

CHILMARK PARISH COUNCIL

RECORD OF POINTS AND DECISIONS ARISING FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 7 JANUARY 2013

PRESENT

Name	Appointment
Mr P Boyles	Chairman
Mr M Lennard	Councillor
Sir R Packer	Councillor
Ms L Taylor	Councillor
Mrs J MacDougall	Clerk
Public present: 2	

POINTS AND DECISIONS ARISING

Item	Points/Decisions	Action
(a)	(b)	(c)
	Mrs B Hobbs reported the following aspects of village maintenance which require attention: The footpath sign beside the Church needs to be re-erected, the banks opposite Rock Cottage should be reinstated, weeds are growing in Frog Lane and outlet drains need attention. The Chmn explained that it is getting harder to get the unimog as Wilts Council have less money to spend on maintenance. The Parish Steward tries to keep pavements clear and uses weed killer from time to time. Mrs Hobbs also asked what is the policy about hedge road trimmings which are left on the road leading to Ridge and what can be done about the litter which is strewn beside household rubbish bins in places? The Chmn and Cllrs agreed that they would look into these matters which also detract from the appearance of the village.	Chmn/Cllrs
1/13	Apologies: Cllr Pelham, Cllr Jack, Cllr Hayward, Wilts Cllr B Wayman.	
2/13	The Minutes of 13 November 2013 were proposed by Cllr ML, seconded by Cllr LT agreed and signed. <i>Declarations of Interest</i> – The Chmn’s wife is a member of the Playground Committee and Secretary of the Reading Room Cttee. Cllr M Lennard is a member of the Reading Room Cttee.	
3/13	Matters Arising <i>Rock Cottage</i> – The Chmn contacted Mr Andrew Bidwell with concerns about the entrance and to check that the work is in accordance with Planning requirements. He was referred to the Enforcement Officer and then Highways Dept. Mr Button has been asked to view the entrance and ensure it is in compliance with Highways planning requirements. It could be referred to CATG to request that road safety aspects are improved. Sir RP pointed out that this issue had been raised many times and that it is difficult to achieve resolution but we must do all we can. <i>Grass Cutting contract for Fricker’s Paddock</i> Three quotes for the same contract will be requested stating the number of cuts required. <i>Parish Council Surgery</i> The “drop in” is scheduled for Sat 26 Jan 10-12am in the Reading Room. To be advertised in the Church and Valley News, on posters and on the blog.	Chmn Cllrs/Clerk
4/13	Finance <i>4.1 Opening balance in the Treasurer’s Account as at 29 Nov: £9798.67</i>	

	<p><i>4.2 Cheques to be paid:</i> Landscape Group Ltd invoice no: GM724099 Nov 12: Grass cutting Fricker's Paddock: £85.60 and GM724347 Dec 12: £85.60 Clerk's quarterly salary: £563.73 Clerk' retirement payment: £50 Hire of the Reading Room Jan – Nov 2012: £75 Grant to Chilmark Playground Management Cttee: £500 SLCC one year trial membership: £30</p> <p><i>4.3 Finger Post Grant application</i> The Chmn and Cllr ML reported that the post appears to be eroded at the base however if the PC replaces it now with a wooden one with a Wilts Council grant, there will be a cost of £350 to the PC. The second option is to wait for Wilts Council to replace it with a plastic one if they deem it necessary, at no cost to the PC. The third option is to defer it for 12 months and reassess it. Sir RP proposed the latter option, Cllr ML seconded and all agreed.</p> <p><i>4.4 Claybush Playground Cttee grant request.</i> The Chmn declared an interest and abstained. Sir RP proposed a grant of £500 towards cost of insurance and maintenance. Cllr ML seconded and Cllr LT agreed.</p> <p><i>4.5 Reading Room grant request</i> The Chmn declared an interest and abstained. Chrissie Eden had written applying for a grant of £500. Cllr RP agreed it is an asset to the village and proposed that it is paid in April in the PC's next FY. Cllr ML seconded and Cllr LT agreed.</p>	Clerk
5/13	<p><u>Precept</u></p> <p>a) Granting of dispensation by the Parish Council. The Parish Council resolved to delegate the power to grant dispensation under Section 33(i) of the Localism Act 2011 to the Parish Council.</p> <p>b) Consideration of requests for dispensation: The Chmn, Cllr Sir R Packer, Mr M Lennard and Ms L Taylor had completed the request for a dispensation to consider the precept. This was granted</p> <p>c) Setting the Precept.</p> <p>d) The Budget estimate for 2013/14 was reviewed and the new gov regulations were taken in to consideration. Sir RP proposed the Precept should be set at £7,000 for the next FY. Cllr LT seconded. It was agreed nemcon. Clerk will inform Wilts Council.</p>	Clerk
6/13	<p><u>Planning Applications</u> S/2012/1696/TCA 2 The Street, Chilmark: Pollard to 2 metres to allow light in to garden.</p>	
7/13	<p><u>Wilts Cllr Report:</u> None</p>	
8/13	<p><u>Highway Matters</u> With regard to Rock Cottage entrance, this will be taken up with Highways Dept. <i>Parish Steward</i> The Chmn reported that work had been undertaken to clear drains in the flooded area in Hindon Lane and Claybush and the maintenance work on the Winterbourne has improved the flow of water. Cllr ML reported that the hedge beside the footpath to Ridge belongs to Manor Farm. The contractor has not touched this so the landowner will cut it back. It is thought that the School is responsible for the</p>	
8/13	<p>hedge at the bottom of Claybush on the edge of the play park. The byeway from Claybush to Kents Hill is overgrown. Cllr ML suggested using the Leisure Credit scheme to get overgrown hedges trimmed back. It would incur minimal cost to the PC. The Chmn agreed. The landlord of the Black Dog has arranged for the</p>	

	overhang bushes alongside Cow Drove to be cut back.	Chmn/Cllr ML
9/13	<u>Flood Warden/Emergency Volunteer</u> Cllr ML re-circulated the document from Dorset Council. As yet no one has volunteered for this. Another notice to be placed in the Newsletter drawing attention to high rainfall, Floodline tel no and recommending the purchase of sandbags	Clerk
10/13	<u>Wessex Water main improvement- Hops Close/Barn Hill</u> Wessex Water will be replacing pipes over a six week programme and have requested the use of Forbes Field for their equipment and amenity compound. Mr and Mrs Knight who rent the field have agreed to relocate their horses, grant them access and be responsible for making sure that any damage to gates, fencing, hedges etc is made good. Wessex Water will pay the Knights £50 per week as compensation during the project and they will ensure that Wessex Water remove the compound aggregate and fully reinstate the surface of the field at the end of the project. The PC will not be involved at all. The Chmn proposed this was a satisfactory arrangement and all agreed.	
11/13	<u>Correspondence</u> For information, the residents of Fricker's Paddock expressed their wish to Hastoe Housing Association to use the rough land at the top of FP as an overflow car park. Hastoe has no objection but requests that residents raise funds to pay for a licence. Mr Stott asked Hastoe for permission to be allowed continued access through the gate to his field, in return for cutting the grass. The PC noted this and understands that anything agreed would be on a temporary basis. Letter from Wicksteed re: inspection of FP play equipment. All agreed this should go ahead. Clerk to arrange. The Chmn proposed that a complaints code should be adopted all agreed. Clerk to notify Wilts Council that their code of conduct was adopted and that the Councillors are disappointed that the adoption of the Localism Act has led to greater complexity.	Clerk Clerk
12/13	<u>Parish Newsletter</u> Floodline, sandbags, PC surgery, Date of next meeting.	Clerk
13/13	<u>AOB</u> The Chmn will speak to the owner of Rock cottage about the area on the opposite side of the road where contractors vehicles have parked. He will ask that the contractors make good any damage caused.	Chmn
14/13	<u>Date of Next Meeting</u> This will be held on Thursday 14 March 2013 at 7pm in the Reading Room. Date: Chairman:	