



# Chillerton & Gatcombe Parish Council



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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CHILLERTON & GATCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 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)  
3 members of the public

## PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Ms Belben asked if IWALC could be prompted to pursue the verge cutting projects with the new IWC cabinet members. Cllr Whiteman suggested this could be included in the IWALC topic meeting with Cllr Jordan.

Ms Belben also asked if the 20mph campaign will continue as this would require a culture change for residents. All felt 20mph would be better than 30mph through the Chillerton and a change of speed limit is definitely needed in Gatcombe. Single track roads should also have reduced speed limits. This matter was also discussed later in the meeting.

Ms Cardew submitted a written question regarding Hollow Lane becoming an adopted road. In heavy rain the shingle is washed into the road and during cold weather black ice regularly forms. It was agreed this should be an agenda item.

## 1837. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from IW Cllr Ellis

## 1838. 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.

## 1839. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September were presented.

**That, the minutes of the meeting, held on 14<sup>th</sup> September are approved as a true record.**

## 1840. CHILLERTON AND ROOKLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

We are waiting for Councillor Debbie Andre, the Isle of Wight Council Cabinet Member for Education, to receive a report on options for Chillerton and Rookley Primary School. We have

been assured that one of the options will be our proposal for a Multi Academy Trust with a secondary school. There is a particular school we have been in discussions with and who are looking to join with our school once it has been defederated from Godshill. They have asked us not to publicise their involvement at this time.

After this there will be a consultation period depending on the option Councillor Andre is minded to follow. Save our School are gearing up to launch a publicity drive to persuade people to respond to the consultation.

In the meantime, the Stenbury Federation are continuing to follow their apparent policy of running the school down, thus pushing parents into withdrawing their children.

It was noted that the application to register the School as a community asset has been approved.

#### 1841. HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

- Newsletters – the draft newsletter was circulated and approved. It was agreed that the war memorial survey would be circulated at the same time.

**RESOLVED: that the newsletter and war memorial survey will be printed and distributed**

- Notice Boards – it was noted that the notice board in Gatcombe should be in place by the end of the month. Cllr Whiteman was waiting to obtain a suitable post.
- Village Events – a discussion took place regarding whether to reinstate the Christmas lunch for the village elders, or issue gift bags, following their success last year. Some members felt that as the Covid numbers were not decreasing it may not be prudent to encourage a large gathering, although others felt residents may welcome a chance to reconnect. It was agreed by 3 votes to 2 to issue the gift bags. All items will be hand made and Ms Belben agreed to once again co-ordinate filling and distribution.

**RESOLVED: that, for this year, Christmas gift bags will be issued to the elders and supporters of the parish**

- Community Support – no items to discuss
- Community Buildings – no items to discuss
- Walk Leaflets – no items to discuss
- Resilience Plan – a question was asked about the defibrillator which is currently housed at the school. It is understood that it is not available 24/7 and the pads need replacing. The CGCA are considering moving it to the Village Hall and it was suggested that an approach be made to the PCC regarding housing one at St Olaves', to service Gatcombe.

#### 1842. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS

- Grass cutting – a composter has been installed in the play area.
- Dog Bins – it was noted that the new dog waste bin at Gatcombe is too low and often covered by foliage. Island Roads will be contacted to move it higher up the post.
- Furniture Maintenance – no items to discuss
- Play Area – the repairs highlighted in the inspection report have been completed

- World Wars Memorial Project – Cllrs Hobart and Whiteman circulated a report on their site visits. It was agreed to survey the residents on the requirement for a memorial and possible site. It was agreed that this survey would be distributed with the newsletter.
- Community Initiatives to enhance the Environment – Queens Jubilee planting  
An area suitable for a hedge had been identified and discussions are ongoing with the landowner. Mr and Mrs Goodenough had offered to plant and maintain two flowering cherry trees on the Village Green. This offer was gratefully accepted. A further suggestion of naming two of the brooks that run through the villages was proposed. It was agreed to invite suggestions for names in the next newsletter.  
**RESOLVED: that the offer from Mr & Mrs Goodenough to plant and maintain two flowering cherry trees on the Village Green is accepted.**

Footpath cutting by Rights of Way – members were unhappy that a response had not been received from RoW regarding a face-to-face meeting and a further reminder will be sent before approaching the IWC Cabinet Member.

#### 1843. TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC

- Traffic calming measures – Cllr Whiteman pointed out that there was a sum of money from the IWC available for traffic calming measures and the PC could take advantage of this to alleviate the problems on Main Road. It was felt that residents should be consulted, and Cllr Whiteman agreed to come up with a list of suggested measures for the next meeting in preparation for conducting a survey.
- Electric Charging Point – Cllr Hobart and Whiteman circulated a report and the Clerk had visited Bembridge PC, who have installed an electric charging pod. It was agreed that the best area for the pod would be in the parking space outside the Village Hall as the PC own the land. The electric supply would come from the VH so the CGCA need to be consulted. It was also agreed to ask the PCC if they would consider a charging point near St Olaves’ and Southern Housing regarding installing one near their housing block.  
**RESOLVED: that the CGCA would be approached regarding installing an electric charging point adjacent to the Village Hall, in the parking bay.**

#### 1844. REPORTS

- CCGA – Cllr Whiteman circulated his final report as the Chairman of the CGCA and a copy is attached to these minutes
- IWALC – Cllr Whiteman circulated a report on a recent IWALC meeting and the Resilience workshop held on 25<sup>th</sup> September. These were both noted.
- Cllr Hobart reported on an Environment and Sustainability meeting he had attended through Teams, and brought to the attention of the PC the Bob Edney Award for services to the environment. It was agreed to discuss this at the November meeting.
- IWC – Cllr Ellis was unable to attend.

#### 1845. FINANCE

a) **RESOLVED:**

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

**b) RESOLVED:**

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

- M Warr – salary September - £235.50
- HMRC – Qrt 2 - £166.00
- D Hayden – grass cuts 11 & 12 - £120.00
- Island Roads –waste service - £238.68
- Mark One Maintenance – play area repair - £1095.00
- IW Council – Environment Officer - £133.00
- N Phillips – composter - £10

**1846. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Hollow Lane – Village Green posts – Bob Edney Award – CGCA Rep – Budget

**1847. NEXT MEETINGS**

The next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021, 7pm, at the Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35pm

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