



Chillerton & Gatcombe Parish Council



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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CHILLERTON & GATCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 6th JUNE 2023 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, HOLLOW LANE, CHILLERTON

Present: Councillors Nigel Phillips (Chairman), John Hobart, Julia Newton, Liz Smith, Dave Garnish

Also Present: Mr Virgil Philpott (Clerk)
3 members of the public

Public Questions:

- Concerns were expressed about a water leak on Chillerton Main Road. **RESOLVED: that Cllr Phillips would report this to Southern Water to clarify the source.**
- Concerns were expressed about the high speed of vehicles passing through the Parish - including a recent near-miss incident on Loverstone Lane. Could the speed limit be lowered, or certain roads be made one-way? **RESOLVED: that the Parish Council was in complete agreement that speed limits should be lowered and would continue to express this view to Island Roads and the Isle of Wight Council (IWC).** The Parish Council had previously been told that an Island-wide 'review' of speed limits is being undertaken and advised that little action would be forthcoming until this was completed.
- It was suggested that an approach should be made to the Police Community Partnership Speed Monitoring Scheme regarding speeding enforcement. **RESOLVED: that the Clerk should make contact, as per above.**
- A question was asked about the state of repair of Hollow Lane - which is full of pot holes. What is its status? **RESOLVED: that the Clerk should seek to clarify both the status of the Lane and the process of adoption.**

2082 COUNCILLOR VACANCY - Dave Garnish introduced himself to the Meeting and was unanimously co-opted. **RESOLVED: Dave Garnish to be co-opted as a Councillor.**

2083 APOLOGIES - Suzie Ellis (IWC)

2084 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST - Cllrs Phillips declared non-pecuniary interests in matters relating to the Chillerton and Gatcombe Community Association and a personal interest in Planning Discussion about The Old Lodge.

2085 MINUTES - The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted with all matters arising being covered in the Agenda and Reports. **RESOLVED: that, the minutes for the meeting held on 2nd May 2023 were approved as a true record.**

PLANNING

2086 **Little Gatcombe Farm** - This was a re-working of a scheme that had been originally submitted in January for which the Parish Council had previously raised objections and the IWC refused planning permission. Following an, in depth, discussion of the revised application, by both Councillors and public attendees, it was resolved that Parish Council was not supportive of the scheme and comments should be submitted to this effect. **RESOLVED: that, the Clerk would submit comments to the Planning Portal in line with the decision of the Meeting**

2087 **The Old Lodge** - Cllr Phillips recused himself and left the meeting. Following discussion, the Council was supportive of the application and approved, in particular, the likely reduction in lighting emissions. **RESOLVED: that, the Clerk would submit comments to the Planning Portal in line with the decision of the Meeting**

HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

- 2088 **Gatcombe Defibrillator** – Cllr Phillips rejoined the Meeting. Rev Steve Sutcliffe, in principle, is willing to site a defibrillator at St Olaves, however, appropriate Church planning permissions is, first, required. This process is likely to take a minimum of 3-4 months. Cllr Garnish offer an alternative site if the Church was unavailable. The primary school's defibrillator was also discussed, but this would not be suitable for outside use. **RESOLVED: that the Parish Council would commit to the purchase of a defibrillator and make a formal approach to St Olaves. Should this prove unsuccessful, Cllr Garnish's offer would constitute a 'Plan B'.**

ENVIROMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS

- 2089 **Play Area** – The recent ROSPA report on the play area was discussed at length. **RESOLVED: that the Clerk should seek to engage a handyman to address some of the issues immediately - including the removal of the 'springer' item.** It was also suggested that contact be made with other IW Parish Councils to see if they might be able to provide any advice / leads about Play Area equipment suppliers.
- 2090 **Compost Bin on Village Green** – Cllr Phillips had not yet contacted David Hayden.
- 2091 **Tree Work on the Village Green** – The IWC's Tree Officer had advised that there did appear to be Tree Preservation Orders in place on the trees on the Village Green. A TPO application would have to be submitted before any work could commence. **RESOLVED: that, the TPO process be started and that the tree surgeons who had quoted be advised of the situation.**
- 2092 **Jubilee Hedge** - The signage had been procured and was being installed. In the meantime, more volunteers were needed for maintenance.
- 2093 **Posts on the Village Green** – The Clerk had been struggling to source appropriate sized, sharpened, posts. Cllr Smith suggested that her husband might have facility to sharpen / install posts. **RESOLVED: that, Clerk should liaise with Cllr Smith over the specification and procurement of new posts.**
- 2094 **Red Oak Tree on Brook Lane** – The landowner had not, yet, responded to Council's most recent proposal.
- 2095 **Dark Skies** – The Meeting considered a letter received from Shorwell Parish Council requesting support for the Dark Skies initiative. **RESOLVED: that the Council was supportive of Shorwell's proposal and would confirm this in writing.**

TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC

- 2096 **Winter Bus Service** – The Clerk had made enquiries following last month's Meeting and it transpired that Niton Parish Council and Southern Vectis had discontinued the subsidy scheme in September 2022. While regrettable, this would save c. £600 from the annual budget.

REPORTS

- 2097 **Clerk's Report** - Virgil Philpott provided a report (attached to these Minutes) most items of which were discussed under the general Agenda.
- 2098 **IOWC** - Cllr Ellis provided a report (attached to these Minutes). A resident had complained about dog fouling. Cllr Phillips had been in contact with the IWC's Environmental Officer who had promised to take certain enforcement actions. "Watch this space..."
- 2099 **CGCA** - Cllr Phillips provided a report (attached to these Minutes).
- 3000 **IWALC** - Cllr Hobart provided a report (attached to these Minutes).

FINANCE

- 3001 **Monthly Figures** –The figures for May were approved, as were the Annual Accounts for 2022-23 - which had been inspected by the internal auditor. There were no noted conflicts of interest with the External auditors. **RESOLVED: that, the May financial statements were accepted and the 2022-23 Accounting /**

Governance / Audit Statements were approved.

3001

RESOLVED: to pass the following accounts for payment:

HMRC - £84.40 (Clerk April PAYE)

David Hayden - £170 (May Grass Cutting)

Gareth Hughes - £125 (Internal Audit)

RoSPA Play Safety - £98.40 (Play Area Inspection)

Signpost Express - £36.00 (Signage)

V Philpott – Reimbursement for Expenditure - £11.36 / £6.00 / £7.18

V. Philpott - TBC (May Wages & Homeworking Allowance)

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

3002 The Clerk reminded the Meeting that six places had been booked on IWALC’s Councillor Skills training sessions to be held at the Riverside Centre at 6:30pm on Thu 22nd June and Thu 6th July. **RESOLVED: that the Clerk should issue a reminder a day or two in advance.** Cllrs Garnish and Newton noted that they might, potentially, have some difficulty with one date each.

3003 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Rolling ‘action’ items from the Clerk’s Report plus dog fouling.

NEXT MEETING

3004 The date of the next meeting was confirmed as **Tuesday 4th July** at 7pm at **St Olaves Church in Gatcombe.**

3005 The frequency of Meetings was also discussed. It was suggested that it might, actually, be more productive to meet bi-monthly as this would mean that less of the Clerk’s time would need to be spent servicing meetings and so more time could be spent pursuing actions. Special meetings could be convened, as necessary, to consider planning applications. **RESOLVED: that meetings should take place every other month from July 2023 (Tues 4th September, Tues 7th November etc.)**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed -----

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