

WEST & MIDDLE CHINNOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 9th November 2022

Present:

Cllr Bennett

Cllr Cockrem

Cllr Griffiths

Clerk: Kim Duller

5 Members of the General Public

Cllr Coleman – Deputy Chair

Cllr Cawley

Cllr Partridge

Public Forum: i) NV confirmed precautions had been taken on the Allotments in line with latest government guidance to prevent Avian flu. The Chair thanked NV and Cllr Cawley. The Clerk confirmed government guidance posters had been put on FB, Community Webpage and bus shelter.

22/904

Apologies for Absence: None

22/905

Declarations of Interest: i) Cllr Cawley, Allotments. ii) Cllr Coleman, any footpaths on Broadstone Farm land.

22/906

To approve and sign as correct the Minutes of the Parish Council 12.10.2022. Noted £110.49 Clerk expenses not minuted in the October Minutes. Resolved. All in Favour and Signed.

22/907

Matters arising, not on agenda: None

22/908

To Receive Members Outstanding Registration Forms: Received from Cllr Cawley.

22/909

SCC/SSDC Councillors Report: Apologies Cllr Hewitson. Newsletter received and circulated to Members. No matters impacting on the Parish. The Clerk had contacted Cllr Patrick regarding the siting of the new school speed signage at the bottom of Ridgway, He agreed that a dropped curb should be installed and agreed to take the matter on with Cllr Hewitson. He also confirmed the siting of 2 additional signs, one near the Muddled Man and the other near Church Close. No update as yet. **Action: Clerk to follow up with Cllrs Patrick/Hewitson.**

22/910

Planning:

- a. **Applications:** None
- b. **Determinations since time of agenda:** None. **Action: Clerk to report back on recent Ridgway application.**
- c. **Planning enforcement: Hollowell Hill:** Clerk waiting for reply from Planning Officer regarding Smiths Hill. Planning team still very overstretched.
- d. **Planning queries:** Eastall Farm is in the hands of SSDC planning and any residents contacting the PC are being asked to liaise direct with planning. **Query raised again regarding Ancient Lynchets and protection status. Action: Clerk to contact to planning.**

22/911

Finance:

- a. **To set December 22 date for budget review, identification of Parish Council priorities, precept setting meeting for financial year 2023/24: Resolved Meeting to be held prior to December Parish Council 6.30pm on 14th December 2022.**
- b. **To pay £20.00 donation to British Legion in place of purchase of new wreath 2022. Agreed.**
- c. **To Pay £25.00 to SALC for Cllr Griffiths Planning Training. Agreed**
- d. **Delegated Power Payments: None.**
- e. **To pay any routine or previously agreed invoices:**
 - i) **Swan Paul, Recreation Ground £2000, plus VAT. Agreed**
 - ii) **Somerset Landscapes (SLL) October cuts £135.90 Agreed**

22/912

Allotments:

- a. **Plot Vacancies:** Splitting plot 20c into two, making 3 available ¼ plots, plus a ½ plot. There are 4 interested parties for the plots. Currently enough plots for all those on the waiting list.
- b. **Vacant Plot Maintenance:** Cllr Partridge has arranged for clearance of plot 20 before the new tenants come in, so no need to purchase weed cover. 6b, laid mainly to grass, no action required.
- c. **Lack of Hedging Plot 20: Action.** Cllr Partridge to bring forward to the next meeting.
- d. **Bonfires: No action required.**

22/913

Matters arising from 12.10.22 meeting:

- a. **Dog Fouling:** C/F Cllr Cockrem.
- b. **Bonfires:** Monitor by exception.
- c. **Dangerous parking:** School – reported under Clerk report.
- d. **Replacement Swing – HAGS:** Clerk waiting for quote. All agreed ask for quote for x2 swings, but seat only.

22/914

Reports & Correspondence:

- a. **Gigaclear – Fibre Broadband:** Clerk has contacted Gigaclear. **Action: Clerk to circulate details of Gigaclear to resident's for information, via website and social media, parish Magazine etc.**
- b. **Local Community Networks:** Cllr Griffiths offered to act as lead Councillor in partnership with the Clerk.
- c. **Footpaths:** i) **Eastall Farm:** Owners been asked by the ROW Officer to either apply to the council to divert the ROW or reinstate. Cllr Coleman waiting for update from ROW Officer. ii) **Footpath and broken Handrails Recreation Ground:** 2 new way markers placed on stile. Clerk has contacted Mr Honeybun to mend handrails on bridge access to the stile. iii) **Report of electric fence blocking footpath at the back of Kempsters:** **Action: Cllr Coleman to investigate.**
- d. **Clerk Report: Items by exception not on the Agenda**
 - i) **Avian Flu:** Change of Law and regulations from 7th November 2022 Circulated to Allotments and on local social media and bus shelter.
 - ii) **Vandalism:** Graffiti incidents x 2 have been reported. Clerk explained that she was in regular contact with local PCSO and a meeting has been arranged for 10.11.22
 - iii) **Dangerous Parking at the School:** The Clerk is meetings x2 PCSO's at pickup at the school gate on 10.11.22 to discuss vandalism and reports of dangerous parking.
- e. **Recreation Ground:**
 - i) **Grant Application for Play Equipment:** Match funded application submitted to SSDC for children's play equipment. Expect to hear outcome in December/January.
 - ii) **Consultation Events for Recreation Ground:** Had originally planned for November, but due to grant application and another potential grant application pending, it was agreed that x 2 consultations would take place in January 2022 for residents. Different user groups to also be contacted separately, as well as an on line survey.
- f. **Drains and Pot Holes:**
 - i) **Blocked drain Poop Hill:** Has been cleared, suspected heavy lime scale. Reported it took 6 hours to clear. Reported by SCC to the Clerk, budget has now run out for drains clearance for this financial year.
 - ii) **Hollowell Hill:** Drain at bottom of Hill cleared, but issues similar to Smokey Hole lane in that as long as the water is flowing effectively through the drains at the bottom of the Hill in Lower Street, the drains will not be cleaned on Hollowell Hill over and above the normal cycle of cleaning.

- iii) **Pot Holes:** Nothing to report, all marked pot holes have been filled. **Action:** It was suggested that maintenance works could be carried out on the potholes in Scott's Way during the closure in January. Clerk to contact SCC Highways to request.
- g. **Hedges: Update by exception:** Nothing to report.
- h. **Environment Champions Network by exception:** Nothing to report.
- i. **Unitary Updates, including SSDC Members briefing:** Previously Circulated.
- j. **Warm Spaces: Action:** Clerk to ask again via FB and leaflet to assess if there is a need, include reaching out to Groups.
- k. **Parish Council Grants to be advertised in December 2022.**

22/915

Correspondence & Matters for Wednesday 14th December 2022

Any Agenda items to be forwarded to the Clerk before Thursday 7th December 2022.

Meeting closed 8.20pm

Next Meeting 14th December 2022

**Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm
Village Hall, West Chinnock**



Members of the Parish Council would like
to invite local residents to join them,
after the close of the
14th December meeting
for
Christmas Drinks & Nibbles,
Provided by Members and the Clerk