

CHUTE FOREST PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Meeting held on 14 September 2023 at 19:30.

Present:

Cllr D Pike (Chairman), Cllr Robertson Cllr Farrell (Vice Chair), Cllr Geraghty Cllr Haigh.

1 **To Record any Apologies.** Apologies received from and 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 13 July 2023 Cllrs resolved to approve and sign, as a correct record, which the Chairman then signed as a true record.

5 **Matters Arising.**

5.1 **Item 18.1** Cllr Farrell had raised the possibility of having the one existing "Please drive Carefully Through Our Village" sign located near the bus shelter replaced and for there to be signs at both ends of the village. The Clerk reported that he had checked with Wilts Council who would not supply signs but would not object to the Council replacing the existing sign and for there to be signs at both ends of the village. The Clerk had sent a signage website link to Cllr Farrel to consider possible signs. After discussion **Cllrs RESOLVED that Cllr Farrel was to research the availability of costs of suitable signs and costs associated with installation of suitable signs.**
Action: Cllr Farrell

6 **Public Questions.** No public present.

7 **Wiltshire Council Report.** Wilts Cllr C Williams reported that the last Tidworth Area Board (TAB) meeting was good and that the high level Police representatives had delivered a well-received presentation. Moreover, The Woodlands Officer had spoken on the drive to plant more trees and that funding was available for this and of the need for tree warden volunteers. £14K grant funding remains available for youth and wellbeing projects. A Webinar on the next Local Plan via TEAMS is scheduled for 10 Oct with walk in presentation to be held in Tidworth Leisure Centre 3.00pm- 7.00pm on Wed 18 Oct. Wilts Council budget is showing an overspend of £0.3 million which equates to 0.10 of the overall budget. Wilts Council was actively pursuing the removal of the travellers at the old Everleigh Recycling Centre. Planning permission has been submitted for 18 affordable houses on the Bartlett Hose site in



Ludgershall. The Hampshire Council AV5 Bus services were replaced on 11 September by the CV 5 Taxi Bus services which will service the Chutes on Wednesdays.

Wilts Cllr Williams then answered questions from Cllrs and the Chairman thanked him for his report.

- 8 **Wiltshire Police Report.** No police present. However, Cllrs noted the July email report from PCSO R Kaur for which she was thanked. and for residents to note that there is a Police and Crime Commissioner's Rural Crime Survey report that they should consider completing at <https://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk/my-office/opcc-news/2023/june-2023/pcc-across-the-south-west-launch-new-rural-crime-survey/>

- 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 £8,9654.46 as of 13 September 2023.**

10.2 **To authorise payments made.**

- (1) Clerks Salary
 - (a) Jul - £244.98
 - (b) Aug - £244.98
 - (c) Sep – £244.98
- (2) HMRC
 - (a) Jul - £61.20
 - (b) Aug - £61.20
 - (c) Sep- £61.20
- (3) P Gill
 - (a) IONOS Aug 23 - £3.60 (VAT £0.60)
 - (b) IONOS Sep23 - £3.60 (VAT £0.60)
- (4) Village Hall
 - (a) Hall Hire FY 23/24 - £130.00

Cllrs RESOLVED To authorise the payments

10.3 **KGPF.** Having considered contributing £1,206.00 to the maintenance of the King George Playing Fields Cllrs **RESOLVED to make the contribution of £1206.00.** **Action: Clerk**

10.4 **Website.** Having considered signing up to a Hugo Fox Website package Cllrs **RESOLVED to sign up to a Hugo Fox "Bronze" Website package at a cost of per month of £9.99 + VAT.** **Action: Clerk**

10.5 **Payments received.**

- (1) No payments received

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

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- 12 **Possibility of merging the Council with Chute PSC.** Having reconsidered the possibility of merging the Council with Chute PSC Cllrs **RESOLVED to confirm to take no further action at this time.**
- 13 **Footpaths Report.** Cllr Farrell reported that today the fallen tree on Guinness land has been removed. **Cllrs noted the report.**
- 14 **Highways Report** Cllr Pike reported that he had put a request into the MyWilts app to repair the road by the two cottages before Red House Farm on the road to Clanville. The main potholes were filled again at the end of August which is better than nothing but we should try and get the council to plan on patching that section of road, as it is breaking up across a bigger area. The Clerk suggested that as the My Wilts App doesn't allow you to request/enquire about a more substantive fix the best way forward would be to submit a Highways Improvement Request Form (HIRF) to the Local Highways & Footpaths Improvement Group (LHFIG) for consideration at the group's next meeting which is scheduled for 5.30pm on 11 October at the Tidworth Leisure Centre. Moreover, the request should be followed up by the Council at the next Tidworth Area Board Meeting (TAB) which is scheduled for 7.00pm on 6 November in the Ludgershall Memorial Hall. After discussion **Cllrs RESOLVED that the Chairman was to submit a HIRF to the LHFIG by Monday 11 October and that he was to attend the LHFIG meeting at 5.30 on Wednesday 11 October in the TLC Conference Room to present the case and that Cllr Farrel was to attend the TAB meeting at 7.00pm on Monday 6 November in the Memorial Hall Ludgershall to press the case as required.**

Action: Chairman & Cllr Farrel

- 15 **Village Hall Report.** Cllr Robertson reported that the lunches have commenced again this month with a highly successful one yesterday. Coffee mornings are well attended. We are in the process of looking to upgrade the toilets and getting quotes but otherwise not a lot to report this month. **Cllrs Noted the report**
- 16 **KGF Report.** Cllr Geraghty reported that new toilet fitted in disabled, work to do on the urinals and showers. Wasp nests sorted out. Cricket finishes this weekend. **Cllrs noted the report.**

- 17 **Business to be transacted at next meeting.**

17.1 **None.**

- 18 **Date of Next Meeting.** The date was confirmed Thursday, 26 October 2023
The meeting closed at 20.45.

Signed:
Chairman

David Pike
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Date: 26/10/23