

**Minutes of the Meeting of Chidham & Hambrook Parish Council
in the Chidham & Hambrook Village Hall on 2nd March 2017 at 7.00pm**

Present:

Cllr Cliff Archer (Chairman)	Cllr Linda Wilkinson
Cllr Andy Collins	Cllr Ina Littlefield
Cllr Geoffrey Hyde	Cllr Stephanie Cecil
Cllr Jane Towers	

In attendance: The Clerk: Caroline Davison, Cllr Penny Plant (CDC), Cllr Myles Cullen (CDC)
Cllr Ms Sandra James (WSSC)
Two residents - Mike Penny & Stephen Johnson

Felicitations were extended to Cllr Andy Collins on his 70th Birthday.

188-16 Apologies for absence:

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Jacky Sheppard and Philip MacDougall.

189-16 Declaration of Interests and Granting of Dispensations if any:

- a) There were no declarations of interest
- b) There were no dispensation requests

190-16 Minutes

Resolved that subject to the correction of Cllr MacDonald to Cllr MacDougall in the Apologies for Absence, the Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd February 2017 be approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

191-16 Public Forum

Mr Mike Penny, a resident of Hambrook and co-opted member of the Play and Open Spaces Advisory Committee, reported that there was a waste bin located on the southern proximity of the new Taylor Wimpey Development in Broad Road which had not been emptied for several months. It was agreed that the Clerk would speak with Sam Stone to request that the bin was emptied and removed.

The Chairman thanked Mr Mike Penny for his representation at the meeting and advised that the Clerk would keep him informed as to the outcome of her communications with Sam Stone.

192-16 Reports

a) Chairman of the Parish Council's Report

It was noted that the A27 Chichester Improvement Scheme had been cancelled by Chris Grayling MP, Secretary of State for Transport. Concern was expressed that the funding had been now withdrawn.

The Parish Council had received a letter from the Village Hall Management Committee expressing gratitude to the Parish Council for its support with identifying funding sources for the refurbishment works. The Chairman formally thanked the Village Hall Management Committee for their kind words.

The Chairman reported that the kerbing in Chidham Lane running south of the school had now been installed. A conduit had been put in place awaiting installation of lighting. It was noted that the scope of works had been more limited than the Parish Council would have wished due to WSCC funding constraints.

The poor condition of the signs for Chidham Lane and Hamstead Meadow was noted. It was agreed that the Clerk would liaise with the District Councillors to progress possible replacement of these.

With the agreement of the Parish Council, Agenda Item 13 on Chidham Lane Tidebank was brought forward.

The Chidham Lane Tidebank repointing works had been costed at just over £16,000. An application for Operation Watershed 3 funding had been refused as it did not fall within the remit of surface water drainage. The Chairman had approached Jonathan Ullmer at WSCC who had offered 25% contribution towards the repair. Chichester District Council conceded that they may contribute partnership funding after the Parish Council had spoken with the Environment Agency. The Environment Agency were currently considering the Parish Council's request for support with funding. The Harbour Conservancy had refused a funding request. The County Councillor, Sandra James had pressed for a CIF application but such a project did not meet the criteria. It was noted that the Chidham Lane Tidebank repointing works could be listed for consideration for funding by Community Infrastructure Levy.

b) District Councillors' Reports

Cllr Myles Cullen, CDC, reported that at a recent Chichester Safety Partnership meeting the Chief Inspector had stated that the operating arrangements for PCSOs were now more cost effective. It was noted that there had been a reduction in crime levels. Cllr Ms Sandra James, WSCC, interjected that this was different from what she had heard. She stated that in her opinion it was more effective to have local police and a return to the model that was taken away. She also felt that an independent review should be carried out.

Cllr Penny Plant, CDC, stated that a number of the car parks in Chichester would now accept payment by contactless cards. She reported that the local depot had received a glowing report when it been recently independently assessed and had been placed in the top five in the country.

c) County Councillor's Report

Cllr Ms Sandra James, WSCC, had submitted a report attached in Appendix I. Cllr Ms James had taken an extract from the Environment Agency Report 23/6/14 which outlined the funding schedule for the Bosham Seawall. She drew comparisons between this seawall and the Chidham Lane Tidebank as the current owner of both could not be identified. It was noted however that there had been a contribution from the Environment Agency and also that one of the big contributors had been the residents.

The Operation Watershed Funding Grant bid for the major arterial ditch on the Chidham Peninsula had been successful with a sum of £40,930.00 secured for the works to be carried out.

Following a decision by WSCC not to fund any renewal of the former Waste Recycling Site in Hambrook, Cllr Ms James, reported that she had received express permission to progress with discussions with Parish Councils in the locality regarding viability of the option of re-opening the site with their financial backing. The proposal would be to open the site one day a week with five segregated skips. The annual cost to the Parish Councils for providing this service would be in the region of £45,000 - £60,000 per year. It was reported that Westbourne Parish Council were in favour of the proposal providing that the terms were agreed and the cost shared between all Parishes. The Cllr Penny Plant, CDC, suggested that Bosham might also be interested. It was agreed by the Clerk that she would include this as an Agenda Item for the next Parish Council Meeting.

It was reported that CIF applications had been submitted by the Christian Youth Enterprise Centre and Chidham & Hambrook Village Hall.

Cllr Ms James commented that the A27 announcement from Central Government on 1st March 2017 was beyond disappointing.

It was noted that further grant monies of £500,000 had been made available in the latest phase of Operation Watershed funding for the forthcoming financial year. She highlighted that one of the criteria for assessing a new scheme was the level of past funding.

Cllr Ms James invited Members to submit to her any questions or points that they wanted raised at the County Council Meeting on 24th March 2017.

193-16 Finance and Corporate

- a) **Resolved** to accept the Financial Statement for to 7th February 2017 (See Appendix II).
- b) **Resolved to** authorise March 2017 payments (See Appendix III).

194-16 Planning Committee

- a) The Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 31st January 2017 and 21st January 2017 were received and noted.
- b) The date of the next Planning Committee Meeting was noted to be Tuesday 14th March 2017 at 7.00pm not 7.30pm as stated on the Agenda. It was reported that the Greenacre Nursery Application would be considered at this Planning Meeting.
It was confirmed that larger planning applications would be well publicised so that residents were aware of when and where the Planning Applications were to be heard.

195-16 Jutland House at Lion Park

It was reported that despite continued marketing, Taylor Wimpey hadn't been able to secure an offer for either the ground floor of Jutland House for use as a retail/convenience unit, or for the building in its entirety. Taylor Wimpey were now getting to the point that they might have to reassess their options. The Parish Council together with the County and District Councillors discussed the importance of ensuring that all options for the site had been explored. It was determined that it would be desirable to speak with Sam Stone from Taylor Wimpey to find out which retailers had been approached and what other options had been considered for use of the

building. It was agreed that the County Councillor, Sandra James, would make an appointment for herself and Cllr Geoffrey Hyde to meet with Sam Stone of Taylor Wimpey.

196-16 Operation Watershed Funding Application – White Cottage Ditch

It was reported that the Operation Watershed Funding Application for White Cottage Ditch in Chidham had been successful. The Chairman stated that the project would be progressed through the Drainage and Sea Defences Advisory Committee (DRASDAC). The first meeting of DRASDAC was scheduled to take place on Tuesday 7th March 2017.

197-16 Community Open Spaces

It was reported that the landscaping had now taken place on the Hawthorne Meadow site. The Parish Council was awaiting the plan for the siting of the knee-high rail boundary fence and also for the white lining to be installed to protect the access into the POS. It was anticipated that the Open Space Land Transfer would take place in the next few weeks.

A meeting had taken with Chichester District Council to discuss the S106 agreement in place for the Mildren Homes Site. No further communication had been received from Mildren Homes in respect of the Land Transfer since this meeting.

The Chairman of the Play and Open Spaces reported that he had written to Chichester District Council in respect of the gap in the hedge to the north of the Taylor Wimpey site. Weekly inspections of the play area had identified the need to replace the swing seats. It was also noted that the timber picnic benches, now over ten years old, were showing signs of decay.

198-16 Bus Shelter at Barleycorn North

It was noted that competitive quotations were being obtained to remove the existing bus shelter and base and to replace with a new base and to install the replacement bus shelter. The Clerk had made contact with Mike Dare, Highways Manager, WSCC in respect of the necessary permissions and consents.

199-16 CHANE Residents Association – Open Day

It was noted that the Chidham & Hambrook & Nutbourne East (CHANE) Residents' Association Open Day would take place on Saturday 11th March 2017 from 10.00am to 3.00pm. The Chairman was still looking for additional Parish Councillors to help on the Parish Council Stall for different times slots throughout the day.

200-16 Village Hall

Cllr Jane Towers reported that at a recent meeting of the Village Hall Management Committee the decision was taken to formally rename the Village Hall as 'Chidham Village Hall'. The Chairman thanked the Village Hall Management Committee for responding to comments raised by Parish Councillors at its last Meeting.

It was agreed that the County Councillor, Sandra James, would liaise with Cllr Jane Towers in respect of the costs involved in installing a hanging sign on the northern face of the Village Hall and whether it was a viable option to consider.

201-16 Items for inclusion on Agendas for Future Meetings

Annual Parish Meeting

Parish Newsletter

Open Spaces

Ditches

Waste HWRS

202-16 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting to be held on Thursday 6th April 2017 at 7.00pm in the lower hall of the Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

Signed: _____ (Chairman)

Date: _____