

# WEST & MIDDLE CHINNOCK PARISH COUNCIL

## Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Cllr Shaun McMillan - Chair  
Cllr Bill Mannering  
Cllr Mark Bennett  
Cllr Phillipa Coleman

Cllr Raymond Bailey  
Cllr Tony Cawley  
Clerk, Kim Duller  
**6 Members of the Public**

**Public Forum:** Report that there is constant dog fouling on the Footpath between Rickhay and Layne Terrace. **Action: Clerk to report to SSDC Dog Warden.**

**17/394 Apologies for Absence:** None.

**17/395 Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Cawley, Allotments.

**17/396 Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017:** Agreed by all Members and signed by the Chair as an accurate account of the meeting.

**17/397 Matters Arising (Other than those on the Agenda):** None

**17/398 County Councillors Report:** Apologies had been received from Cllr Mark Keating.

**17/399 District Councillors Report:** i) Cllr Ric Pallister was able to join in the discussion on the planning application for Apple Garth and suggested to Members that a request is made to the SSDC planning department to have visuals of the proposed site as well as Members sending in concerns on the revised plans. ii) Cllr Pallister also gave advice to Neil Cochran relating to the potential for a grant for refurbishment of the Community play area, subject to the ability to match fund.

### **17/400 Planning Applications:**

- **17/03546/FUL Applegarth, Eastfield Lane, Middle Chinnock:** Revised plans had been received and Members discussed a number of concerns which the Clerk was asked to report to SSDC planning. These will be published on the SSDC planning site. All Members and Cllr Ric Pallister agreed the requirement for a photomontage to address the concerns which were being raised.

**17/401 Determinations:** 17/03478/FUL 10 Layne Terrace, West Chinnock.

### **17/402 Finance:**

- a. Precept Update:** The Clerk had not received any confirmation of the new Tax Base, however Members agreed to keep the 2018/19 precept at the same level as 2017/19. **Action: Clerk to respond to SSDC when paperwork arrives. Proposed Cllr Mannering, seconded Cllr Cawley. Unanimous.**
- b. To Pay Clerks Salary for Qtr 3, £588.00 and expenses of £155.10. Also £147 HRMC: Proposed Cllr Mannering, seconded Cllr Bennett. Unanimous.**
- c. To Pay any Routine or Previously Agreed Invoices: Somerset Landscapes Limited, £74.40:** Cllr Mannering confirmed he had checked the work and agreed with the proposed payment for services carried out in November 2017.

### **17/403 Allotments:**

- a.** No comments for discussion since time of the Agenda.

### **17/404 Matters arising from the November 2017 Meeting:**

- a. Feedback Community Play Area:** Members agreed to match fund up to £400.00 towards the necessary improvements. **Action: Neil Cochran to keep Members updated on progress.**
- b. Highways, Gullies and Drains:** i) To carry forward drains by the school, Higher Street and Smokey Hole. ii) Drains on Hollowell Hill: Potential action proposed winter – no exact timescale. iii) Put drain on Higher Street back on the Agenda following feedback from residents and Cllr Pallister. **Action: Cllr McMillan agreed to check and assess.**
- c. Broken Swing Recreation Ground: Carry Forward.**

- d. **Improved Disabled Access to the Recreation Ground:** Cllr McMillan is waiting for SSDC to respond after reporting it on the Website. **Carry Forward**
- e. **Road Outside 16, Layne Terrace:** - Carry Forward.
- f. **Land Ownership Hollowell Hill:** Clerk has spoken to SSDC and is waiting for further advice.
- g. **Nippy Bus:** The new route is up and running, timetable displayed in Bus shelter.
- h. **Parking on Pavement Outside Bridge House: Actioned.**
- i. **Change to System of Grants:** Clerk to write a letter to all local village organisations/groups to explain single grant process for 2017/18.
- j. **Tree Recreation Ground:** Clerk to advise contractor that the tree should be cut as far as possible to ground level and that wood should be left for Neil Vout, who offered to take the wood away.  
**Action: Clerk.**
- k. **Free Health Checks:** Second visit by the Health Check “Bus” scheduled for 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017.
- l. **Dog Fouling Recreation Ground:** Signs have been put up by the SSDC dog warden however there are still concerns being raised regarding the level of fouling. **Action: Clerk to liaise with SSDC Dog Warden and write a note in the Parish Magazine.**
- m. **Footpath Blockage Broadstone Farm:** Blockage cleared and stile also kindly mended.
- n. **Winter Service & Grit Bin Filling:** Members had checked bins and the Clerk had reported to SSDC that no more salt was required.

#### **17/405 Reports & Correspondence:**

- a. **Purchase of Bin at Sandy Lane:** Clerk to circulate suggestions for Councillors to take a vote on which bin to purchase. **A limit of £200.00 was agreed.**
- b. **Wessex Regional Flood & Coastal Strategy for 2017 – 2021 and beyond:** The Clerk had previously circulated for information. **No comments or feedback.**
- c. **External Auditor Appointments:** The Clerk had received notification of intention to change auditors. **For information only.**

#### **17/406 Correspondence Since Time of the Agenda:**

- a. **Rural England Survey:** The Clerk confirmed she had filled in a survey on behalf of Members. Nominations were being requested from local businesses for input. **Action: Cllr Coleman agreed the Clerk could forward her details.**
- b. **Stile in Recreation Ground:** Mended by Cllr Cawley.

**The meeting ended at 9.05pm followed by Christmas drinks and nibbles**

#### **Next Meeting**

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018 - 7.30pm, Village Hall**

