

CHUTE FOREST PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Meeting held in Chute Village Hall held at 19:30 on 11 January 2024

Present:

Cllr D Pike (Chairman), Cllr Robertson and Cllr Geraghty,

- 1 **Record Apologies.** Apologies received from Cllr Farrell (Vice Chair), Cllr Haigh, Wilts Cllr C Williams and PCSO Rupinder Wilts Police.
- 2 **Declarations of Interest.** None declared.
- 3 **Co-Option.** No applications received
- 4 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting.**
Having considered the Minutes of the meeting held on 26 October 2023 Cllrs **Resolved to approve and sign, as a correct record, which the Chairman then signed as a true record.**
- 5 **Matters Arising.**
- 6 **Public Questions.** No public present.
- 7 **Wiltshire Council Report.** Wilts Cllr C Williams reported by email that although he did not have a detailed report to offer, he did inform Cllrs that it was likely that Wilts Council would raise the Council Tax for FY 24/25 by 4.9%. that the Chairman thanked him for his report.
- 8 **Wiltshire Police Report.** No police present. However, Cllrs noted the January email report from PCSO Rupinder which she was thanked.
- 9 **Correspondence** – None received that has not been circulated.
- 10 **Finance:**
 - 10.1 The Clerk having presented the bank statement and cash book Cllrs **RESOLVED To accept and sign bank reconciliation as per the bank statement of £6,395.58 as of 8 Jan 24.**
 - 10.2 **Cllrs RESOLVED to authorise the following payments.**
 - (1) Clerks Salary
 - (a) Nov - £259.78
 - (b) Dec – £259.58
 - (2) HMRC
 - (a) Nov £64.80
 - (b) Dec £65.00
 - (3) P Gill (IONOS)

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- (a) Nov - £3.60 (VAT £0.60)
- (b) Dec - £3.60 (VAT £0.60)
- (c) Jan - £3.60 (VAT £0.60)
- (4) HUGOFOX
 - (a) Nov - £11.99
 - (b) Dec - £11.99
- (5) RBL
 - (a) Remembrance Wreath - £40.00
- 10.3 **Payments received.**
 - (1) No payments received
- 10.4 **Budget FY 24/25.** Having considered the previous circulated draft Budget & Precept for FY24/25 Cllrs **RESOLVED to amend the previously circulated draft budget for FY 24/25 and to set the Precept for FY at £5,650.00 which for a Band D is a £61.60 an increase of £1.39 / 2.31%** **Action: Clerk**
- 10.5 **Grants.** No applications received.

11 **Planning Applications as received from Wiltshire Council.** None received.

12 **Safety Signs.** Cllr Farrell reported by email that he had done some further research into signs and feels that the sign size, type and quality shouldn't be compromised. Ultimately the message needs to be clear to motorists and in the correct highway approved format so that it is legible and ideally reflective in the dark. We could almost half the total spend by substituting the round steel, painted posts for either some cheap off the shelf soft wood fencing type posts or at a slightly higher cost some better-quality hard wood posts (which would add some longevity). This would certainly give more of a village feel, as opposed to highways own signage and proposed that the council set a budget of £500 in total for both signs and posts combined. **Having considered Cllr Farrel's proposal Cllrs RESOLVED to endorse his proposal and set a budget of £500 in total for both signs and posts combined.** **Action: Cllr Farrell**

13 **Footpaths Report.** Cllr Farrell reported by email that he had reminded Tangle Estate about tidying up around signs for their footpaths. **Cllrs noted the report.**

14 **Highways Report.** Cllr Pike had nothing to report. **Cllrs noted the report**

15 **Village Hall Report.** Cllr Robertson reported that Work is complete on the outside of the chimney and just waiting for the scaffolding to be taken down. Three dead ash trees also taken down. I am trying to get a grant to sort out a better heating system. **Cllrs noted the report**

16 **KGF Report.** Cllr Geraghty reported that currently there was a leak in the roof of the pavilion which will cost £1,292 to repair and which will involve scaffolding with work due to start next week and that funds are available to meet these costs. **Cllrs Noted the Report**

17 **Future Meetings meeting.**

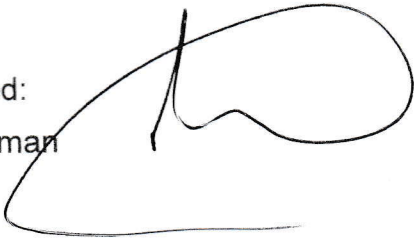
17.1 No agenda items were noted for the next meeting.

17.2 **Date of Next Meeting.** The date was confirmed Thursday, 14 March 2024

The meeting closed at 20.15.

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Signed:
Chairman

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MIKE FARRELL

Date:

16th Nov '24