



# Chillerton & Gatcombe Parish Council



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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CHILLERTON & GATCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2021, BY VIDEO LINK, COMMENCING AT 7PM

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

Also Present: Mrs M Warr (Clerk)  
10 members of the public

## PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None

### 1789. APOLOGIES

IW Cllr Steve Hastings

### 1790. 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.

### 1791. MINUTES

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 were presented.

Matters arising (for information only):

Grass Cutting – David Hayden has been advised of the decision to extend the contract until 2022

Stile – Mr Burden was contacted regarding replacing the stile with a gate, but he does not wish this to happen. A meeting will be arranged to discuss this further after the election.

**RESOLVED:**

**That, the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 are approved as a true record.**

### 1792. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

As the Village Hall does not reopen until 17<sup>th</sup> May it was agreed to hold the APM on 18<sup>th</sup> May. This will take the form of a hybrid meeting, allowing participation by video link.

The meeting will start at 6pm followed by the Annual Meeting and the normal monthly meeting.

**RESOLVED:**

**That, the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm at the Village Hall and by video link.**

1793. STANDING ORDERS

Notice was given for amendment to Standing Order 64, to reflect the legislation allowing meetings to be recorded without the need for prior permission. This will be discussed and confirmed at the May meeting.

1794. CHILLERTON AND ROOKLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

- 'Save Our School' campaign – it was noted that errors have occurred in the IWC process and this had been confirmed by the DfE. A visit to the Free School had been productive and the business plan will be updated to reflect the information received. A further meeting of the campaign group is scheduled for 7<sup>th</sup> April.
- A response to the application to register the building and land as a community asset has been received and will be discussed in full at the May meeting.

1795. HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

- *Newsletters* – no items to discuss
- *Notice Boards* – no items to discuss
- *Village Events/Community Support* – the 'bench' events, similar to the ones last year, selling plants and seeds, will take place every weekend in May and Cllr Belben will draft a poster and flyers. There will be an honesty box in place with proceeds going to the IW Foodbank. Cllr Belben also asked permission to use the Village Green as an outdoor café on 29<sup>th</sup> May. This event has been agreed with the CGCA and residents will be asked to bring their own chairs. This was agreed.

**RESOLVED: that, the Village Green would be used as an outdoor café on 29<sup>th</sup> May.**

- *Community Buildings* – no items to discuss
- *Walk Leaflets* - no items to discuss

1796. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS

- *Grass cutting* – It was agreed to buy a tarpaulin to cover the compost bin on the Green and install a second one for use this summer. Mr Hatch had offered to do this and although he had suggested emptying the compost from the first bin this was not agreed as the best option, so he will be asked to keep to the original agreement.
- *Dog Bins* – It is hoped that the new bins will be installed in the next week.
- *Furniture Maintenance* – nothing to report
- *Play Area* – several items requiring maintenance had been identified by EO Nelson and Cllrs Phillips, Whiteman and Hobart agreed to address these before the external audit in May. It was also noted that a concrete fence post behind the goal was broken.
- *World Wars Memorial Project* – it was noted that a new lead member will be required when Cllr Belben steps down from the PC.

- *Community Initiatives to enhance the Environment including:*  
 Verge Project – it was noted that the strategy developed in partnership with IWALC and the AONB will need to be discussed with the IWC and Island Roads as soon as the elections are over, to ensure the changes are made. Cllr Belben will continue to coordinate the monthly surveys as a volunteer and one option could be to pass the project to the Horticultural Society, this will be discussed next month.  
 Island Roads Liaison – if this is to carry on once Cllr Belben steps down, a new lead member will be required. Cllr Belben will chase up the outstanding items during April.  
 Right of Way Survey – Cllr Belben will complete the survey during April and again taking this forward will be discussed next month.  
 Lost Way Application -it was agreed to chase up the application with Rights of Way.  
 Local Access Forum – Cllr Belben will be stepping down as the parish representative  
 Tractors – it was noted that large tractors are destroying the verges in some of the small single-track lanes and this needs to be monitored and reported.

#### 1797. TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC

- *Speed Signage Relocation* – It was noted that there will be an island wide speed restriction survey later in the year. Local consultation will take place and it was agreed that all past requests and suggestions should be fed into the consultation
- *Transport (Winter Service)* –it was reported from Niton and Whitwell PC that Southern Vectis wished to continue the arrangement with the No6 Sunday winter service and had proposed a reduced contribution of £2,457. N&WPC wished to know if C&GPC were still willing to contribute £600. It was agreed to discuss this again next month.

#### 1798. REPORTS

- CCGA – Cllr Whiteman reported that the Gallybagger was almost ready with only the refurbishment of the toilets and upgrading the outside space to be completed. It is hoped to open with a grand event once all the covid restrictions are lifted.
- IWALC – Cllr Whiteman gave some background to the press release issued by IWALC. Many town and parish councils feel the IWC has put upon them by asking them to pick up the shortfall in services without support and have now stopped paying the local support grant. Fortunately, this does not affect C&GPC.

#### 1799. FINANCE

a) **RESOLVED:**

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

b) **RESOLVED:**

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

- M Warr – salary March - £242.90
- IWALC – subs - £68.27

- HMRC – Qtr 4 - £143.60
  - Wight Computers – 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment website cost - £256.20 (£42.70 VAT)
- Paid in March
- Isle of Wight Council – Environment Officer - £115
  - C Dabbs – repair notice board - £50
  - Beardsalls – newsletter printing - £30
  - D Hayden – grass cuts 14 & 15 -£120.00
  - Groundsells Contracting – Bridleway cut - £318.00 (£53.00 VAT)

**1800. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Representatives to outside bodies
- Registration of School building and grounds as community asset
- Lost Path
- No 6 Sunday winter service
- Verge Project
- Rights of Way Survey
- Clerks hours (confidential item)

**1801. NEXT MEETINGS**

The Chairman ended the meeting by giving thanks to Cllr Belben for her service to the Parish Council during the last eight years.

The next monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021 and will directly follow the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting which commence at 6pm. There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.03pm.

Signed -----

Date. -----