



# Chillerton & Gatcombe Parish Council



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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CHILLERTON & GATCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 13th MARCH 2023 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, HOLLOW LANE, CHILLERTON

Present: Councillors Nigel Phillips (Chairman), John Hobart, Julia Newton, Elizabeth Smith

Also Present: Mr Virgil Philpott (Clerk)  
1 member of the public

## Public Questions:

Q. Had it previously been agreed not to increase the precept for 23-24?

A. Yes, but unfortunately the high cost of tree work for the Village Green (see 2021 - below) had necessitated a change.

Q. Should recent C&GPC financial reconciliations be available on the website?

A. Yes (see 2024 – below).

2016 APOLOGIES – n/a

2017 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST – Cllrs Phillips declared non-pecuniary interests in matters relating to the Chillerton and Gatcombe Community Association.

2018 MINUTES – The minutes of the meetings held on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023 were presented and accepted.

**RESOLVED: that, the minutes for the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023 were approved as a true record.**

2019 PLANNING – no items to discuss

2020 HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

- Newsletter – The draft newsletter had not been circulated to all members. A hard copy was considered at the meeting, which was approved, subject to the insertion of additional content flagging up local coronation events.

**RESOLVED: Cllr Phillips to provide additional coronation-related copy to Jill Webster. Thereafter, the newsletter to be printed and circulated.**

- Village Events – The coronation is to be screened live in The Gallybagger (Sat 6<sup>th</sup> May). On the following day (Sun 7<sup>th</sup> May) St Olav's church is organising a street party in Gatcombe and the CGCA is organising a (ticketed) Cream Tea at The Gallybagger.
- Community Buildings – no items to discuss
- Defibrillator for Gatcombe – The vicar of St Olavs has offered to provide a site for the defibrillator if the Parish Council can fund its purchase and installation. The cost is likely to be in the region of £1.5k.

**RESOLVED: that, the Clerk / Councillors would investigate potential defibrillator funding streams.**

2021 ENVIROMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS

- Furniture Maintenance:
  - Wobbly Aeroplane – there had been no feedback from the IWC in respect of installation contractors. It was suggested that the Parish should also ascertain the cost of a basketball hoop.

**RESOLVED: that, the Clerk should follow up the installation enquiry and seek quotes for a basketball**

**hoop.**

- Compost Bin on Village Green – the status of this issue was unclear following the departure of the previous Clerk.

**RESOLVED: that, the Clerk would ascertain the status of this issue.**

- World Wars Memorial Project – Cllr Philips reported that CGCA were willing to provide a site for the memorial. Ex Cllr Whiteman had been dealing with the project / stonemason.

**RESOLVED: that, Cllr Hobart should contact ex Cllr Whiteman to ascertain relevant project details specifically the stonemason's contact details, the proposed text and the installation costs.**

- Tree Work on the Village Green – 2 quotes have been received for the work required on the Village Green, albeit in different formats, both in excess of £2,000. It was proposed that additional quotes should be obtained, in a standardised format and then circulated to all Councillors for final decision.

**RESOLVED: that, the Clerk / Councillors should solicit further quotes and Nigel Earley be asked to confirm that his quote covered the same works as per Arb Advice.**

- Jubilee Hedge – a question was raised about the status of the canopies for plaques on Queen's Jubilee Hedge in Gatcombe.

**RESOLVED: that, the Clerk would investigate and report back.**

2022 TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC

- Gatcombe Community Bus – Cllr Smith was keen to see the bus service reinstated. It was noted that Southern Vectis no longer offer any non-profit making village bus services, however, Havenstreet and Wroxall Parish Councils have established a volunteer bus scheme

**RESOLVED: that, the Clerk should seek details of the Wroxall / Havenstreet bus schemes and report back.**

2023 REPORTS

- IOW - Cllr Ellis is unwell and had not provided a report
- CGCA – Cllr Phillips reported that the CGCA continued to run a successful events programme.
- IWALC – Cllr Hobart provided a written report about the recent IWALC Meeting which is appended to these minutes. There followed a discussion about the state of the IW's educational provision and the potential use of the Primary School as a hub for IW's home educated children.

**RESOLVED: that, Julia Laursen be asked to update the next meeting about status of Primary School.**

2024 FINANCE

**RESOLVED: that, the financial statements are accepted and approved**

A member of the public noted that the Parish Council's financial statements had not been added to website recently.

**RESOLVED: that, the missing financial statements should be uploaded to the website.**

**RESOLVED: to pass the following accounts for payment:**

- IWALC Annual Subscriptions - £94.18
- Island Roads 6 Month dog bin Contract - £417.60

2025 PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

It was noted that ex Cllr Whiteman had brought great practical and council experience to his role with C&GPC and that he would be missed. C&GPC was a 5 person council with a quorum of 3 so it would be necessary to recruit a new councillor as soon as possible. Cllr Whiteman's departure has also left a vacancy for Vice Chair.

**RESOLVED: that, the Clerk should initiate the process of asking residents if they would like a by-election and that the election of a new Vice Chair should be added to next meeting's agenda.**

2026 PARISH CLERK

Virgil Philpott was welcomed as the new Parish Clerk. The previous Clerk, Mr Lyndsey Hood, was still managing the bank account / payments until he could arrange a transfer of the Lloyd bank mandate.

2027 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Smith asked about possibility of acquiring land in Gatcombe through the process of adverse possession for potential use as a children's play area.

2028 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Election of new Vice Chair
- Report on Primary School
- Land at Gatcombe

2029 NEXT MEETING – the date of the next meeting was confirmed as **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April, 7pm**, at The Village Hall. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.30pm

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