



# Chillerton & Gatcombe Parish Council



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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CHILLERTON & GATCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> MAY 2021, AT THE VILLAGE HALL AND BY VIDEO LINK, DIRECTLY FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL MEETING

Present: Councillors Nigel Phillips (Chairman), Peter Whiteman, John Hobart, Elizabeth Smith and Sara McWilliam

Also Present: Mrs M Warr (Clerk)  
4 members of the public  
IW Cllr Suzie Ellis

## PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None

### 1802. APOLOGIES

All councillors present.

### 1803. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY OR NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

Cllrs Phillips and Whiteman declared non-pecuniary interests in matters relating to the Chillerton and Gatcombe Community Association as the Treasurer and Chairman to the Association respectively.

Cllr Phillips declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Save our Schools campaign.

### 1804. MINUTES

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2021 were presented.

Matters arising (for information only):

- Lost Path Application – it was noted that the application is in the IWC Rights of Way system and may take some time to be decided.

#### **RESOLVED:**

**That, the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2021 are approved as a true record.**

### 1805. CHILLERTON AND ROOKLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Cllr Phillips gave an update on the 'Save Our School' campaign.

Although the members of the IW council were still settling down after the election, a number of the group leaders had put their support for retaining rural schools on record. It is felt this is very positive and a letter will be going out to key councillors and residents in the next week, with a press release to be issued in the next few days. Cllr Phillips thanked all those who have supported the campaign and have come forward with ideas.

The wording for applying to register the school building and grounds as a community asset was discussed and agreed as follows:

*'This council believes that rural schools are an important part of village communities and the loss of the school in Chillerton could be damaging to our community and the school should be retained for education and/or social purposes.*

*Therefore, in the event that Chillerton and Rookley Primary School ceases to be a maintained school, the buildings and land are held by the Isle of Wight Council in order to be made available for the foundation of a non-maintained school, be it an Academy or Free School.'*

#### 1806. HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

- *Newsletters* – the latest newsletter had been circulated and thanks was expressed to Ms Webster as editor and the volunteers who made the deliveries.
- *Notice Boards* – no items to discuss
- *Village Events/Community Support* – no items to discuss
- *Community Buildings* – no items to discuss
- *Walk Leaflets* - no items to discuss

#### 1807. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS

- *Grass cutting* – no items to discuss
- *Dog Bins* – the new dog waste and litter bin had been installed in Gatcombe. The dog glove holders will be removed, and a reminder will be sent through YPM that dog waste bags can be disposed of in litter bins, as well as designated dog waste bins.
- *Furniture Maintenance* – no items to discuss
- *Play Area* – the annual inspection is due to take place in the next week. It was noted that dog waste had been left in the play area and a reminder will be sent to residents, through YPM, to respect the 'no dogs' rule in this area.
- *World Wars Memorial Project* – no items to discuss
- *Community Initiatives to enhance the Environment including:*
  - *Verge Project* – It was noted that pressure should be maintained on the IWC and Island Roads to roll out the AONB initiative across the Island. IW Cllr Ellis said the IWC would be adopting a climate and environment strategy in the near future and she would be keen to encourage all the representatives from the rural parishes to work together. Cllr Hobart also agreed to continue to raise this at the Environment and Sustainability Forum.

**RESOLVED: that the project would be transferred to the Horticultural Society and Ms Belben will liaise with the Parish Council when required.**

*Rights of Way Survey* – Ms Belben had submitted a report and made a number of recommendations for the verges cut by IWC Rights of Way and it was agreed to adopt these proposals and submit to the IWC for consideration.

*Grass Box on the Village Green* – it was noted that the cost of the wood to install a new box had almost doubled. Therefore, it was agreed to ask Mr Hatch to turn over the grass on one side of the box with his digger and divide the space with pallets, to free up space for the grass cutting for this year.

**1808. TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC**

- *Speed Signage Relocation* – no items to discuss
- *Transport (Winter Service)* – the No 6 Sunday bus service for 2021/22 was discussed again and it was agreed to contribute £600 for one year only. Any contribution for following years will be reviewed prior to budget setting process when the latest usage data is available. Niton and Whitwell PC were thanked for their negotiations with Southern Vectis.

**RESOLVED, that, a contribution of £600 will be made towards the cost of the No 6 Sunday service for 2021/22.**

**1809. REPORTS**

- CCGA – A report had been made to the Annual Parish Meeting
- IWALC – no meetings had taken place.
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**1810. FINANCE**

a) **RESOLVED:**

**That, the financial statements are accepted and approved**

b) **RESOLVED:**

**To pass the following accounts for payment:**

**Accounts for Payment**

Cheques/bank transfers to be approved for payment:

- M Warr – salary April - £235.50
- D Hayden – grass cuts 1 & 2 -£120.00
- SLCC subs (to be paid to Fishbourne PC) – £43.20 (30% of £144.00)
- Gareth Hughes – Internal Audit - £125.00
- J Webster – quarterly newsletter - £37.50
- Beardsalls – quarterly newsletter - £30

c) **Annual Return 2021/21**

**RESOLVED:**

**That,**

- **The internal audit report is accepted**
- **The Annual Governance Statement is approved and signed**
- **The Annual Governance and Accountability Return Accounting Statements are approved and signed**
- **The Certificate of Exemption for 2020/21 is approved and signed and will be sent to the External Auditor**

**1811. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Several items were identified during the meeting.

**1812. NEXT MEETINGS**

- It was agreed to cancel the meeting scheduled for 1<sup>st</sup> June.
- The next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021, 7pm, at the Village Hall. St Olave's Church will be approached to host the meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> September.

IN VIEW OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED IT IS ADVISABLE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST THAT THE PUBLIC AND PRESS BE EXCLUDED FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEM AND THEY ARE INSTRUCTED TO WITHDRAW - IN ACCORDANCE WITH PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 S1(2) AND STANDING ORDER NO.63

**1813. PAY AND CONDITIONS**

It was agreed that the Chairman and the Clerk would negotiate a package on an hourly rate and hours that is sustainable in the long term. This package will be presented to the Council for consideration before the next budget is set.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.40pm.

Signed -----

Date. -----