

Chirton & Conock Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting
held at The Old School, Chirton
on Tuesday 12th December 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), Christopher Chapman (CC), Gerald Lanfear (GL), Tim Burgess (TB).

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

Part I

- 106 **Welcome by Chair and received apologies for absence** – Paul Mills, Vice-Chair (PM).
- 107 **Receive declarations of interest** or requests for dispensation – None were received.
- 108 **Receive and approve Minutes** of Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14th November 2023
 Resolved: Chair (PRH) received and signed the Full Minutes of above Meeting, now available to view on the PC Website.
- 109 **Matters Arising/Outstanding from previous Meetings.**
Ongoing: (November Minutes Item 90) **Ditches and Flooding in Small Street.**
Councillor Paul Oatway was able to report that he had put in an application for a ditch to be dug in Small Street, Wiltshire Council have agreed to do this as well as take away the unwanted soil, debris and silt. On 13.12.23 A senior Highways Engineer is due to visit Chirton and meet Cllr. PO and a local Resident, concerning the size and location of an outlet pipe and improve measures to mitigate flood danger at the Marden end of Small Street. PRH commented that Wessex Water may have some responsibility for the recent flooding due to a burst pipe. PO also observed that if surface or flood water freezes then this would be an issue for Highways. He would propose to the Highways Engineer a re-location of pipework to empty into the ditch. **Action: PO Feedback email to Clerk post Meeting on 13.12.23 PO.**
Ongoing: All Drains in Parish. CC and PRH confirmed that not all are clear and running and that Miller Close off Small Street recently Flooded. PRH raised again that we previously have lifted drain covers in this location and they are blocked solid. PO reported that he has emailed the Sewer Team who have a blaster and operate on a programmed work schedule that circulates within the county and has requested a scheduled/programmed visit. A second Team 'sewers@wiltshire' respond to a specific request. PO will ask for this second team to visit spontaneously to attend to drains at the junction of The Hollow and Small Street, also Yew Tree Close 2 drains there and drains all along Small Street.
Cllr. PO was also able to report a sizable funding rollover back into reserves and that Officers are working effectively. Corporate Director lead ' Highways Matter' meeting last month in Pewsey. An interesting disclosure was that Wiltshire and in particular Pewsey Area, has the worst roads in the area. Poor Roads are due to our low lying Geographic location beneath Salisbury Plain, HGV's and the Weather. Funding is promised to address the roads in the area not just patch.
- 110 **Representations from Members of the Public** for any items not listed on Agenda:
Ongoing: PRH raised the severe Flooding on A342 in the week starting 4th December 2023. Cars were backed up from the Conock junction and the depth and volume of water stretched to Pretty Chimneys. It was due to ditches that have built up once again with silt and debris from

Salisbury Plain and the road itself. The Steward had previously always kept this clear however in his absence this has become a major issue. **Action Clerk: PO to be provided with photos of flooding.**

Dorset and Wiltshire Fire Service are once again potentially facing cuts and transfers due to lack of funding. 50 fire stations and 97 fire engines. This is an excellent service with target response time at under ten minutes from the phone call to arriving at the scene of a fire. Notably the W&D Fire service cover a huge area from Lyme Regis to North of Salisbury Plain.

111 FINANCE

a. Resolved: Approve Cash Book and Bank Reconciliation statements November 2023.

- i. Treasurers Account = **£325.15**
- i. Savings Account = **£24,000.55**
- ii. Total Unrestricted = **£10,296.81 unrestricted not in EMR's**

b. Resolved: Approve Cash Book and Bank Reconciliation statement November 2023.

- i. Chirton Parish Hall Account.= £1,014.24

c. New Invoices to be agreed.

Invoice No.	Supplier	Description	Net	Vat	Total
P371	IONOS	December 23 Website+ storage	£ 18.00	£ 3.60	£ 21.60
P370	Hurdcott Landscapes	Nov 23 Footpaths	£ 60.00	£12.00	£ 72.00
P372	Google Drive	Printer Ink - repay SL	£ 13.32	£ 2.67	£ 15.99
P373/4	Wages	Sep-Nov 23	£1,344.42		£1,344.42
TOTAL			£1,435.74	£18.27	£1,454.01

d. Budget & EMRs, Ongoing:

- **Precept tax base received from WC.** Calculation based of tax base average of D band properties in the Parish. £184.24 per household. TBC by Wiltshire Council.

- **Precept Full PC Authorisation 2024-2025** from discussions at Budget Meeting held 14.11.23 to be Agreed in January 2024 Meeting.
 - **Application to be submitted** by Clerk by 18th January 2023
- e. **Agree Charity Donations** – Allocation of allowable Funding £450 broken down is £9.93 per head of relevant population.
- £25 Citizens Advice Bureaux
 - £75 Devizes Link
 - £50 Bobby Van
 - £150 Air Ambulance
 - £100 Devizes and District Food Bank
 - £100 Open Doors
- The increase of Air Ambulance costs and use by Chirton Village in the past year, was discussed and proposed by TB. It was agreed that despite being over the allocated budget, that this should be our largest donation.
- f. **Quotations**
Ongoing: Cutting back Tree Limb across CHIR17 at the rear of 10a The Hollow will be re-introduced to the Agenda in Spring 2024.
- g. **RFO's & Clerk's Administration** to be discussed and Agreed (in Part II).
- 112 **PC Preparation for Winter/Parish Steward – Report by Chair**
Ongoing: As we still do not have a Parish Steward this will be an item for next Year
- 113 **Chirton Village Hall Community Group Update**
- Postponed meeting. New date TBA
 - Preparing for submission now round 4 in 3 months; application for Community Ownership Fund for Old Village Hall – SP
- 114 **Memorial Stone** - Update from Sub Committee Meeting held 5th December 2023. The Clerk reported that the QR code on the memorial stone now has a live link to Chirton and Conock PC Website home page.
- 115 **Planning Applications**
1. **PL/2023/09849 30 The Street, Chirton SN120 3QS. Comments by 15.12.23.**
 Construction of single storey extension to form kitchen at rear of house. Removal of external chimney stack construction of studio and office as separate single storey building. The PC discussed the stretch of approximately 30 feet of safe road and footpath as a good element to the planning
 2. **PL/2023/10181 Full PP Land North of Rosebank, Small Street SN10 3QR. Comments by 29.12.23.** Erection of 1 storey and half chalet bungalow and associated works. The revised planning was discussed by the PC and noted by TB that the revised position of the building appears to be more thoughtful. No objection was the agreed response with comment that as this will be the third property off the same drive that if there was to be a future planning application, then this would need further consideration.
- 116 **Late Planning Applications – None**
- 117 **Next Full Parish Council Meeting** is to be held Tuesday 9th January 2024 at 7.15pm at The Old School, Chirton.
- 118 **Agree/Approve: Part II Confidentiality**

The public and press may be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that publicity might be prejudicial to the public interest as per the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960.

DISCUSSED and PROPOSED: PRH, SECONDED: CC. AGREED

119 Agenda Business Complete. Chair closes Meeting. The meeting is closed at 20:14