

Chillerton & Gatcombe Parish Council



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CHILLERTON & GATCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 4th NOVEMBER AT 6.30PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL, MAIN ROAD, CHILLERTON

Note: Minute format re-worked from Chair's notes by Acting Parish Clerk in February 2026 following five month's non-attendance by the previous Clerk.

Present: Cllrs Laursen (Chair), Newton, Llewelyn & Bellamy James

In Attendance: Five members of the public.

4272 - PUBLIC QUESTIONS

A) JK from Lower Rill had several requests relating to Island Roads. The first was that the verges along Loverstone Lane upwards have not been cut since Feb and have left this for the farmers to do when cutting back the hedges, could we make sure that this is not overlooked in future. Secondly, Flooding and the maintenance of storm drains. After the roads were renewed back in ? Pre 2020? The Camberwell was altered along several stretches which means that the run off now misses the ditches and runs past them. Then Thirdly, several drains were covered in tarmac after the renewal and have never been cleared/opened up again.

B) GB suggested that we re-set up (as it was done in her time on the PC) a regular (6 monthly) visit and drive through the parish with the Road Steward, which we all agreed was an excellent idea.

C) GB then talked about the continued fly tipping at Berry Lane (copse opposite Richard Chapman) and organising a work group to regularly clear this into bags for IR to come and clear. We all agreed that we have talked enough on the subject of signage and want to get some Countrywatch signs up at various points ASAP.

D) Rita Bellamy-James added that Snowdrop Lane was missed out on the road sweeping / leaf clearing when IR came through Gatcombe and would like it to be officially added to their route.

E) RB-J also spoke of the hounds in Gatcombe getting out and wandering into people's gardens.

F) MT from Brook Lane was there to talk about the emergency vehicle problem and has been in contact with emergency services, with a similar response to the one we have also received. He is prepared to take this further and we agreed to support him where we can.

4273 - APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Debbie Faulkner, unwell.

Liz Smith, holiday

Ward Cllr? No contact received and no report

4274 - DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

Nothing to report

4275 - MINUTES

Nothing to sign from previous month

4276 - PLANNING

Not applicable.

4277 - REPORTS / OTHER MINUTES

- A. CGCA - we spoke about decisions made at the AGM and mini meeting that followed. The given minutes were from September and we felt they were too outdated.
- B. Coastal Meeting was of little interest and we felt that it would be better to update these items to the website rather than adding them to our meetings.

4278 - HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

Awaiting an application form to be designed, as discussed last month. Zoë Rhind is yet to attend and make her request for her daughter.

4279 - ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- A) Nothing received
- B) Spoke about the award, which was placed on show last month, we have decided to place the current award and certificate in the Gallybagger and then make a wall of all the previous year's certificates in the Village Hall. GB talked about the American Oak that was bought with the money from a previous award.
- C) Greening Campaign. JL spoke about the Thermal Image Camera training that will take place on Nov 20. at the Gallybagger for the whole ward. A newsletter has gone out via YPM for interested parties to come forward. Once the training is done we will then advertise for the residents to request an assessment of their homes to be done. Possibly taking each parish on as a group working together over the next month.
- D) We feel that whilst we are building a better Working relationship with our local farmer, we would put this on hold until the Spring. However we have added that we would like the gardening group, led by Deb Goodenough, to take on the playground as it gets a lot of brambles growing out and could possibly do with some gardening input. JL will contact Deb to discuss.
- E) No updates
- F) Despite JL agreeing to have the wood delivered to her property at last month's meeting, there has been no further info from Liz or John White.
- G) Farm fest, although not well attended was a success in that we had a happy evening and opened up a positive line of communication with our local farmers. We hope that more will attend any future joint events with the CGCA.
- H) delighted that GB and MT both volunteered for the info day at Havenstreet on Nov 10 and will register their interest in sharing the job as tree wardens. Hope to have updates from them both at the next meeting (JL was unable to attend due to sore throat/cough)

4280 - TRANSPORT & TRAFFIC

- A) We felt that the consultation should be on the website and possibly go out via YPM
- B) MT has volunteered to take on this task

4281 - COUNCIL MATTERS - FINANCE

Didn't have anything to sign.

4282 - COUNCIL MATTERS - REGULATORY

- A) Barry Llewellyn was Co-opted into the PC.
- B) Julia Newton was voted as the Vice Chair, JL nominated and R B-J seconded
- C) Remembrance Sunday, it was confirmed that I would order 2 wreaths (PC & CGCA) and that we would present them at our war memorial after the Church Service on Sunday 9th Nov.
 - At this point we all agreed that we really need to have an annual calendar so that we prevent these things from springing up on us and having to last minute things we have forgotten.
 - We had also left it late to discuss and plan the elders lunch, although we didn't talk about it at the meeting, JL was reminded of it the week before and had emailed GB about the plans. There were then several meetings where it was decided that as GB no longer wanted to organise the lunch, that we would do an event in January and would now have more time to organise a "bangers & mash" lunch for the elders and possibly extend it to be a ticketed event for all residents. This will be a joint CGCA & PC event.

D) The purchase of 3 noticeboards has been agreed by the PC, the CGCA will support us in our choice and we will look at what they might contribute towards one of the boards. It was discussed whether the board at Gatcombe could be repositioned to the left of the gate, which then opened up a discussion as to whether it should be placed further down and wishing the village.

- In the meantime JL has spoken with the PCC about the various options and whether they give us permission to move the board. After talking with other residents it was felt that outside the church really is the best place as it will be seen by walkers, cyclists, horse riders and those visiting the church, and the residents of Gatcombe know that this is where their noticeboard is. There has been some talk of the church looking to renew their board and so if we go for the larger option then this would no longer be necessary and it could be a shared board. The PCC won't be meeting until January so we will have to wait until then, although Jill Webster has discussed this with several members already.
- JL will get a variety of options printed out with various prices.

E) Village Plan, it was agreed to make an annual agenda so as to avoid last minute items that have been forgotten. To create a development scheme to include the areas we are working on.

F) We agreed on the quarterly newsletter, although JN was initially against the idea due to time and pressure getting material ready for this. The main reason was that it was discussed at the CGCA to produce a monthly newsletter, but realistically this would start as quarterly, and we could maybe make this a joint venture in order to make producing a whole newsletter of 1 or 2 A4 sides easier, keep the costs down and make the delivering to the parish much simpler.

We need to know if there is any reason why this should not be done, JN felt that there might be some reason that it has to be kept separate?

4283 - FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(s)

- Barry Llewellyn has offered to help with updating the website, giving it a refresh and more enticing look.

4284 - NEXT MEETING(s)

- The next normal meeting of Chillerton and Gatcombe Parish Council will be at **6.30pm on 2nd December at The Gallybagger Main Road, Chillerton.**