator	£ 319.80
			£ 913.63

*Paid**

Receipts

Total Receipts £ -

Balance carried forward 31/03/21	£9,678.57
Income for year 21-22 to date.	£ 21,740.00
Less payments for year 21-22 to date	£13,441.52
Total including Reserves	£ 17,977.05