

CHILMARK PARISH COUNCIL

RECORD OF POINTS AND DECISIONS ARISING FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2015

PRESENT

Name	Appointment
Mr P Boyles	Chairman
Mr M Lennard	Vice Chairman
Mrs E Jack	Councillor
Mr Kevin Hawkins	Councillor
Sir R Packer	Councillor
Ms Lynn Taylor	Councillor
Mrs J MacDougall	Clerk
Mrs B Wayman	Wilts Councillor
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POINTS AND DECISIONS ARISING

Item	Points/Decisions	Action
(a)	(b)	(c)
	<p><u>Questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chmn read out a letter from the occupant of 1 Spring Cottage who has complained about receiving a letter from the PC asking residents whose properties affront the Winterbourne to keep the stream clear to help avoid flooding in the event of heavy rainfall. The resident concerned felt that the PC letter was unnecessary and unhelpful as suitable maintenance was already being carried out by keeping the grass short. The PC has carried out the requests of Wilts Council by informing residents and now it is up to Wilts Council to take whatever action they deem necessary. • A resident expressed concern that there are few places for children to play safely in the village and Forbes Field could offer them such an option. The Chmn explained that the Parish Council administered the wishes of the bequest 7 years ago when they agreed to rent it out for grazing horses which brought in some income and also allowed, with the consent of the tenants, for part of the field to be used for summer camps and a limited number of activities. As agreed by the PC, the Chmn has sought professional advice on the market rental which could be charged for Forbes Field. Bearing all these factors in to consideration, the matter will be raised with the existing tenants. • Residents of Kent's Hill expressed concern that the signage at the bottom of the Hill is misleading and that the road surface is very poor and in need of repair. The Chairman explained that responsibility for maintenance was unclear as the road is shown on the definitive map as a Byway open to all traffic (BOAT). Whilst it seems that the houses in Hops Close and the bungalows at Barn Hill were probably put in by the local authority (Mere and Tisbury Rural District Council) it is not clear why they did not adopt it at that time. A resident also complained that the car park on the hill is to be extended but nothing has happened. Meanwhile it is difficult 	

	to access some of the entrances to houses.	
71/15	1. Apologies: Cllr E Pelham	
72/15	2. The minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2015 Cllr ML proposed the minutes for adoption, seconded by Cllr KH and all agreed.	
73/15	3. Declarations of Interest The Chmn is married to the Secretary of the Playground Cttee.	
74/15	4. Matters Arising 4.1 <i>Leisure Credits</i> – hedge cutting, Ridge Way. The PC resolved that Cllr LT and Cllr KH will raise the matter of maintaining the hedge which bounds the school playing field, with members of the School Committee. 4.2 <i>Maintenance of Chilmark Winterbourne – response to letter from Parish Council</i> The PC sent out letters as directed by Wilts Council to riparian owners. The Chmn will draft a reply to one of the tenants who complained to the PC. Danny Everitt, Wilts Council Drainage Engineer will take legal advice on the problems faced Upstream of the Cross. Below the Cross, the riparian owners have all received letters from the PC asking them to keep the Winterbourne clear. 4.3 <i>Defibrillator Training</i> The Clerk obtained various quotes for First Aid Training but it was agreed that Tony Harrison is the lead on this, and he will arrange any sessions if required. 4.4 <i>Dog fouling</i> The PC has erected deterrent signs in the village. A notice is required in the newsletter indicating a “no tolerance” approach as this is a disgusting practice and can spread disease.	Cllrs LT/KH Chmn Clerk
75/15	5. Finance 5.1 <i>Opening balance in Treasurer’s Account: £10,544.47</i> 5.2 Cheques received: none 5.3 Cheques to be signed: The PC resolved to grant £100 to Seeds for Success for maintenance work. Mr Jordan Parson £300 for strimming rights of way Chil 1, 8 and 8a in May, June, July and August. Mr P Mr Pat Newbury £600 for grass cutting Fricker’s Paddock and Playing Field in July, August, September, October. SSSSS Mrs J MacDougall for shortfall of salary: £186.61 5.4 The Clerk circulated the budget estimate. Wilts Cllr B Wayman said that Wiltshire Council tax will rise by 2%.in line with increases by the Fire Brigade and the Police. In future, if there are any schemes put before CATG, the PC will be expected to fund 25% of the cost. The Area Boards will expect organisations applying for grants to match fund and PCs to make a 25% contribution. Residents are being asked to help their communities in a voluntary capacity. As the PC will not receive the grant from Wilts Council with the precept the Chmn recommended a precept of £7,218.99 which would represent 0% on the Council tax. The precept will be set at the January meeting. Chilmark Playground Management Cttee applied for a grant from the Area Board for purchasing bark which cost £1,223.04. The Area Board has granted £532, the Playground Cttee £532, leaving a shortfall of £159. The PC had agreed to contribute 10% of the cost but not more than £200. Cllr ML proposed that PC pay the full amount of £159 seconded by Cllr EJ. All agreed.	Clerk
76/15	6. Planning Applications <u>15/08936 West Brook House, The Street, Chilmark</u> Retrospective change of use from agricultural to residential garden. No comment. Approved with conditions.	

77/15	<p>7. Highway Matters</p> <p><i>7.1 CATG & Tisbury Safety Partnership</i> CATG approved the installation of a 10 metre single white line in front of the bus stop and this work will be carried out shortly. Cost to the PC £25. CATG also approved signage on the B3089, cost to the PC of £102. As yet no bills have been received.</p> <p><i>7.2 HGVs travelling to EDH site</i> There has been an increase in vehicle movements and lorries travelling in the wrong direction. Wilts Cllr B Wayman will make enquiries to ascertain when Fonthill Estate received planning permission for the site. She agreed that more needs to be done at a local level to improve signage. Prior to 2007 Teffont Parish Council requested a weight limit on the C277 but full details of this request are not yet available from the FAPM records.</p> <p><i>7.3 Stones along Cow Drove Verge</i> Highways are required to remove stones on the verge if hazardous to motorists, so residents have replaced the stones with white posts. Cllr M L contacted the Senior Traffic Engineer, Julie Wharton about vehicles speeding down Cow Drove but she claims it is not now her area of responsibility.</p> <p><i>7.4 Kent's Hill is a BOAT- question about future maintenance.</i> Wilts Cllr Wayman said that Wiltshire Council has a responsibility to maintain it as a byway. Nick Cowan, Rights of Way Officer claims that it is in better condition than many other rights of way. It is not a Highways responsibility but residents could club together to make improvements. Sir RP said that in view of additional development would Wilts Council consider adopting it? Wilts Councillor Wayman was clear that Wilts Council will not adopt it as a highway when it is a Byway Open to All Traffic. The Chmn suggested that a way forward is for the three residents most concerned to research the matter and take advice from a solicitor.</p> <p><i>7.5 Highways adjacent to Portash, Chilmark</i> Proposed application under section 116 Highways Act 1980. A second agreement with a minor variation has been sent to the PC for consideration. Again the PC is resolved to consent to stopping-up this highway as being unnecessary for public use. All agreed and the Chmn signed the agreement.</p>	<p>Chmn</p> <p>Wilts Cllr Wayman</p> <p>Cllr ML</p>
78/15	<p>8. Chilmark War Memorial maintenance</p> <p>The memorial is owned by the PC but is erected on Church land. Mr John Needham cleaned it a few years ago and now a stone cutter is required to enhance the worn lettering. Cllr EJ proposed that the PC approach the Memorial Trust for a grant. This was seconded by Cllr ML and all agreed.</p>	Chm
79/15	<p>9. Flood Warden Report</p> <p>The Chairman as Flood Warden has circulated his report and asked for comments. One of the problems stated is a 450mm diameter pipe adjacent to Forge Cottage which is too constricted to allow for a greater flow of water. The open ditch along Hindon Lane and the channel between Forge Cottage and Becketts Lane junction have been cleared and should not form any restriction to flow this year. The short section downstream of Becketts Lane culvert is the concern of Wiltshire Highways Senior Drainage Engineer. The Parish Council has taken the required action to inform riparian owners about the Winterbourne and it is now a matter for</p>	
79/15 (cont)	<p>Wiltshire Council to resolve based on the correspondence the Chm has received. Wilts Cllr Wayman has a copy of the Land Registry details which confirm the property boundaries and hence their responsibilities. All riparian owners downstream of Spring Cottages have carried out annual maintenance of the</p>	

	<p>watercourse down to the pumping station at Lower Mooray and there should be no further restriction to flow.</p> <p>The Flood emergency kit consisting of 50 sandbags, 1 ton dumpy bag of sand and 50 gel sacks, tabards and roadside signs are available from Little Langdale, Frog Lane if/when required. Notice for newsletter.</p> <p>The Chmn and Clerk will attend the Emergency Planning Meeting on 23 Nov.</p> <p><i>9.1 Wessex Water Survey</i></p> <p>The Clerk obtained an update from Wessex Water who confirm that the appraisal of the sewerage network is nearly complete and the Engineering team should be sending their report before Christmas. They experienced delays due to difficulties obtaining details of some of the private drainage systems in the catchment.</p> <p>They are looking to reduce groundwater infiltration in to the foul sewers and also remove some surface water connections.</p>	Chmn/Clerk
80/15	<p>10. Forbes Field</p> <p><i>Letter received from Michele Kerry dtd 1 Nov 2015</i></p> <p>The Chmn has made informal enquiries with two Estate Agents and they confirm that the field could fetch a higher rental but it might result in more management problems. Permitting dogs to roam, waste thrown in to the field from Hops Close may result in lower rental and higher insurance costs. Sir RP suggested that if more village usage could be allowed this might be the way forward. A Sub Cttee consisting of Cllr KH, Sir RP, Cllr ML and the Chmn will consider this matter.</p>	Cllr KH, Sir RP, Cllr ML and Chmn
81/15	<p>Correspondence</p> <p><i>Fricker's Paddock housing – possible public meeting to be arranged.</i></p> <p>The New Housing Team wrote to the PC on 2 Nov stating that Hastoe wish to investigate the possibility of developing 8 more affordable dwellings beyond the existing houses at Fricker's Paddock. It was suggested that members refer to the Wiltshire Core Strategy to check that the proposal is compliant with the terms laid down in the document. The PC would be prepared to meet with the team at a Public Meeting which could be held in Chilmark in the New Year. Clerk will reply.</p>	Cllrs Clerk
82/15	<p>AOB</p> <p>Cllr LT asked if it is possible for the PC to install "Village entry gates" at the entrances to the village to aid traffic calming. The Clerk will make enquiries with Highways Dept.</p>	Clerk
83/15	<p>Date of next year's meetings</p> <p>Wednesday 6 January, Wed 9 March, Wed 11 May, Wed 13 July, Wed 7 Sept, Wed 9 Nov.</p> <p>Chairman: _____ Date: _____</p>	