

Chilworth Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting of Chilworth Parish Council held in The Chilworth Village Hall
on Thursday 6th April 2023

Present: Chairman Mr Chris Patey (CP), Mr Malcolm Le Bas (MLB), Malcolm Henley (MH), Mr Ian Rankine (IR), Borough Cllr Phil Bundy (PB), Borough Cllr Mike Maltby (MM), Ed Ravenhill (ER), Mrs Mindo Virk (MV), Mr Nicolas Tall (NT), County Cllr Nick Adams-King (NAK), Borough Cllr Terese Swain(TS), Clerk Miss Donna Jones (DJ).

1) Apologies, Declarations of Interest

- a. Apologies: Mr Malcolm Goddard
- b. No declarations of interest

2) Open Forum

Colin Richards from the Old Village attended with the possibility of joining the Parish Council

3) Hampshire County Councillors Report

A report was circulated prior to the meeting.

4) Borough Councillor Report

New wheelie bins and food caddies ordered

Local Plan- preferred sites are being decided ready to go to next consultation stage

5) Approval of Minutes of the last meeting

Approved

6) Matters Arising not covered by the Agenda

None

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**

AFMG- maintenance on going

Community centre- Still trying to find archives of who owns the land. Lettings and tennis court continuing

Coronation- MLB suggested purchasing a commemorative bench to go in front of the jubilee tree to mark the occasion, seconded by MH.

ACTION: CP to look purchase the bench and ask WP Builders to set it in concrete.

3 year plan for Chilworth- MH presented the costings and outcomes for the 3 year sustainability project. Approximate costings just under £50,000. There are many grants available to cover these costings. Agreement was made for MH to go ahead and apply for the grants and agreement in principle to cover remaining costs but further meetings would be necessary. IR proposed with MLB seconding.

9) **Correspondence-DJ**

Email re removing fence and replacing with new around Holly Lodge development- DJ to reply stating it is the PC's fence and who would maintain the new wooden one once fitted?

Hampshire Air Ambulance requesting a grant- DJ to reply stating we don't offer these but can consider a donation.

Victim support- DJ to write asking that they provide bank details rather than send them a cheque

10) **Finance- DJ**

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

Payments: it was resolved to make the following payments:

Clerks salary + expenses	£471.17
Fair Account (Internal Auditor)	£870
The Play Inspection Company Ltd	£87.54
Stone Osmond	£36
Hampshire County Council (outstanding Nov 2021)	£1785.95
Simon Nightingale	£279.87
Quellen Green	£90.00
St Deny Church	£600
Chilworth Community Centre	£600

Agreed to pay £600 to assist with the Maintenance of Chilworth Community Centre and £600 towards Maintenance of St Denys church.

11) Any Other Business and date of next meeting

Defibrillator- No reply from Shell re siting it on their garage wall. CP to enquire again at the Hilton Hotel and possibly Chilworth and Stoneham golf courses.

The car parked for over a year on the road in Hadrian way has now gone.

Date of Next meeting – 4th May 2023

Item No.7 of the meeting held on: 6 April 2023

23/00588/LBWS Walnut Cottage, Chilworth Old Village **No comment**

23/00573/FULLS Oak Lodge, Chilworth Drove **No objection**

23/00675/FULLS Kenwood, 3 Hadrian Way **No comment**

23/00679/FULLS Fir Trees, Birch Road **Objection**

The Parish Council objects to this application on the following grounds:

1. The proposed size of the building represents an over development of the site, particularly taking into account the separate garage with room above and a pool room
2. As a result, this development would be out of character with the neighbouring area.
3. In view of the previous application s relating to this site and the number of en suite bedrooms shown, the Parish Council request that, if the Council is minded to grant permission (notwithstanding objections filed) a condition is imposed restricting the use of the property to a single family dwelling.

23/00609/FULLS Land Lying To The North East Of, Manor Farm, Chilworth Old Village **Objection**

As indicated in the Parish Council's responses to the two previous applications, the Parish Council continues to take the view that this proposal is in breach of Policies E2 and E3 of the Local Plan.

The Parish Council attempts to preserve the sanctity of the precious Local Gap (within policy E2 – landscaping and protection, conservation and enhancement of the local character). It also takes the view that this application will disturb the current peace and quiet of the area and have serious adverse effects on the natural habitat, which has existed for very many years (policy E3 – preservation of the Local Gap).

For what the Applicants have described as a non-commercial activity, there seems to be a surplus of stables and buildings which will have an adverse effect on the landscape.

The Parish Council is particularly concerned that the Traffic Report submitted by the Applicant gives a false impression. It assumes that the readings are taken from the lane running to and from the Old Village and not the main A27, the latter being the main through way to the site.

The Parish Council note with total agreement the comments by Landscaping as to the planting by the Applicant of leylandii and maple. They are not natural species to the area and must surely be taken down. The leylandii if retained will

grow rapidly and become a danger to road users in an accident on the main road. They are the proverbial blot on this particular land scape. These early actions by the Applicant merely confirm the Parish Council's concerns.

Accordingly, the Parish Council objects to this application

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

23/00651/TPOS White Lodge, Julian Close **No Objection**