



# Chillerton & Gatcombe Parish Council



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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CHILLERTON & GATCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022, 7pm AT THE VILLAGE HALL, HOLLOW LANE, CHILLERTON

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

Also Present: Mrs M Warr (Clerk)  
Mr Lindsey Hood (Clerk)  
3 members of the public  
IW Cllr Suzie Ellis

## PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A member of the public read out an extract from a recent news article showing support for a Dark Skies initiative in the Isle of Wight – this led to a comment with regards to a flood light being left on at the Water Treatment Centre. The owners were approached and the angle of the light was changed but it was stated that the light must stay on. The Clerk will liaise with Southern Water, as this has been an issue in the past, and report to the next meeting.

1873	<u>APOLOGIES</u> Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Hobart
1874	<u>DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY OR NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST</u> 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 and Whiteman declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Save our School campaign. Cllr Smith declared a non-pecuniary interest in Dangerous Trees in Gatcombe.
1875	<u>MINUTES</u> The minutes of the meeting held on 7 <sup>th</sup> December were presented. <b>RESOLVED: That, the minutes of the meeting, held on 7<sup>th</sup> December are approved as a true record.</b>
1876	<u>CHILLERTON AND ROOKLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL</u> The Chairman confirmed that the consultation period was now over, and a decision is expected in February.

1877	<p><u>PLANNING</u></p> <p>21/02399/FUL Fox and Hounds Cottage, Main Road, Chillerton, PO30 3ER</p> <p>Demolition of barn; proposed replacement building to form one bedroom holiday unit</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>That, Chillerton and Gatcombe Parish Council wish to object to the application on the following grounds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overdevelopment of a small site</li> <li>• A new building would have a major impact on the neighbouring property (The Bunnery) as the barn wall is on the boundary</li> <li>• The site is cramped and lacks off road parking or amenity space to accommodate another unit</li> <li>• The suggested building materials (red brick) are not in keeping with the rendered stone wall that forms the boundary and is of historical value</li> <li>• Concern over the use of additional unit</li> <li>• The Parish Council support Island Road comments with regards to the restricted sight lines on to the main road.</li> <li>• Planning application (20/00791/FUL) for the same location was approved on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020 with the condition that the building be used only for the purpose's incidental to the enjoyment of the dwelling house as such and shall not be used for any business, commercial or industrial purpose whatsoever.</li> </ul>
1878	<p><u>HEALTHY COMMUNITIES</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newsletter – the next newsletter is due later this month. Several items were discussed for the newsletter including the traffic survey, new highway code rules, naming of the brook. The Clerk will liaise with Cllrs and Ms Webster over the next few weeks to compile the items.</li> <li>• Notice Boards – no items to discuss</li> <li>• Village Events – the Christmas gift bags were gratefully received and can be classed as a great success. Several thank you cards and emails have been received. Thanks was expressed to all those involved.</li> <li>• Community Buildings – the defibrillator has now been ordered and the donation from CGCA towards the cost has been received. It was suggested that some training would be very useful. The Clerk will organise a public training session once the defib has been delivered.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Smith asked if it would be possible to organise a second defibrillator to be placed in Gatcombe. She has already tried to contact the church to see if could be placed in the church porch but has not received a response. Cllr Smith will attempt to contact them again. It was noted that the church porch is only open during the day and it locked in the evening and night. It is also unlit.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED: that, Cllr Smith will continue to try to make contact with St Olaves to discuss installing a defibrillator</b></p>
1879	<p><u>ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grass Cutting – it was agreed that The Clerk should compile a tender document to include grass and hedge cutting. It was agreed to circulate locally in the first instance. An advert will also be placed in the newsletter and it will be circulated</li> </ul>

through YPM. The Clerk to liaise with both Cllr Whiteman and Gillian Belben with regards to adding in hedge cutting into the tender.

**RESOLVED: that a tender for grass and hedge cutting will be advertised locally through the newsletter and YPM. The tender will last for 2 years starting in April 2022**

- Dog bins – it was noted that once again one of the dog bins has been filled by carrier bags full of dog waste brought by cars. The registration number of the car has been noted and a formal complaint will be logged with Island Roads. It was suggested that residents are reminded that they can place dog waste in their black bag waste bins or general litter bins – this will be included in the next newsletter. It was also noted that although dog waste bags are no longer supplied, the actual dispensers are still in place. Cllr Whiteman offered to remove the dog bag dispensers.

**RESOLVED: that, Cllr Whiteman will remove the dog bag dispensers**

- Furniture Maintenance – no items to discuss
- World Wars Memorial Project – no items to discuss
- Community Initiatives to enhance the Environment
  - Footpaths - Gillian Belben supplied details of two footpaths that would be suitable for the Parish Council to consider adopting to work out the cost of maintaining hedges. These are shown below:
    1. From the top of Brook Lane (BW G8) briefly on the Shepherd's Trail (BW G6), before joining the track at Newbarn Farm and then down and across to Garston's Down (BW G7).
    2. From Ramsdown Farm across the top of Ramsdown to Loverstone Farm (BW G15).

It was decided that, as route 2 only involved one landowner, it would be the easiest and most cost-effective option for an initial trail.

It was noted that, although the Parish Council are prepared to take on the maintenance of the footpath on a temporary basis, it is also important to continue lobbying Cllr Jonathon Bacon of AONB with regards to improving the ways footpaths are cut with Rights of Way. Cllr Ellis suggested that, as she already meets regularly with Cllr Bacon, she would be happy to take it forward.

It was agreed that the hedge cutting along the footpath should be included in the grass cutting tender. The Clerk will liaise with Ms Belben with regards to the wording to be included within the tender document with regards to the hedge cutting.

**RESOLVED: that,**

- **Footpath G15 would be adopted by the Parish Council for cutting purposes. This will be on a temporary basis and reviewed at the end of the cutting contract.**
- **IW Cllr Jonathon Bacon will be approached by Cllr Ellis to discuss the cutting of footpaths**
- Neighbourhood Watch – the local neighbourhood watch is no longer in operation but residents can register on the "IOW Alerts". Details to be

included in the next newsletter.

- Brook naming – Cllr Smith has received a few suggestions but has agreed to write something for the next newsletter.
- Dangerous Trees in Gatcombe – Cllr Smith showed pictures of several dangerous and fallen trees in the Gatcombe area and advised that several trees have fallen in places that could have proved to be extremely dangerous. Island Roads have been informed and have cut back one tree. The Clerk will make contact with the District Steward Derek Bean and the Senior District Steward Matt Shaw who will conduct a survey of the area for dangerous tree. They will then contact the responsible landowner to request that any works required are undertaken and will follow them up directly with the landowner.

**RESOLVED: that the Island Roads Senior Steward will be contacted and asked to undertake a survey of dangerous trees in the Gatcombe area.**

- Toad and Squirrel Signs – several examples of signs were viewed and The Clerk has been asked to provide current prices.

**RESOLVED: that, prices for posters, alerting drivers to squirrels in the area, will be obtained from Beardsalls**

- Gatcombe Church – the concrete slabs are now in place.
- Hedge Planting – The Clerk reported that progress is being made with the grant application for the new hedge with help from Gillian Belben. It has been suggested by Mark Simmons of IWCSF that the grant is submitted to replace the entire hedge, some 400m, and to include protect the existing farmers access to the field.

It was discussed whether there was still time to organise the funding, clearance of the old fencing/hedging and planting of the new hedge as the optimum time to plant hedging is from the end of Feb through to March. It was decided that we should continue with the process and hopefully everything can be completed before the end of March. Due to the tight timescales to complete the project it was agreed to waive the Financial Regulations regarding the need for three quotes on this occasion. A minimum of two quotes will be obtained for the site clearance and hedge planting.

It was suggested that, when planting the hedge, volunteers should be sought to help the contractor and this should be explained in the tendering process.

The Clerk will liaise with Ms Belben and Cllr Whiteman on the wording to be included in the tender document.

**RESOLVED: that,**

- **Financial Regulations would be waived to allow only two quotes to be obtained due to the tight timescales.**
- **Separate quotes will be invited for the site clearance and hedge planting**
- **The hedge planters will be invited to submit quotes to supply the hedgerow as well as plant, and the planting would involve volunteers**

1880	<p><u>TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transport (Winter Service) – It was noted that the No 6 bus was no longer running down Cedar Hill. It was believed that this route had been agreed to allow better access to Carisbrooke medical centre. The Clerk will make inquiries with Southern Vectis</li> <li>• Traffic calming measures – the survey will be included in the next newsletter.</li> </ul>
1881	<p><u>REPORTS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Ellis had nothing to report due to the cancellation of many events</li> <li>• Cllr Whiteman reported that all events had been cancelled over Christmas starting from 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. There is no decision yet on when things will restart.</li> <li>• Cllr Hobart was not present but it was discussed that IWALC were advertising face-to-face training courses but are yet to set any dates.</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
1882	<p><u>FINANCE</u></p> <p>a) <b>RESOLVED:</b> That, the financial statements are accepted and approved</p> <p>b) <b>RESOLVED:</b> To pass the following accounts for payment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• M Warr – salary December - £235.50</li> <li>• M Warr – expenses, mileage, stamps, stationary - £115.52</li> <li>• G Belden – Gift Bag Expenses - £60.12</li> <li>• C Hoyle – Gift Bag Expenses - £6.79</li> <li>• HMRC Qtr 3 PAYE - £166.00</li> <li>• BHF Shops Ltd – Defibrillator - £1260.00</li> </ul> <p>c) Budget 2022-23 The budget for 2022-23 was agreed and the precept set at £12000</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That, the precept for 2022-23 is set at £12000</p>
1883	<p><u>NEW PARISH CLERK AND RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs Maxine Warr has been the Clerk and RFO for Chillerton and Gatcombe PC for the last 14 years but has now decided to move to pastures new. A small presentation was made to Maxine to thank her for her years of loyal service to the community.</li> <li>• Mr Lindsey Hood was introduced as the new Clerk and RFO.</li> </ul>
1884	<p><u>FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS</u></p> <p>Bus stops in Gatcombe – Light Pollution from Water Treatment Centre</p>
1885	<p><u>NEXT MEETINGS</u></p> <p>The next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022, 7pm, at the Village Hall. There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15pm</p>

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