

Chilton Parish Council (CPC)

Minutes Meeting – 19th May 2020 on Zoom, 7:30pm

In attendance:

Louisa Vincent – Chair (LV)

Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher – Vice-chair (HAF)

Diana Bird (DB)

Julie Brunskill (JB)

Nicholas Barlow (NB)

Rebecca Wasey – Clerk (RW)

- 1. Welcome** - It was noted that this meeting was originally scheduled to be the AGM but due to Covid-19 has been postponed until such time we are able to meet in person. The Chair noted that this was the first attempt at holding a Parish Council via video conference (Zoom) so it was a new experience for everyone.
- 2. Apologies** received from Councillor Angela Macpherson.
- 3. Declarations of Interest** – None
- 4. Minutes of Meeting** on 3rd March 2020 were approved as a true record. They will be loaded onto the Chilton PC website and posted onto the noticeboard.
- 5. Council Elections** – Deferred due to Covid-19. However, all Councillors confirmed that they were willing to continue in post.
- 6. County & District Council Report** – has just been sent prior to the meeting by Cllr Macpherson for circulation. It was noted that Cllr Hawkett has now retired from the Council but Cllr Macpherson remains in place as our point of contact.
- 7. Correspondence** – One item from a Chilton resident who had requested that the AGM be postponed until residents were able to attend in person, as not all have access to the internet. For this reason the AGM has been postponed to a later date yet to be confirmed.

8. Finance

8.1 Bank Account Balance Report

Current Account: £7,803.39

Savings Account: £15,378.08

We have just received half of the annual precept of £2,300.

Unfortunately, the chequebook was mislaid after the December meeting, so there are several creditors awaiting payment. [Note: The new chequebook arrived the day after the meeting so all outstanding invoices will be paid in the coming days.]

8.2 Bank Signatories – of the current account have been changed to LV, JB and RW, however online access has not yet come through for all three.

Action: RW to follow up with Barclays regarding online access to the current account.

8.3 Annual Audit – Due to Covid-19 there is an extension for submission until 30th November 2020. RW has contacted Kate Allen who prepared 2018-19 accounts.

9. Projects

9.1 Covid-19 Residents Support Network – was set up shortly after lockdown and consists of a list of residents able and willing to help those who are self-isolating. This is being co-ordinated through the Clerk via WhatsApp and email. A number of residents have used the service and a couple took the opportunity to express their gratitude.

9.2 Village and churchyard clean-up – has been postponed until such activities are permitted. LV noted with approval that several residents have been maintaining verges outside their properties and encouraged this to continue. The council has also mowed and strimmed the verges recently.

9.3 Notice Board – the new notice board was mistakenly mounted in the bus shelter despite it being agreed that it should be erected in its original spot and with the commemorative border. Harry AF will arrange for it to be moved in due course, but noted that it may be safer to leave it there for the time being to avoid being damaged during building works. He will speak to Norma Rolfe about this.

10. Events

10.1 Village Fete – postponed due to Covid-19.

11. Planning Applications

11.1 Ref: 19/03205/APP 8 Princes Close; Two storey side and rear extension: Approved

11.2 Canon Court Farm – retrospective planning approved.

12. Members of the Public – Open Forum for agenda items only

12.1 Village Development – Harry AF explained the final site visit was due to take place in early April but this has been postponed until 2nd June, after which plans will be circulated.

12.2 Expressway Update – no further information. The Expressway has been paused but the plan for 1m new homes in Oakley remains a threat.

12.3 Chilton residents mentioned garden waste disposal is difficult at the moment although brown bin collections have recommenced with the next being due to take place Monday 25th May. Harry AF said he may be able to help dispose of a couple of dead trees and will speak to Mark Woodin.

12.4 JB noted there has been a big increase in fly tipping in the area because of the closure of local recycling depots. Residents can report fly tipping directly to Buckinghamshire Council who respond promptly by emailing: Streetscene.av@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

13. Date of Next meeting – Wednesday 2nd September at 7.30pm

14. Meeting Closure - No further business and the meeting concluded at 8.13pm.