

CHILMARK PARISH COUNCIL

RECORD OF POINTS AND DECISIONS ARISING FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8 JANUARY 2014

PRESENT

Name	Appointment
Mr P Boyles	Chairman
Mr M Lennard	Vice Chairman
Mrs E Pelham	Councillor
Sir R Packer	Councillor
Ms L Taylor	Councillor
Mr K Hawkins	Councillor
Cllr E Jack	Councillor
Mrs J MacDougall	Clerk
Wilts Cllr B Wayman,	

POINTS AND DECISIONS ARISING

Item	Points/Decisions	Action
(a)	(b)	(c)
1/14	<u>Apologies</u> None.	
2/14	<u>Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8 January 2014</u> Proposed by Cllr ML, seconded by Cllr KH agreed and signed.	
3/14	<u>Declarations of Interest</u> With regard to the planning application at 88 Ridge Cllr E Jack is a neighbour and declared an interest.	
4/14	<u>Matters Arising</u> <i>Flooding</i> The Chmn reported that Cllr LT had put out a note of warning from the Environment Agency to members that the groundwater levels were rising rapidly and there was a risk of flooding. The Chmn noted that Wilts Council (WC) policy is for house holders to purchase their own sandbags/aqua bags as they will not issue any in advance. The householder is also responsible for their disposal. In the event the Chmn was able to purchase a stock of aqua bags from Wilton Highways for £100 and will need a further supply. Mr D Button, WC Highways made a site visit to check the Winterbourne and nearby residences. WC responded quickly with traffic cones and sandbags. Cllr EP congratulated the Chmn for his most helpful response and timely intervention. All agreed. Mr N Pattenden is acting as store keeper of the bags for further emergency. Although there has not been much surface water flooding there is ground water flooding and the springs are very evident. The water has raced off the fields in to and down Hindon Lane towards the Street. <i>Immediate Issue</i> Wessex Water has responded rapidly and pumped out water from various properties but as it is mostly groundwater it will return. Once the springs are running it takes them time to subside. Mr N Pattenden has put traffic cones out to	
4/14	slow drivers down and sandbags to channel the flood water. The Winterbourne still has plenty of capacity as it has not yet reached the bottom of the bridges. The forecast is for heavy rain in the next few days and Frog Lane, Clay Bush and	

	<p>Becketts Lane are likely to flood again. The run off from the fields cannot flow through the culverts so is there any more to be done in the medium to short term? Cllr Sir RP asked if it is possible to order more bags? The Chmn will purchase more aqua bags which are more effective, as there are only 6 left. Sir RP proposed purchasing another 50 at £2.05 each. The Chmn will be reimbursed. This was seconded by Cllr EJ and all agreed.</p> <p><i>Long term</i> Sir RP commented that the more housing development the more drainage problems occur. The culvert in front of the Forge is not large enough. The PC must request WC clear the culverts and possibly enlarge the drain as it is inadequate. The Chmn will write to the Environment Agency and Highways copied to WCllr B Wayman.</p> <p>Brian Thick had commented that when the contractors previously dug out the culvert along Hindon Lane the sludge was heaped on the other side of the road ready to fall back and parishioners had told WC the culvert was inadequate. 95% of the time it is OK but in extreme wet conditions it cannot cope. Upstream of Forge Cottage the new development may have exacerbated the problem.</p> <p><i>1 tonne salt</i> A refill is required and grit bins need topping up. Wilts Cllr Wayman reported that at the last Area Board the purchase of 5 mini gritters was approved to be shared among nearby parishes. They are likely to be stored with W Cllr T Deane. Cllr EP offered to drive a 4x4 with the gritter attached when required. The Clerk will enquire when the salt will be delivered to Cleaves Farm. Stephen Harris and Wilts Cllr B Wayman need to know which areas require gritting.</p> <p><i>Drop in Meetings</i> Cllr ML agreed that the response had not been good and that more parishioners were attracted by the “market” in the Reading Room. Cllr ML proposed that if there was an important issue to raise with parishioners, one or two Cllrs might attend the event and erect a PC table. The Clerk will write to Mrs Sarah Miller with this suggestion. Sir RP seconded and all agreed.</p> <p><i>Fracking</i> Cllr LT circulated copies of articles to the PC concerning fracking. Wilts Cllr Wayman was not aware of any projects for this area but asked to see the articles. As this process can have an impact on an area it is important that the PC is aware of any proposals in the future.</p>	<p>Chmn</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr LT</p>
5/14	<u>Wilts Cllrs Report</u> Ntr.	
6/14	<u>Planning</u> <u>13/06462/ADV Advertisement consent</u> – stand alone board sign at Road Junction, Cow Drove and Ox Drove, near Chilmark. Cllr EP proposed that as the description in the heading was incorrect the PC should reply as follows: Object to the erection of the sign in the position as described in the planning application but support the application as shown on the map. Chmn agreed. Clerk will respond.	Clerk
6/14	<u>13/07359/FUL 88 Ridge, Chilmark</u> – proposed detached home/office/yoga room. A previous application No. 13/03368/FUL has already been refused because (i) of its excessive size and prominent positioning within the AONB landscape is considered to have a detrimental impact on the quality of the rural area. (ii) The large scale and foot print of the proposal together with its separation distance from the main building could be capable of creating a separate dwelling, although this would require a further planning application. The members felt that the new application would overcome the concern about creation of a separate dwelling but that the proposed positioning and size so far away from the main residence would still be a problem. The Chmn proposed that the PC object on the grounds of (i)	Clerk WCllr Wayman

	<p>above and Wilts Cllr B Wayman will call it in to the Planning Cttee. All agreed apart from Cllr Jack who had declared an interest & took no part.</p> <p><i>Neighbourhood Plans</i></p> <p>Chmn and Clerk attended the Neighbourhood Plan Meeting on 11 Nov. Communities can develop a Neighbourhood Plan which then becomes a legal document and can influence Wilts Council where development is placed but it cannot reduce the housing numbers. The Plans cost approx. £10-£12,000 to produce. The Chmn explained that this is not really relevant for Chilmark which under the Core Strategy is not marked out for large scale development, only for infill development of 1 or 2 properties.</p>	
7/14	<p><u>Finance</u></p> <p>7.1 <i>Opening balance in the Treasurer's Account:</i> £10,813.70</p> <p>7.2 <i>Set Precept</i></p> <p>Sir RP drew attention to the extra costs incurred from flooding. The tax base and the precept has remained the same for a few years. Taking in to account the reduction in Gov funding, the budget estimate and other aspects, Sir RP recommended £7,000. Cllr ML seconded this and all agreed.</p> <p>7.3 <i>Cheques to be paid:</i></p> <p>Clerk's salary: £563.73 and retirement grant of £50.</p> <p>The accountant had suggested payment by monthly BACS in future. Cllr EJ proposed and Cllr ML seconded. All agreed.</p> <p>7.4 <i>Grant application from Wiltshire Citizens Advice and Wilts Good Neighbours Scheme and Victim Support.</i> Cllr ML declared an interest.</p> <p>Cllr EP recommended that it be PC policy that donations should not be made to outside agencies. Seconded by Cllr EJ. All agreed.</p> <p><i>Donation to Sowing Seeds in respect of Youth Leisure Scheme.</i></p> <p>Cllrs agreed that they had carried out a great deal of work trimming the hedges and making the village tidier and that a donation of £250 was well deserved. Cllr LT proposed and Cllr EP seconded. Costs will also be incurred in removing the waste.</p>	
8/14	<p><u>Highway Matters</u></p> <p><i>Meeting re: junction at Rock Cottage</i></p> <p><i>30mph sign at Mooray</i></p> <p>The Chmn proposed that a site meeting with an Engineer from WC Highways should be held to discuss what can be done about safety at the junction at Rock Cottage and to review the position of 30mph speed signs. Cllr ML has written a review highlighting the issue which can be presented to CATG under the auspices of the Area Board. Sir RP wished to clarify if this would include (a) the request for 20mph speed limit along the Street and (b) the recommendation to instigate a one-way system from Lower Mooray to Rock Cottage. Feedback from the Police</p>	
8/14	<p>indicated they could not enforce a 20mph limit although it still could influence drivers.</p> <p>Sir RP suggested that a full written representation be provided for the Tisbury Community Safety Partnership on 11 March. The Chmn proposed asking the Highways Engineer to confirm what is feasible in respect of all three proposals. All agreed.</p> <p><i>Roads at Ridge</i></p> <p>WC Highways have never properly repaired the roads at Ridge. Mr Button had reported at the last CATG meeting of budgetary constraints and suggested that Ridge parishioners and the PC write and protest to the Area Board copied to WCllr Wayman. Cllr EJ will advise Ridge parishioners to write.</p>	Cllr EJ/Chmn/Clerk Wilts Cllr Wayman
9/14	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p>	

