

**Chirton & Conock Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**held at The Old School, Chirton**  
**on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 7.15pm**

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**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:** Phillippa Radford-Howes, Chair (**PRH**), Gerald Lanfear (**GL**), Christopher Chapman (**CC**), Tim Burgess (**TB**)

**Attendees:** Susannah Lampard (**Clerk**)  
 Sharon Prance (**RFO**)  
 Paul Oatway (**PO**)

**112 Receive apologies for absence** – Paul Mills, Vice-Chair (**PM**)

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

**114 Receive and approve Minutes** of Parish Council Minutes held Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023  
**Resolved:** Minutes of the Meeting had been circulated and agreed prior to the Meeting and were signed by the Chair. The full Minutes of the Meeting will be available to view on the PC Website.

**115 Report from Councillor Paul Oatway**

- A more comprehensive Code of Conduct has been passed by WC. Town and PC's (over 300 in Wiltshire) are encouraged to adopt this more generic version.
- PC election costs have been discussed and agreed by cabinet. The consultation was released as a memo by WC at County Hall and chargeable to PC's from 2025 at a cost of approx.£1.80/ household per election. PO has made it clear to WC that he intends to request that they address the fact that it did not go to Area Boards first, with respect to democratic process.
- Funding is available for village ev charging point(s).
- Government funding for a 12-15 seat rural bus service, picking up/stopping in villages, by request, may be added to existing bus services and revolve around school times and access to and from Devizes and Marlborough.
- **Planning Application PL/2022/09614.** Wiltshire Council was contacted by the PC for further information regarding this application. Comments have been submitted. PO will be looking at core strategy in an AONB.

**Representations** from Members of the Public.

**Resolved: Representations**

**Ongoing:** It was reported that there has been erosion of the banks in The Hollow due to cars turning and large vehicles and tractors driving over the lower part of the bank, to avoid parked cars opposite or oncoming traffic. A request for some kind of permanent preventative measure was discussed and the input of Cllr P.O was sought at the meeting. A suggestion from TB to consider one way for traffic for entering the village from the A342 into the Hollow and to exit by Small Street via the Marden junction onto the A342 was discussed. The Chair commented that the village has noticeably evolved and more vehicle volume and parking, has caused bank and verges ingress throughout the village. Large vehicles catch the banks, and damage to them is made worse by the wet grass/winter weather.

The PC have attempted to alleviate the parking by maximising the road width and keeping the banks cut right back whenever possible. An application to highways may be applied for and in the first instance a feasibility study carried out.

- Parking for Small Street - CC has requested to Aster that they cut back/down the trees causing an issue for residents wishing to use the parking bays in Thumbwood Terrace. **Action: Clerk**

#### 116 Pewsey LHFIG, formerly CATG (C&CPC 13.12.22 item 91)

**Ongoing:** Bollard protection for verge erosion to land in front of Church.

**Issue 10-22-7** There may be a light bollard installed near the Church path, which will either be removed or laid down when access is required. The Council works have been brought forward and are due to go ahead by the end of February.

**Issue 037-008** – C241 Small Street, Chirton **037-009** – C51 The Hollow, Chirton.

**Ongoing: Chirton 20 mph speed limit assessment. Ongoing:** 31.1.23 Speed tracking fitted in the two locations. 20 mph initial speed assessment. We await the results of this initial phase.

#### 117 FINANCE

a. **Cash Book and Bank reconciliation – PC savings account to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023.**  
**Savings Account : £18,670.09**

b. **Cash Book and Bank reconciliation – Treasurers account to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023.**  
**Treasurer's account : £666.61**  
**Total : £19,336.70, including £9,273.86 unrestricted**

c. **Parish Hall Account Total £1,075.09.**

**DISCUSSED and PROPOSED: PRH, SECONDED: CC, AGREED**

d. **Quotations to be discussed/agreed**

**Ongoing:** Ditch Clearance and hedge cutting behind war memorial and Miller Close **Action: CC**  
**arranging ditch clearance, hedge cutting and removal rubbish/cuttings.**

e. **Invoices/payments to be agreed.**

Invoice No.	Supplier	Description	Net	Vat	Total
P294	BM Electrical	Mend lighting in phone box	£87.00		£87.00
P295	SSE	Jan 23 Electricity	£11.55	£0.57	£12.12
P296	Devizes and District Food bank	Charity donation	£100.00		£100.00

P297	Open Doors	Charity donation	£100.00		£100.00
P298	Bobby Van	Charity donation	£50.00		£50.00
P299	Wiltshire Air Ambulance	Charity donation	£100.00		£100.00
P300	Wiltshire Citizens Advice	Charity donation	£25.00		£25.00
P301	Devizes Link	Charity donation	£75.00		£75.00
P302	IONOS	Website and additional storage	£18.00	£3.60	£21.60
P303	Redhorn Magazine	2021 Magazine Subscription	£1,062.00		£1,062.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£1,628.55</b>	<b>£0.57</b>	<b>£1,632.72</b>

**DISCUSSED and PROPOSED: GL, SECONDED: TB. AGREED**

**e. Budget & EMR's**

- PRH suggested that £1000 should be put into EMR to cover proposed increased election costs by WC

**DISCUSSED and PROPOSED: PRH, SECONDED: TB. AGREED**

- Auditing for the PC is due to be carried out on the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

**DISCUSSED and PROPOSED: PRH SECONDED: GL. AGREED.**

**118 Late Planning Application – None**

**119 War Memorial**

- **Flag Pole - Ongoing:** Flag Pole and wreath stands. Quotations being sought, further discussion and agreement needed
- **War Memorial Plaque, Ongoing:** a permanent plaque order is due, with QR code/Link to locate Parish History on **PC Website [www.chirtonandconock-pc.org.uk/local-information/history](http://www.chirtonandconock-pc.org.uk/local-information/history)**



<p>Coronation Committee – Meeting and possible road closure – traffic orders application PM</p>	<p>CC, PRH, PM</p>	<p>ONGOING</p>
<p><b>CATG/LHFIG</b>  <b>History</b> – PM on Speeding/20mph Item  Agreed 1. stage - If a record of speeding criteria is met, then a full 20mph limit survey will follow at a cost of £2,500 for which the PC will need agreement to fund a percentage of.</p> <p><b>Chirton –20 mph speed limit assessment - Jan 23 -</b></p> <p><b>037-008</b> – C241 Small Street, Chirton <b>W3W Link</b> - <a href="https://what3words.com/learn.crest.slimming">https://what3words.com/learn.crest.slimming</a></p> <p><b>W3W Survey Location</b> – Attach to telegraph pole on green outside bungalow no. 15</p> <p><b>037-009</b> – C51 The Hollow, Chirton</p> <p><b>W3W Link</b> - <a href="https://what3words.com/dynamic.glider.surpassed">https://what3words.com/dynamic.glider.surpassed</a></p> <p><b>W3W Survey Location</b> – Attach to street light no. 20 adjacent to 9 The Hollow</p> <p><b>Item 10.22.7</b> (Continued). (approximately 55m distance) to combat verge erosion to land in front of church  <b>Ongoing: Installed</b> by WC but works due to be done after concerns raised and a further Meeting PC and Highways 21.2.23. Some ballard to be removed and a Blanking plate to be put in place on Path.</p>	<p>Issue submitted by Chirton Parish Council on 24/11/20  Area of concern excludes A342.  Speed Limit assessments are charged at £2,500 and would include all side roads within the village.</p> <p>Cllrs PM and PO attend the LHFIG Meetings</p>	<p>ONGOING</p> <p>Backlog</p> <p>ONGOING</p>