



# Chillerton & Gatcombe Parish Council



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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CHILLERTON & GATCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY 2023 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, HOLLOW LANE, CHILLERTON

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

Also Present: Mr Lindsey Hood (Clerk)  
6 members of the public

Footpath G11 – a photograph of the verge was forwarded to all Cllrs and the state of the hedgerow explained. The hedgerow was planted by CGPC in 2013. A 5-year maintenance plan was put in place, but this has failed due to the landowner allowing contractors to cut back the verge every year. The planted hedgerow is now in a dire state and likely to fail completely if it is cut back again this year. It was requested that CGPC contact the landowner and request that he ask his contractors not to cut back the verge on footpath G11. If maintenance is required, volunteers will undertake the work to cut back the verge in a sympathetic way, hopefully encouraging the planted hedgerow to recover.

**RESOLVED: that, the Clerk will contact the landowner and ask that the verge is not cut back on footpath G11 and suggest that volunteers could cut back the verge whilst protecting the hedgerow if required.**

1992 APOLOGIES – apologies were received and accepted from IOW Cllr Ellis & Cllr Whiteman

1993 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST – Cllrs Phillips declared non-pecuniary interests in matters relating to the Chillerton and Gatcombe Community Association and the Save our School campaign.

1994 MINUTES – The minutes of the meetings held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022 were presented and accepted.  
**RESOLVED: that, the minutes for the meetings held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022 were approved as a true record.**

1995 PLANNING

22/01160/FUL – Little Gatcombe Farm, Newbarn Lane, Gatcombe – proposed alterations and conversion of barn to form 4 bed residential dwelling.

**RESOLVED: that, Chillerton & Gatcombe Parish Council would raise an objection to this application as follows:**

- 1) the overall design is not in keeping with the village and would be out of character in an AONB.
- 2) the application does not follow the AONB Dark Sky initiative.
- 3) there are concerns with regards to wastewater disposal. Gatcombe is not on main sewage. The application states that the new development would be connected to the existing services but there is no mention of how the existing system will be upgraded to cope with the addition of a 4-bed property.
- 4) the development will attract more vehicle movement onto a single-track road which will struggle to cope with an increase in traffic. There are no pavements making it extremely hazardous for walkers. The road is also used by high number cyclists and horse riders.
- 5) allowing this development may encourage other residents to develop their own land meaning a significant increase in size of Gatcombe.
- 6) recent 4 bed properties in Gatcombe have gone unsold so there is concern that there is no requirement for further properties of this size.
- 7) concerns were raised in regard to previous planning application and non-conformity to the agreed designs

- 1996 CHILLERTON & ROOKLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL – Cllr Phillips reported that unfortunately the school is no longer operating as there is no teacher. All the pupils are either attending other schools or being taught at home. Julia Laursen is taking the lead on bringing other educational groups together to utilise the school building. It was agreed to extend an invitation to Julia to attend the next parish council meeting.  
**RESOLVED: that, the Clerk will contact Julia Laursen and invite her to the CGPC meeting in February**
- 1997 INSURANCE – the Clerk reported that parishes seem to be struggling to obtain insurance quotes and those that do have all seen increases. The Clerk will attempt to contact a local insurance contact but if no other quotes can be obtained, it was agreed to accept the renewal quotation from the current provider.  
**RESOLVED: that, the Clerk will attempt to obtain quotes but if no further quotes are forthcoming, renewal should be made with the CGPC current insurance provider.**
- 1998 HEALTHY COMMUNITIES
- Newsletter – unfortunately, a draft copy of the newsletter was not available to view. It was agreed that, once ready, the Clerk will forward a draft copy to all Cllrs via email. Cllr Phillips has provided the Clerk with contact details of the Cook Family to ask if they would be willing to write an article on their family history in Chillerton.
- RESOLVED: that, the Clerk will forward a draft copy of the newsletter to all Cllrs once ready and will contact the Cook Family to ask if they would be willing to provide an article.**
- 1999 ENVIROMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS
- Furniture Maintenance:
    - Wobbly Fire Engine – the Clerk advised that he had been unable to find a replacement Fire Engine, only an aeroplane or horse. The cost would be approx. £350-500 plus installation. It was agreed for the Clerk to obtain installation quotes for the aeroplane
- RESOLVED: that, the Clerk will obtain installation quotes.**
- Compost Bin on Village Green – the Clerk reported that the approx. cost of installing a second compost bin on the Village Green is likely to be £800+ due to the increase in materials. This price does not include installation. Gillian Belben mentioned that her neighbours have recently built a large compost area and were looking for materials to fill it with. She will speak to her neighbours and report back to the Clerk. Another option would be to take the waste to the local recycling centre, but the costs are unknown but likely to be high.
  - World Wars Memorial Project – Held over to next meeting
- 2000 REPORTS
- IOW Cllr Ellis was unable to attend the meeting and did not supply a report
  - CGCA – Cllr Phillips reported that it was a very successful Christmas period with all events well attended. There has been an increase in charges to hire The Gallybagger or Village Hall, the new charges are £10 per session for parish residents and £15 per session for people from outside the parish.
  - IWALC – Cllr Hobart had nothing to report as there had been no meeting during the Christmas period.
- 2001 FINANCE
- **RESOLVED: that, the financial statements are accepted and approved**
  - **RESOLVED: that, the pass the following accounts for payment:**
    - L Hood Salary for January - £421.50
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- 2002 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
- Gatcombe Community Bus scheme
  - 23/24 budget and precept
  - Installation quote for Wobbly Aeroplane
  - SOS – Julia Laursen

- Defib for Gatcombe

2003 NEXT MEETINGS – the date of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February, 7pm, at The Village Hall. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.05pm

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