

CHUTE FOREST PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 13th 2018

Present

Cllr Pike (Chair)

Cllr Geraghty

Cllr Gay

Cllr Stock

Mrs C Wall (Clerk & RFO)

Cllr Blair-Pilling Wiltshire Councillor

Mrs Teresa Orange

1. To Record any Apologies.

No Apologies received

2. Declarations of Interest.

Members are reminded that, in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, they must declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests and leave the meeting if appropriate.

No Declarations Received

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

To approve and sign, as a correct record, the Minutes of July 12th 2018

The minutes were signed as a true and accurate record and Proposed by Cllr Stock and Seconded by Cllr Geraghty

4. Matters Arising:

To discuss any matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting on July 12th 2018

No Matters Arising

5. Co-option of Councillor to replace David Close

Mrs Theresa Orange offered to become a Co-Opted Councillor. Her offer was accepted and Proposed by Cllr Stock and Seconded by Cllr Gay

Mrs Orange was welcomed and joined the meeting

6. General Public – Any questions

No members present

7. To Receive a report from Wiltshire Council and Wiltshire Police

Cllr Blair-Pilling- Wiltshire Council

Ward Boundary Changes.

There will be no change in the number of councillors currently set at 98 at the recent boundary review which should represent 4291 voters plus or minus less than 10% per ward. If you take the current Tidworth Area we have 1600 more voters. Amesbury also has over 6000 voters. If you take Devises they may lose a councillor. Add up Amesbury and Tidworth you get too many populations per councillor.

The Public Consultation is now underway and we can comment on the website www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk and draw our own thoughts on boundaries until November 5th when the consultation ends.

At the meeting last week, it was agreed that the Chairman and officers are meeting with area boards over the next two weeks with Tidworth and Ludgershall on September 19th and a decision has to be made by mid-October

This is billed as a session for asking questions and a proposed solution as we currently do not match the numbers of 4291 voters per ward but are well in excess, the question is to where do the Chutes sit as Collingbourne do not want to be part of a town council but would rather be with small parishes with similar issues and where do we see ourselves.

Cllr Pike stated that we use Hampshire Schools, Hampshire Refuse Tips, Fire and Ambulance but do not want to be part of Hampshire.

Cllr Geraghty asked therefore what our options are.

Cllr Blair-Pilling stated we could join with Burbage and the Bedwyns or remain with Tidworth as we currently stand.

The Clerk advised that we currently have an excellent relationship with Tidworth Area Board which we would not want to lose.

Cllr Gay asked if the councillor would be appointed or Elected and Cllr Blair-Pilling responded elected.

Cllr Gay asked what the proportion of the current area is and Cllr Blair-Pilling responded that Tidworth is 5000 Ludgershall is more with the villages considerably less.

Cllr Pike drew this discussion to a close and Cllr Blair-Pilling left the meeting.

8 Correspondence - As received and if necessary held at the clerk's office

The Clerk advised that she had received a complaint regarding inconsiderate parking in Chute Cadley and that she would speak to the occupant concerned.

9. Finance:

9.1 To accept current liquidity and financial statement to August 30th 2018

9.2 Payments

Payment to Clerk for expenses August £25.82

The above was Proposed by Cllr Geraghty and Seconded by Cllr Gay

10. To receive, consider and comment on Planning Applications as received from Wiltshire Council.

18/08205 Demolition and Replacement of 2 Longbottom Cottages Biddesden SP11 9DR

It was agreed that we could not comment on the application as not enough detail was shown on the application at this time. Proposed by Cllr Stock and Seconded by Cllr Gay

Update on 18/04151/Lower House Farm

Cllr Gay requested an update on why this application was refused and was advised by Cllr Blair-Pilling that Plot 2, comprising the conversion and extension of the existing outbuilding, would be in close proximity to the adjacent grade II listed Lowerhouse Farm; would result in an overdevelopment of the site; and would result in the loss of dedicated outbuildings for use in association with Lowerhouse Farm. This would cause less than substantial harm to the significance of the adjacent grade II listed property and the curtilage listed stable block by compromising their settings; and to the character and appearance of the conservation area

11. Footpaths

Cllr Stock advised that the footpath next to Holly Cottage was impassable due to their protruding hedge. The Clerk advised that she would speak to the home owner. Cllr Pike reminded that this was in Chute Parish Councils boundary.

12. Highways Report

The Clerk updated that the road outside the Hatchet had now been resurfaced and potholes patched in on the road to Chute Cadley. No other reports received.

13. King George Field Report

The Clerk advised that the new soak-away was complete. An issue has arisen in that Chute Club have refused parking to the football teams and quotes were currently being sought to make the far gate entrance more stable.

14. Village Hall Report

The Clerk advised that a new oven had been purchased which was being returned as 3 phase electrics required.

15. Village Sign Posts

Cllr Pike advised that three village signposts had been replaced funded by the Chute in Need Scheme which had been wound up.

16. Any other Business

Cllr Gay advised that he would be unable to attend the November 15th meeting and could it be moved to November 22nd. The Clerk to clarify. He also advised that he would be resigning from the council as he was being posted abroad and that this would be his last meeting. Cllr Pike offered his congratulations and that he would be a loss to the council. The Clerk advised that she would inform Wiltshire Council and begin the process in publicising for a new Councillor.

17. Date of next Meeting November 22nd 2018 (Note amended date)

No further business was raised and the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm

Carolyn Wall
Clerk and Financial Officer
September 13th 2018