

**Minutes of the Extraordinary Chidham and Hambrook Parish Council Meeting  
held in the Village Hall on Thursday 29 June 2016**

**Present:** Cllrs Archer (Chairman), Collins (Vice Chairman), Cecil, Hyde, Sheppard and MacDougall.

**In attendance:** The Clerk

**40-16 Apologies for absence:**

The Clerk had received apologies from Cllrs Wilkinson, Towers and Littlefield.

**41-16 Declarations of Interests and Granting of Dispensations if any:**

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

**42-16 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 2 June 2016:**

Approval of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 2 June 2016 was carried over to the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting to be held on 6 July 2016.

**43-16 Projects for New Homes Bonus Funding 2016/1017**

The Clerk summarised the projects proposed at the New Homes Bonus Funding Meeting on 24 May 2016 and outlined further projects put forward by residents and councillors during the Public Consultation Period.

Councillors discussed the merits of all the different projects:

**Defibrillators**

There was support from all Councillors present at the Meeting for the proposal to seek funding for 2/3 defibrillators to be sited at strategic locations in the Parish.

The Clerk confirmed that the cost of each defibrillator together with external housing unit is £2,000. In addition a sum of £500 needs to be allocated towards the cost of installation, including importantly the provision of an electrical supply to provide heating and lighting for the housing unit. Further information on the type of defibrillators being considered was requested and the Clerk agreed to obtain this.

It was agreed that Councillors would approach the owners of identified properties/premises and to seek the agreement in principle to have a defibrillator located at their property.

**New Bus Shelter to replace old bus shelter at Barleycorn North**

It was considered the replacement bus shelter might not satisfy the criteria for funding under the New Homes Bonus because it could be viewed as simply a replacement and not an improvement to infrastructure. Cllr Sheppard had obtained costings for a new bus shelter and it was agreed that she would also obtain costings for installation and any works necessary to the existing base in order to install the new bus shelter. The costings would then be available for funding consideration through an alternative source.

**Noticeboards**

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It was agreed that the Parish Council could not apply for New Homes Bonus Funding for new Parish Council Noticeboards because they would represent a straightforward replacement.

A new Community Noticeboard has already been budgeted for to be located outside the play area off Broad Road.

#### **New Kerbing near School**

Councillors agreed that the new kerbing near the school would be considered for future funding through CIL. It was not possible in the time available for NHB submission to undertake the formal consultation and other actions required by Mike Dare, WSCC Highways.

#### **Playground Art**

It was agreed that new Playground Art should be considered for funding through future S106 monies to be made available for Public Art in the Parish.

#### **Bench at Catch Pond**

Cllr McDougall agreed to look at the costings from suppliers of tree trunk style benches.

#### **Funding for a new cricket pavilion for Chidham and Hambrook Cricket Club**

It was considered by Councillors that insufficient information was available for this project. In any event, it was not possible for it to be included in this phase of New Homes Bonus Funding due to the tight time constraints. It was agreed to be mindful of the project for future funding consideration.

#### **Maybush Copse**

It was noted that a number of projects had been identified at Maybush Copse, not all of which had the full endorsement of the Friends of Maybush Copse. After discussion of all the possible projects, the Councillors agreed to consider putting the improvements to parking outside Maybush Copse forward for New Homes Bonus Funding. The cost of this project was understood to be £2,250. Councillors also agreed to consider funding a new Interpretation/Information Board set aside a sum of £2,500 for this subject to the agreement of the Friends.

#### **Open Space**

Councillors agreed that the acquisition of both Open Space Areas needs to be completed before any future projects can be identified. It was considered that there was S106 money for Public Open Space and for Sport and Leisure which could be considered for utilisation in the future for these locations.

#### **Pavements/Footways**

The Councillors acknowledged that there was work which needed to be carried out in the Parish to improve footways/pavements. It was agreed that whilst these were all in need of attention it is was not possible to obtain costings or specification of works in time for this New Homes Bonus Funding deadline.

#### **Chidham and Hambrook Village Hall**

It was acknowledged that funding was still being sought for completion of Stage 3 of works to the Chidham & Hambrook Village Hall. It was agreed that due to the tight time constraints this would be an idea allocation for part of the NHB Funding as it clearly satisfied all the criteria and demonstrated a benefit to the whole community. Councillors supported funding proposals for installation of blackout blinds and to refurbish the pine flooring on both floors.

43-16 Following discussion on the merits of each project proposal it was agreed to carry forward the projects listed below for further consideration at the Parish Council Meeting on 7 July 2016:

- Defibrillators - 2/3 – locations to be decided
- Improvements to parking area at Maybush Copse
- Interpretation/Information board at Maybush Copse
- Blackout Blinds at Village Hall
- Flooring at Village Hall

The Councillors agreed that the final decision as to which projects would be put forward for funding under the New Homes Bonus Scheme would be made at the Parish Council meeting on 7 July 2016.

**44-16 Date of Next Meeting**

It was noted that the next Council meeting was the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting to be held at 7.00pm on 6 July 2016 in the Village Hall, to decide the surface water drainage projects to be submitted to WSCC for Operation Watershed 3 funding.

The next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting was scheduled for 7.00pm on 7 July 2016.