



# Chillerton & Gatcombe Parish Council



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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CHILLERTON & GATCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER 2021, 7pm AT THE VILLAGE HALL, HOLLOW LANE, CHILLERTON

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

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

## PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Ms Cardew said several toads and a squirrel had recently been hit by traffic and wondered if the PC would consider erecting signs to ask drivers to be aware of the wildlife. This will be a future agenda item.

## 1848. APOLOGIES

None

## 1849. 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 Vice-Chairman to the Association respectively.

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

Cllr Whiteman declared a pecuniary interest in item 1856 as he had an expense claim.

## 1850. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> October were presented.

**That, the minutes of the meeting, held on 5<sup>th</sup> October are approved as a true record.**

## 1851. CHILLERTON AND ROOKLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Chairman gave a brief update on the 'Save Our School' campaign:

The situation is fast moving at the moment.

The report we were awaiting at the time of the last Parish Council meeting arrived on the following day. It is very clearly written to push the case for closure. In the view of SoS it had a number of serious issues, the most serious of which is a statement based on enquiries to the Department of Education that a Free School or Academy would be unlikely to wish to take on the school. This despite The Island Free School expressing an interest and taking preliminary steps to negotiate on such a move. This was known to both Councillors and Officers.

After a false start due to a Covid infection the Cabinet has approved a consultation which was supposed to start on 1st November (updated to 5<sup>th</sup> November). It has however not appeared on the IWC website yet.

You may have heard about a covenant on the Land the school stands on in the local press. This states that the land is to be used for the purpose of an elementary school and for no other purpose whatsoever. Councillor Andre stated in cabinet that this applied only to the land not the buildings (we agree) and that it said it was for educational purposes (no it doesn't). We feel she has been misadvised on that point. Steve Hastings as chair of the scrutiny committee signing off on the consultation added a caveat that this matter was to be referred to Legal Services first. Save our Schools is ready to start a leaflet campaign. We require only the details of the consultation to actually appear on the Council website for us to print and begin.

#### 1852. PLANNING

IWC Decision – Granted - 21/01648/HOU Bank Cottage, Main Road

#### 1853. HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

- Newsletters – the newsletter had been distributed
- Notice Boards – The notice board in Gatcombe was in place and Cllr Whiteman was warmly thanked for his workmanship. It was agreed that some non-slip slabs in front of the board were required and in front of the dog waste bin. Cllr Whiteman will make inquiries for suitable slabs and report back.  
**RESOLVED: that, nonslip slabs will be obtained and installed in front of the notice board in Gatcombe and in front of the dog waste bin in Gatcombe.**
- Village Events – the Christmas gift bags were discussed, and all councillors agreed to help with the delivery. The bags will probably be distributed week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> December. Ms Belben was thanked for once again taking the lead and co-ordinating this event.
- Community Support – no items to discuss
- Community Buildings – no items to discuss
- Walk Leaflets – no items to discuss
- Resilience Plan – no items to discuss

#### 1854. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS

- Grass cutting - no items to discuss
- Dog Bins – it was noted that some of the dog waste bins are being filled by dog waste in carrier bags brought by cars. The Chairman had reported this in the past and asked if this action is noticed in the future that it should be reported to the Environment Officer. Residents will be reminded that dog waste can be disposed of in black bag waste bins or general litter bins.
- Furniture Maintenance – quotes for replacing the broken posts on the Village Green were discussed. However, it was agreed to look into a more long-term solution using Extrudawood or other recycled plastic posts.
- Play Area – no items to discuss
- World Wars Memorial - the results of the survey were discussed, and the majority of residents were in favour of a memorial but felt a general memorial to all the fallen would be more appropriate than one that listed names. The Village Green was agreed as the site, but the exact position will need more discussion. It was noted that a piece of slate saved from dismantling a snooker table in the Gallybagger is available for use. It was also agreed that a booklet would be created to reflect the investigations made on the various fallen residents from the

wars. Cllrs Whiteman and Hobart will look at design options for the memorial and report back.

**RESOLVED: that, a memorial to the fallen during wars will be erected in the area of the Village Green and a booklet compiled detailing residents that were lost.**

- Community Initiatives to enhance the Environment
  - Hedge Planting – a site for the commemorative native hedgerow had been identified this will be on the right-hand side of Gatcombe Village Road from the Old Lodge junction to the end of the field, a distance of 160 metres. The farmer is agreeable, and it was noted that grants from AONB are available. It was agreed to go ahead with this project and to engage a contractor to take this forward.  
**RESOLVED: that a native hedge of approx. 160 metres will be planted from the Old Lodge junction of Gatcombe Village Road to the end of the field. Grant funding form the AONB will be investigated.**
  - Bob Edney Award – it was unanimously agreed to nominate Ms Gillian Belben for the Award in appreciation for her work on environmental work over many years.  
**RESOLVED: that, Gillian Belben will be nominated for the Bob Edney Award**
  - Hollow Lane – investigations had been made on the procedure to have Hollow Lane adopted onto the project network. The procedure requires the landowner to bring the lane up to a standard of good repair before it can be considered. At present it has not been possible to identify the landowner but more inquiries will be made.
  - Footpath cutting by Rights of Way – Members of the Rights of Way team had agreed to meet the PC and this will happen during November.

#### 1855. TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC

- Traffic calming measures – Cllr Whiteman circulated a paper with several proposals that could be put out for consultation. It was agreed to ask residents for their comments on these proposals and the Speedwatch scheme.
- Electric Charging Point – the CGCA have not yet had a meeting to discuss this item.
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#### 1856. REPORTS

- CCGA – The AGM of the CGCA had taken place and Ian Poulter was elected as Chairman with Cllr Whiteman as Vice Chairman and Cllr Phillips remaining as Treasurer. There are new committee members and a programme of events have been planned. Cllr Whiteman was confirmed as the PC representative to the CGCA
- Cllr Hobart reported on the IWALC topic meeting attended by IW Cllr Phil Jordan. Cllr Hobart asked several questions at the meeting and he is awaiting replies. These included why grass is not being picked up on verges, as this promotes wildflower growth and why landowners are not being asked to clear their ditches and gullies and are using the road as drainage, which causes a hazard to motorists and walkers.

- IWC – Cllr Ellis sent a report which was circulated.

**1857. FINANCE**

**a) RESOLVED:**

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

**b) RESOLVED:**

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

- M Warr – salary October - £235.30
- J Webster – Newsletter - £37.50
- Beardsalls – Newsletter and survey - £57.60
- P Whiteman – post for notice board - £43.39

**1858. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Budget – Neighbourhood watch – Brook naming – Dangerous trees in Gatcombe – toad and squirrel signs.

**1859. NEXT MEETINGS**

The next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021, 7pm, at the Village Hall. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9 pm

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

**1. PAY AND CONDITIONS**

The resignation of the Clerk was accepted, and it was agreed to recruit a replacement clerk for 30 hours per month on a salary scale between SCP 18-28 dependent on experience. A homeworking package will also be offered.

Signed .....

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