

Chilworth Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting of Chilworth Parish Council held in The Chilworth Village Hall
on Thursday 2nd March 2023

Present: Chairman Mr Chris Patey (CP), Mr Malcolm LeBas (MLB), Malcolm Henley (MH), Mr Ian Rankine (IR), Borough Cllr Phil Bundy (PB), Borough Cllr Mike Maltby (MM), Clerk Miss Donna Jones (DJ).

1) Apologies, Declarations of Interest

- a. Apologies: Mrs Gloria Shearer, Mrs Mindo Virk. Mr Nicolas Tall, County Cllr Nick Adams-King, Mr Malcolm Goddard, Mrs Vicki Harding, Borough Cllr Terese Swain,
- b. No declarations of interest

2) Open Forum

No one attended

3) Hampshire County Councillors Report

A report will be circulated after the meeting.

4) Borough Councillor Report

Changes in planning system to introduce new guidelines for development. Future planning will require a Biodiversity net gain, this will commence from November and needs to be 10% gain which will be required to be proven.

5) Approval of Minutes of the last meeting

Approved

6) Matters Arising not covered by the Agenda

Defibrillator- MV spoke to the manager of the garage He gave her the contact in Shell she needs to speak to about siting it on their outer wall. She has emailed them.

7) Planning-MLB

A report was circulated prior to the meeting. A list of all the planning applications received this month is in the appendix to these minutes. The reports/comments made were forwarded to the Planning Services Department of TVBC.

8) Parish Projects

- a. Community Centre- PC discussed them taking over the land and community centre. IR has been in contact with the Charities commission about the process. The PC agreed in principle to proceed with its enquiries with a view to consider the options available and the implications of each one before making a final decision.
- b. Solar panels, generator, battery- MH to investigate further to tie in all 3 projects to reduce the costs of installation at the Chilworth Hall.
- c. AFMG- Tim's been tidying the garden and it is looking good.
- d. Website- MG requested better photos of Chilworth for the site and also for someone to write about the election ready to be put on there.

9) Correspondence-DJ

- a. Email from resident about website info being incorrect and 'contact us' not working. Issue was investigated and put right.
- b. Email from a play area specialist.

ACTION: CP to make contact and arrange a meeting.

- c. CP explained DJ's recent enquiries made in relation to her Local Government pension, this was now urgent so that this year's pension monies could be added before April. It was agreed that the parish Council will provide the funding for such a pension. Letter was also received from the Pensions Regulator requiring actions in relation to re-enrolment or re-declaration.

ACTION: CP to look into getting a pension set up for the Clerk and the requirements for The Pensions Regulator.

10) Finance- DJ

Bank statements: DJ presented the Bank statements as of 24th February 2023

Payments: it was resolved to make the following payments:

Clerks salary + expenses	£454.17
Diguru printing (Paid 10/2/23, agreed last month)	£115.00

Test Valley Dog waste bins	£1275.72
Quellen Green	£45.00
Simon Nightingale	£404.25
TGH Garden Services (VG)	£294.00
TGH Garden Services (AFMG)	£84.00

11) Any Other Business and date of next meeting

- a. MLB will retire from the PC after the AGM in May and will accordingly not stand for re-election. He's happy to assist if required thereafter with the Battery Storage application and the possible transfer of land from the Community Centre.
- b. VH and GS to also retire and will not complete the paper work necessary for the elections.
- c. Equestrian centre- Leylandii has already been planted which went against TVBC planning consent. DJ has already contacted TVBC regarding this in February.

ACTION: DJ to chase TVBC for a response.

- d. Speed Signs- PC agreed to pay Paul Le Moignan's costs in extra insurance and taking the course needed to take over maintenance of the speed signs.
- e. Motorcycle nuisance- MH in communication with NAK to move to the next stage to install CCTV. CP stopped two motorcyclists on the Village green and reported them to 101 with photos. Luckily no damage to the grass this time.
- f. Fly tipping- Continuing and getting worse in Lordswood
- g. Chilworth Drove- MH written to NAK regarding the pot holes on the Road. Residents are looking into crowd funding to get the repairs done properly themselves.

Date of Next meeting – 6th April 2023

Item No.7 of the meeting held on: 2 March 2023

23/00268/OUTS - Bhachenth House Chilworth Road- **Objection**

Chilworth Parish Council objects to this application for the same reasons in respect of a previous application, now appealed by the Applicant. The plan clearly shows that the proposed plot is significantly smaller than all surrounding plots and that, in itself, is grounds for refusal.

It, therefore, breaches Policy E4 of the Local Plan and should be refused accordingly.

The Applicant falsely relies on developments all of which have taken place on the main Chilworth Road.

No precedent should be created away from the main road which will breach the principles of Chilworth being a “residential area of special Character”. This is something to which the Parish Council has been and is committed to preserve for the benefit of all Parish residents. Infilling of this nature will be a disastrous change to the overall look and nature of Chilworth.

Tree work applications: Report submitted by Professor John Shearer on behalf of Chilworth Parish Council: