

**RECORD OF POINTS AND DECISIONS ARISING FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 10 JANUARY 2018**

**PRESENT**

Name	Appointment
Mr P Boyles	Chairman
Mrs E Pelham	Councillor
Ms L Taylor	Councillor
Mrs A McGrail	Councillor
Mr I Dennis	Councillor
Mrs J MacDougall	Clerk
Members of the Public: 5	

**POINTS AND DECISIONS ARISING**

Item	Points/Decisions	Action
(a)	(b)	(c)
	<p><b>Public Forum</b></p> <p>Concern was raised about the surface of Kents Hill from Barn Hill to the junction with The Street Kent's Hill which has not been repaired. The Chmn explained that it was classified as a Byway Open to All Traffic (BOAT 8A) and as such it only has to be maintained as a byway which would have been used for horses and carts. It can only be re-designated on the definitive map if there is an event. The PC felt that an event took place when new houses were built, and it should be made added to County Highway list of streets records. This case has been referred to Legal Dept and a response is awaited. The Parish Steward would normally clear weeds etc. but he is not permitted to do so because it is not on the list of streets. Wilts Council have said they will make it up to the standard of a highway but not designate it unless the definitive map is amended.</p> <p>Mr Eke said it was an appalling situation. Wilts Council have been served with a Section 56 and they have gone to sleep!</p> <p>Tim Barter pointed out that the trees at Hops Close were authorized to be felled 29 months ago and nothing has happened. The PC agreed that the views of residents affected by the decision should be sought although this would not entirely influence the decision which is a matter for Wiltshire Council. The response was varied: one household was against replanting, 3 nearby residents wanted them replaced promptly, 2 others agreed with replacement but not leylandii. The Arboriculture Officer, Shane Verrion has said they will be replaced this March and Wilts Council will decide species and number.</p> <p>Mr Eke said that replacing was a condition of planning and the PC was wrong to ask the residents their view and Wilts Council is wrong to disregard the designation of Trees removed subject to a TPO. Tim Barter said that ornamental was preferable to evergreen and that they were not given any notice when they were felled.</p> <p>The Chm and Cllr LT explained that at the time residents had complained bitterly that natural light was excluded from their properties by the trees and roots were damaging the floor foundations. The TPO was rescinded so that the trees could be felled and replanted if necessary. Anyone could contact Shane Verrion at Wilts Council and discuss concerns if necessary. Tim Barter urged that they be replanted this Spring and the Chmn explained that Shane Verrion was in charge of the timing. Mr Eke understands there is a plan to fell Yew trees at the top of Kents' Hill. He believes it is on Housing Association land and not owned by Wilts Council, but nothing has been officially heard. He would welcome a site meeting and Cllr LT offered to take photos.</p> <p>Mr Pelham mentioned that the passing places along Cow Drove have deep potholes and pose hazards to drivers. Bigger and wider lorries use these roads and cause</p>	

	<p>more damage. The PC will contact the Highways Dept.</p> <p>Tim Barter said there is a problem at Barn Hill bungalows where there is insufficient parking for one particularly elderly resident. These days the residents are younger with several cars and there is not room sometimes for the elderly disabled. The Chmn sympathized as it is a problem countrywide. However disabled spaces can be allocated if residents hold a Disabled Badge. The Housing Policy might hold relevant guidance.</p> <p>Views were expressed about the precept and the importance of retaining strong reserves.</p>	
01/18	1. <b>Apologies:</b> Cllr E Jack. Cllr Sir R Packer.	
02/18	2. <b>The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1 November 2017</b> were proposed by Cllr LT, seconded by Cllr ID and agreed.	
03/18	3. <b>Declarations of Interest</b> None.	
04/18	<p>4. <b>Village Maintenance</b></p> <p>Cllr EP reported that the stile on FP No 2 has been mended and a good job done. The footpath is misaligned, and the sign post is in the wrong place. Cllr EP will report this.</p> <p><i>Issues for Parish Steward -</i></p> <p>The Chmn reported no specific task except grips and drainage in to the Winterbourne needs checking. There was a blockage in the Wessex Water system which has been cleared. The Chmn inspected drains near Cllr McGrail's house which were clear but near village end there was a problem which Cllr LT had reported. Wessex Water re-lined the sewers to cope with water ingress and this should have resolved the problems, but we need to be watchful when the springs rise.</p> <p><i>Hops Close Tree Planting –</i></p> <p>The PC has been in contact with Mr Shane Verrion, Arboricultural Officer before and after Xmas about the issues and any member of the public may write to him.</p> <p><i>Response from Head of School re: hedge at Claybush end of Ridgeway</i></p> <p>The Parish Steward unofficially trimmed it back. The Head of School is not certain who owns it. The Church will be passing their land ie the playing field, over to the School when it becomes an Academy and then he will check with Land Registry.</p> <p><i>Flood Warden Report</i></p> <p>The Chmn reported that there are a couple of unregistered pieces of land each 20 – 30 metres in length x 2 metres width where the Winterbourne could cause flooding problems where it is not maintained. No one knows who the Riparian owners are. Wiltshire Council do not own it and Wiltshire Council have no obligation to research this to establish ownership. Land Registry has no record, but all land is owned by someone. Cllr ID and Chmn will research.</p>	<p>Cllr EP</p> <p>All</p> <p>Cllr ID/Chmn</p>
05/18	<p>5. <b>Finance</b></p> <p>5.1 Opening balance in Treasurer's Account as at 2/1/18: £10,739.55</p> <p>5.2 Bank Mandate – additional signatory: The Chmn proposed that Cllr Sir R Packer should become an additional signatory. All agreed. The forms were signed by the existing signatories, Patrick Boyles and Elizabeth Pelham.</p> <p>5.3 The PC is resolved to make agreed payments to assist setting up voluntary emergency planning, co-ordinated by Mr Eke. The Chmn recorded a vote of thanks to Michael for procuring the grant and the equipment. The whereabouts of the storage of the equipment has to be finalized.</p> <p>5.4 Grant received from: SSE for £2659.94 Rental received for Forbes Field from Mrs J Knight: £96</p> <p>5.5 Cheques paid: Mr Eke for portable generator supplied by SGS Engineering UK Ltd: £503.98 Mr Pat Newbury for grass cutting: £840.00</p> <p>5.6 Cheques to be paid: A Thompson Accountant for PAYE: £72.00 Mr M Eke for emergency planning equipment: £844.16</p>	Clerk

06/18	<p><b>6. <u>Set Precept for 2018-19</u></b>  At the PC meeting on 1 Nov 2017, the Budget Estimate was circulated. Various views have been expressed on whether to raise, lower or keep the Precept the same. The Chmn mentioned that Fricker's Paddock play equipment will need to be replaced at a cost of approx. £20,000 at some stage and reserves will be needed. Costs are increasing, including policing costs. It was suggested the rent from Forbes Field could be increased in line with market rents but at present the PC receive a small rental for a portion of the field and no expenses are incurred. The rest is owned by the executors of Miss Forbes estate. Cllr ID proposed a marginal increase in the Precept of 2% seconded by Cllr EP. All agreed the sum of £7725.</p>	Clerk
07/18	<p><b>7. <u>Planning Applications</u></b>  <u>17/11895/106 Modification of 106 at Chilmark Manor, Barberry, Chilmark SP3 5AP</u>  Removal of obligation contained in the legal agreement associated with plan S/1991/1379 in order to allow Chilmark Manor Cottage to be let separately from the Manor House. No comment.  <u>17/10020/ful Ridge House, Fricker's Lane, Ridge</u> – proposed playroom over existing garage and associated alterations to include link between existing potting shed and proposed extension. No comment.  <u>17/00469/ful Corner Cottage</u> – update.  An appeal has been made to the Planning Inspectorate in respect of the site Against a Refusal and will be decided on the basis of the Written Representations procedure, The Chmn asked if members wished to amend concerns originally forwarded to Planning Dept. The PC resolved not to alter the original response. All agreed.</p>	Clerk
08/18	<p><b>8. <u>Highway Matters</u></b>  8.1 <i>Results of Police Authority Speed Checks on B3089-</i> the results were nil. No drivers were registered speeding. Further speed checks may follow.  8.2 <i>EHD signage – CATG issue 4723 – discussed at meeting held on 8 Nov</i>  The Chairman wrote to Fonthill Estate. They agreed incidents should be reported to EHD and asked to be kept in the loop. There are concerns about the lack of signage when leaving the site and turning right. Cllr ID and Cllr LT will contact the site operator to arrange a visit to discuss matters further.  8.3 <i>Chil BOAT8A update</i>  Residents living beside BOAT8A which runs from Barn Hill to the junction with the Street feel very strongly that Wiltshire Council must alter the designation on the definitive map so that the road surface can be enhanced. The PC continues to make representation.  8.4 <i>Finger Post</i>  The sign post was snapped off by a vehicle which mounted the verge beside Railway Cottage. Wiltshire Council Highways Dept are not liable to replace it because it is not classed as road signage. However, they will permit the PC to employ an approved Highway Contractor to make a new one and Highways will erect it. In view of the costs, the Parish Council resolved no action should be taken.</p>	Cllrs  Chmn
09/18	<p><b>9. <u>The Chilmark Winterbourne.</u></b>  Water runoff flows in to a ditch/culvert and under Hindon Lane to the Winterbourne. The Chmn considers that the ditch is not big enough to take the amount of water during heavy rainfall and is a weak point which the Parish Council have urged Wiltshire Council Drainage Team to address. They have made some improvements. The Chmn reported that the work carried out to stop silt from entering the culvert running past Forge Cottage seems to be working.</p>	Chmn
10/18	<p><b>10. <u>Short Notice Items</u></b> - Ntr.</p>	
11/18	<p><b>11. <u>Items for Village Voice/Website</u></b> - Precept, Hops Close trees, Next meeting.</p>	Clerk
12/18	<p><b>12. <u>Date of next PC meeting: 7 March 2018 at 7pm in the Reading Room.</u></b></p> <p><b>Signed Chairman:</b> _____ <b>Dated:</b> _____</p>	