

Chilworth Parish Council Meeting

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

Present: Chairman Mr Chris Patey (CP), Mr Nicolas Tall (NT), Borough Cllr Terese Swain (TS), Borough Cllr Phil Bundy (PB), Malcolm Henley (MH), Mr Ian Rankine (IR), Ed Ravenhill (ER), Harj Bhakar (HB), Kevin Allan (KA) Clerk Miss Donna Jones (DJ).

1) Apologies, Declarations of Interest

- a. Apologies: Mrs Mindo Virk, Mr Malcolm Goddard, Borough Cllr Karen Dunleavey, County Cllr Nick Adams-King
- b. No declarations of interest

2) Open Forum

None on attended

3) Hampshire County Councillors Report

A report was circulated prior to the meeting

4) Borough Councillor Report

Postal/Proxy voting to change. Absent voters will have to register their National Insurance number to be able to vote

New boundaries agreed- Valley Park is now under Eastleigh

Abbotswood is being recognised as a local nature reserve

New fire safety regulations regarding village halls is out as of 1st October and a risk assessment is required.

Local Plan- looking at all possible sites

ACTION: TS to send DJ to BCC report to upload to the website.

5) Approval of Minutes of the last meeting

Approved

6) **Matters Arising not covered by the Agenda**

Quellen Green has cut the verge from Woodside to the Rectory.

7) **Planning-HB**

A report was not circulated prior to the meeting so a discussion took place. 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.

ACTION: HB to send an objection to DJ for Land adjacent to No 4 Chilworth Close and a report for Dene Close

Tree Warden Courses- MH has found an online course that covers tree preservation/conservation for Dec/Jan £110 + VAT. IR Proposed and ER seconded that he book himself on it.

Equestrian Centre- SAP committee for the 7th October. MH is registered to speak on behalf of CPC. IR/KA to sort out who should talk on behalf of the residents.

Lithium battery storage- An objection is prepared and being added to in preparation for its return to SAP.

8) **Parish Projects**

AFMG- IR met with possible gardeners but none were interested

ACTION: DJ to ask Q for a quote and ER to ask someone he knows.

Community Centre- No change. Waiting for land registry to say Church is the owner of the land, IR discussed the possibility of taking on the land and getting it registered.

ACTION: CP to draft a proposal to the church/diocese about CPC taking on the land and facilities

Chilworth Hall projects- Progressing. More grants to apply for. MH and NT are in the process of writing the agreement for handing over the assets from CPC and the hall.

Resilience- Building and facilities need to feature in our emergency plan. Need to itemise all that we have so that the fire service know the facility is here and equipped to help in emergencies

ACTION: DJ to source an adapter plug and a 'battle box'.

Speed signs: MH has sourced some much cheaper Smiley faced signs. Quote by the original company of our current ones was 3 times as much. MH still looking into exactly what we want the signs to provide and what we can get.

Play area- received many quotes now for replacement, looking between £30,000 and £40, 000.

ACTION: DJ to ask A Frost Design who originally installed the current one for a replace/repair quote.

Footpath from Science Park to Old village. Not wide enough to walk on as its so overgrown and the path is uneven. The bank is dropping so needs to be supported.

ACTION: DJ to report the overgrown verge from Science park to Old village, give reference number to NAK and request further work is carried out there. Mention expanding the cycle path

9) Correspondence-DJ

Unity Transport Survey- **DJ to request the survey gets put on the website as it is a user one.**

10) Finance- DJ

Bank statements: DJ presented the bank statements as of 22 October 2023.

Payments: it was resolved to make the following payments:

Clerks salary (minus pension contribution of £24.98)	£429.19
Clerks expenses (CPC asset)	£314
LGPS (Total of Clerks and PC's contributions)	£122.17
HCC street lighting	£1900.40
Q Green	£315
Narked design	£225

11) Any Other Business and date of next meeting

Pine Lodge Caravan- It has been over 6 months and the temporary caravan is still there. MH will contact the enforcement officer.

20mph- NAK replied 'There will be a process for having sites considered for 20mph zones once the policy in place, probably in the early Spring next year'. CP will send a follow up email about speed records.

Eastleigh is the final stages of making Forest Park a 5km circular woodland walking route

Date of Next meeting – 7th December 2023

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

23/02619/FULLS Sunnymead, Hutwood Road **No Objection**

23/02788/FULLS Land Adjacent 4 Chilworth Close **Objection**

The Chilworth Parish Council objects to this revised application on the same grounds. The revised scheme encompasses minor amendments and, again, is considered over-development of the site, which has already been sub-divided and contravenes the Test Valley Borough Revised Local Plan (TVBRLP) policy reference (E4. a&b) of *sub-dividing plots are not significantly smaller than those in the immediate vicinity. Furthermore, the development's size, scale, layout, type, siting and detailed design are compatible with the character of that Residential Area of Special Character.*

It still seems to incorporate some disputed land taken from an original path, which has been used regularly until recently. This disputed matter would only introduce further complications with development. The proposed scheme also looks to raise the fence height to 1.8m higher than the current fence, which was established to increase light into the adjacent property. If the proposed fence were to be lowered, the view from the adjacent property (no. 4) would be a substantially high brick wall, no more than four metres away from their window, reducing natural light to that side of the property which contravenes TVBRLP policy (LHW4: 8.21) *should not have an adverse impact on the levels of natural light received by adjacent properties.*

The proposed scheme is also out of character and not compatible with the other existing semidetached bungalows, which have at least 7 or 8 metres between them. The size of the site is unable to maintain the design scheme with adjacent bungalows and to number 4 which contravenes TVBRLP policy (E3. a & b) *It would not diminish the physical separation and/or visual separation; and It would not individually or cumulatively with other existing or proposed development compromise the integrity of the gap.*

Entrance to the site is in line with the car parking area, which is used by nos. 3 and 4 and may lead to issues if future residents of the property wish to park within the curtilage of the proposed new property. Furthermore, there is still the matter of the housing group assuming control and management by removing the existing tarmacked footpath, where the boundary posts are still in situ.

23/02801/FULLS High Corner, Dene Close **Objection**

The Chilworth Parish Council objects to the application of 'Proposed demolition of garage, erection of two-storey side extension with integral garage to ground floor'. Now that we are aware of the roots issue.

The scheme proposes to construct within a Tree Protected Zone (TPZ) of trees with Preservation Orders using a Pile Foundation

Construction of the proposed development is likely to adversely affect the health and safe retention of mature trees protected by TPO and is contrary to Test Valley Borough Revised Local Plan policy E2.

Tree work applications: Report submitted by Malcolm Henley on behalf of Chilworth Parish Council:

23/02680/TPOS 9 Bracken Hall, Bracken Place **No Objection**