

Chirton & Conock Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting
held at The Old School, Chirton
on Tuesday 12th October 2021 at 7.15pm

Susannah Lampard, Clerk to the Council: clerk@chirtonandconock-pc.org.uk
The public and press were invited to attend this meeting via notice boards and on Chirton PC Website <https://www.chirtonandconock-pc.org.uk>

Present: Paul Mills, Vice-Chair (**PM**), Kay Clare (**KC**), Christopher Chapman (CC), Phillippa Radford-Howes (**PRH**), Gerald Lanfear (**GL**), David Harnes, Chair (DH).

Attending: Susannah Lampard (**Clerk**)
Sharon Prance (**RFO**)
1 Member of the Parish

90 Chair (DH) opened the Meeting for the last time, since his resignation on 5.10.21 and asked if the PC wished him to remain during the Meeting, as a Councillor, which was agreed.

Election of a New Chair to preside over the Meeting. PM Vice Chair suggested that he would be able to carry on the duties of Chair until May 2022. PRH then stepped up and offered to Chair.

PROPOSED: PM, SECONDED: KC. AGREED

Declaration of Acceptance of Office was duly signed by PRH as Chair and witnessed by Clerk/Proper Officer.

91 Receive apologies for absence - None

92 Receive declarations of interest or requests for dispensation – None were received.

93 Received and approve Minutes of the PC Meeting held on Tuesday 12th September 2021. Chair PRH received and signed the Minutes of last Meeting. Clerk had circulated minutes to Councillors and they were confirmed received, amendments were confirmed as made and approved.

94 Representations – A Parishioner present, raised several concerns as follows. Firstly a question addressed to PRH. What are the winter programme preparations for the village? PRH responded that over the last 18 months ditch clearance work has progressed from A342 at Conock through the Hughes Farm towards Chirton. Other Landowners have been contacted and drainage was cleared. The drainage ditch which comes out into the Hollow was dug out and a better ditch is the result, in order to aid the flow of water further along. A sink hole was discussed and drainage silted up at Yew Tree Close. PRH is in discussions with WC to get a tanker out to clear these. PRH Walked the Chirton field with the Steward within the last fortnight. The Chair has approached WC and Parish Steward about digging the silt out of the Small Street ditch although it is running at the moment, PRH has photographs and had sent these to MyWiltshire to prove it, it was however reported back that work will potentially need to be paid for by the PC as WC stated they cannot help

Regarding the first ditch by the Marden boundary. PRH met Steward on 4th October, he cleared the ditch by the bridleway near Marden and a rod was put through under the track, the water is now moving and it was found that it had not collapsed as previously feared. Mere track Marden cleared at the far end. Also a Monthly check and work by Steward was agreed; to keep these gullies clear. Future Farms ditches; water is running slowly and needs digging out in due course and monitored to regulate the flow of water there. Tractor cutting of verges and hedges has been left over summer months due to the local re-wilding project. Other items raised and noted were the notice boards which need attention, the bench in small street needs jet washing and nettles and overgrowth in the Hollow need urgent attention. PRH stated that earlier in the year when a tractor came out to cut the verges and hedges(in May), it had been requested specifically by the PC for these banks to be cut, residents were not available to move vehicles despite a visit to each house by PRH and a previous request to all residents before the visit of the tractor mower to move cars was also made .The question of removal of road-kill was raised and PM's suggestion was that 'MyWiltshire', an Application available to all residents, is a platform on which the community can report direct to Wiltshire Council including, for example, issues concerning highways. The question of a 20 speed Limit was also raised, proposed signage locations in the village were confirmed by PM as throughout and including Small Street. PM also reported that this is a long-term project. At this point GL raised an issue from a problem reported to Police approx. two weeks previous to the meeting, as it was requested by local farmers concerned to Cllr GL that he raise the subject during this Meeting. Tractor and Trailer had been unable to pass along Small Street due to vehicles parked along Small Street and impeding access to the High Street and the Hollow. Police were informed and PM confirmed that this was indeed a matter for the Police and Highways. Cllr. CC raised a suggestion that a tree by the school fence on CHIR7 is split along its trunk and it was decided that he would contact School in the first instance. An email to school about this as follow-up from CC; due to phone Chirton School including a note on Parking during events to be sent from Clerk. PRH will continue to access the services of WC and the Parish Steward over the Autumn/Winter months and address the Issues raised. CC and Clerk to action contact with School. Clerk to contact MB re. noticeboards, wood and protection.

95 CATG (Community Area Transport Group) Agenda Items 2021

- **Ongoing: Highways Application for Horse crossing signage** at 2 Locations on/over the A342 at Chirton and Conock. PM submitted the application for signage in September. **PM** more discussion due with local resident regard to costs and funding.
- **Ongoing: 20mph Speed Limit** - Pending update from **PM** who is due to consult with Mark Stansby.

96 Rights of Way Committee – Updates

- a. **Ongoing: CHIR17** Update on open access of footpath – **PM** to follow up on WC's promise to add steps and sleepers over ditch in order to open access to full length of path. Tree limb is hanging over access to path at rear of 10a The Hollow. PRH suggested PC may have to address as WC are backing down from carrying out these works.
- b. **Ongoing: Permissive Path South of CHIR17.** Contract is in draft. Counting existing fence posts to obtain Quotes due from fencing Contractors before a vote on a decision by PC can be made.

97. Late Planning Applications - None

98 FINANCE

1. Cash Book and Bank reconciliation – PC to 30th September 2021

PC Treasurer's account = £10,861.01

PC Savings account = £14,002.08

Total PC accounts = £24,863.09, of which £11,703.06 is restricted or earmarked.

2. Cash Book and Bank reconciliation - Parish Hall to 30th September 2021

Parish Hall account = £1,200.49

3. Budget – Meeting date to be set at the end of the Meeting.

4. **Precept payment has been received**

5, **RFO and Clerks Administration.** A raise of 1.5% was offered but has not been accepted by the Unions.

6. **Invoices agreed :**

Invoice date	Invoice No.	Supplier	Description	Net	Vat	Total
* 24-Sep	P193	Hurdcott Landscapes	Parish Footpath Maintenance - September 21	£50.00	£10.00	£60.00
* 04-Oct	P192	SSE	Telephone box Electricity September 21	£5.44	£0.27	£5.71
* 10-Oct	P196	IONOS	Website October-November 21	£15.00	£3.00	£18.00
	P194	Remuneration - Clerk	July-September 21	£532.44		£532.44
	P195	Remuneration - RFO	July-September 21	£121.88		£121.88
TOTAL				£724.76	£13.27	£738.03

* Invoices agreed/paid through ARPA 6/5/21

POPOSED: PM, SECONDED: PRH AGREED

99 Stewards Report Schedule October-December 21. Ongoing: PRH, Parish Steward and update. PRH reported again on meeting with Steward including Patney Wier mentioned as cleared and monitored by Steward. PC Budget for digging out and taking silt away was discussed at Small Street. PM suggested that at rear of Miller Close an issue with ditch clearance there, is ongoing, as it will silt up. PC to look at this and raise with Cllr PO **Steward works requests and follow up PRH**

- **Grit Bin. Resolved:** A request from Clerk to NM at WC was accepted for bags of salt for the PC and are due to be collected on Friday 15.10.21 by PRH. Also the Grit Bin at the top of the Hollow, a request to WC to fill has been made by the Clerk. This Bin needs digging out and moving, plus grass around it to be cut back before Winter. Councillors made a plan to do this work on Saturday 16.10.21. **Action: PM, CC, GL to maintain Grit Bin and grass area around.**
- **Oak Tree Protection. Ongoing:** GL took some photographs of potential tree surrounds. PRH to ask TG if he wishes, the PC can gain some quotes for proposed tree protection and works. **Action: PRH to speak to Landowner**

100 Remembrance Day Plans. Resolved: PRH has asked a local parishioner to be the Bugler at our Oak Tree Ceremony. Parishioner AM agreed to be involved. **Action Clerk: Order of Events to be published in Redhorn**

101 The Queens Platinum Jubilee. Ongoing:

- **Beacon Lighting - Thursday 2nd June 2022. Ongoing:** PC to request via Redhorn and fb that Members of the Community volunteer to help and form a Platinum Jubilee Committee **Action: Clerk: Advertise in Redhorn. Action: PM to gain permission from Landowner to find a site.**
- **Bench – Ongoing:** A possibility, any other suggestions welcome. Look at this at Budget time.

102 Defibrillator for Conock. Ongoing: Action: GL and PM exploring site possibilities with electric supply and building for attachment.

103 Phone Box. Ongoing - For Spring. The books look tidy and well organised will need to be removed in better weather to get at the electricians. The new door has warped a bit and will need maintenance. If any members of the Parish be able to help with this in future, please contact clerk@chirtonandconock-pc.org.uk

104 Agree date of Next PC Meeting – 9th November 2021
Budget Meeting agreed to be held 16th November 2021

A huge thank you is due to David Harmes for his many contributions to the work of the PC, on which he has served as Chair since 2016. We are sad to see him leave but so grateful for all that the PC has achieved

Watch the notice boards for further information.

The meeting closed at 20:35

Susannah Lampard, Clerk to the Parish Council

Agreed and Signed:..... Dated:
Phillippa Radford-Howes - Chair

SUMMARY OF ACTION POINTS FROM THIS MEETING

Permissive Path - drafted Contract 10 yr –PM to chase SL of WC. PC to schedule MB Meeting Quotes for fencing, counted the posts PM ...60 stakes, 4 strainers, 3 strands barbed wire, 3 strands plain ea side of 1.5m path ramp, - quotes, then vote	Rights of Way Committee	Ongoing
PM suggested that at Miller Close an issue with ditch PC to look at this and raise with Cllr PO	PRH/PM/All at next possible Meeting with PO present	ASAP

PRH and PM Miller cl ditch inspect and possible req for quotes/works using PC budget		
Metro-Count 20 mph – Pending update – PM to speak with Mark Stansby	PM	ongoing
Horse Crossing - PM more discussion is needed with regard to costs and funding.	PM	Ongoing discussion with members of Parish
Sunday 14 th November 2021 Remembrance. We will meet outside the church by 1.40pm then move off to the Oak trees to observe a two-minute silence at 2o'clock.	All Clerk to put on fb	
Action: Councillors and residents – to Form Platinum Jubilee Committee – Community request for help ...	Clerk RED.fb	December Agenda
Clerk to contact MB re. treatment of noticeboard wood and warped wooden backing	Clerk	ASAP
29 10/21 2 Cllr vacancies now (nw) SL informed Elect services of DH 6/10 notice due to be published Oct 29 th Any interest to direct to Clerk	Clerk	ASAP