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Minutes of Chiddingly Parish Council meeting held on 16th April 2019 at 1930 hours in Chiddingly Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Goss (Chairman), Cllr C Marchant, Cllr B Marchant, Cllr Strong, Cllr Richards, Cllr Tolhurst, Cllr O'Hare, ESCC Cllr Bennett and the Clerk.

No members of the public were present at this meeting.

MINUTES

1. Apologies and reasons for absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Luke and Cllr Newham.

2. The Chairman will invite Councillors to declare any interest they may have in the following agenda items.

Cllr Goss declared a personal interest in respect of item 14 of these minutes, as he is the Chairman of Chiddingly CLT Limited.

3. Minutes of 19th March 2019 Parish Council Meeting to be agreed and signed as a true record.

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

The meeting was not suspended as no members of the public were present at this meeting.

4. Clerk and Councillor reports arising from the minutes of 19th March 2019 not covered elsewhere in the agenda: There were none.

5. Councillor Reports:

5.1. Cllr David Watts (WDC) – not present at this meeting.

5.2. Cllr Nick Bennett (ESCC) – Cllr Bennett met with officers from ESCC Traffic team about the proposed Nash St development and the concerns of the parish council have over the impact on the traffic and road safety. They have said that there would need to be a wide turning circle for lorries, and no right turn from Nash Street onto A22. Officers have requested a full traffic assessment.

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Cllr Richards asked; are individuals allowed to comment on the ESCC traffic report it even though ESCC report was not received by the usual WDC consultation deadline. Cllr Bennett: individuals are encouraged to write to WDC with any comments they may have. Cllr Richards commented that it was suggested, by a parishioner, that the parish council could possibly approach our MP about the concerns over this planning application. Cllr Bennett advised that the County Council are responsible in respect of roads and District council in respect of the development. Cllr Bennett is unsure if would add any weight to WDCs decision, but it certainly wouldn't harm.

ESCC do not have any elections but there will be a re shuffle of posts in May.

6. Correspondence:

6.1 NHS health checks in the local community. A local organisation called One You East Sussex, funded by the government, is to provide health services to members of the public in East Sussex, including the standard Free NHS health check for 40-74-year olds. This includes a check of cholesterol, diabetes, blood pressure and provides a breakdown of one's cardiovascular health as well as a cardiac risk score.

They have recently been running health check days at public venues such as libraries, community halls and gyms for the local community to receive one of these free health checks outside of their GP practice. A health check could be available to parishioners whom wish to receive one, with time slots they could book into. Is this something that Chiddingly parish would also be interested in running at the village hall? It is a fantastic opportunity to allow the community to gain easy access to the free health assessment they are entitled to at their doctors every 5 years, whom do not due to doctor's lack of availability or capacity to provide them as regularly as they should. **Resolved:** the parish council agree that this would be a great idea for the parishioners. **Action:** Clerk to contact the informant and arrange this.

6.2 Wealden District Council is drawing up a series of Character Appraisal Documents for all the District's 33 Conservation Areas. (Chiddingly and Muddles Green) are within this. These Appraisal Documents will define the special interest and character of each Conservation area to help the Council protect and manage our important local heritage. They will form part of the Wealden Local Plan and be used when making planning decisions. Once each Character Appraisal Document has been drawn up, it will be added the Conservation Areas page of the Wealden website. You will able to see what is said about each area, and a formal public consultation of the draft appraisals and the Management Plan for the Conservation Areas will take place once all 33 areas have been appraised. This work is expected to take 18 months. The Conservation Areas page on the Wealden website can be found here: www.wealden.gov.uk/heritage

7 Jubilee Field verge – Cllr Goss has attempted to arrange a site meeting with Mr Tucker of Birch Cottage (2 emails sent and a request in person), however, there has been no success in arranging a date so far. Cllr Goss wishes to inform Mr Tucker of the works that will be carried out to Jubilee verge, to minimize any disruption to him/the work required.

8. Jubilee Play Park – the annual inspection by Play Safety Ltd will be carried out in June.

9. Jubilee Garden – The bench has now been installed by Vince Fisher.

10 Councillor Reports:

10.1 Village Shop – Cllr O'Hare will be attending this coming Saturday.

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10.2 Saturday Morning Market: Update from Cllr Tolhurst: many parishioners spoke to Cllr Tolhurst over their concerns with the planning applications for 2 Woodside Cottages and the Nash Street development.

Cllr Goss to attend the market on 4th May 2019, if re elected to the parish council.

11. Footpaths

11.1 Hoads Wood. **Update:** The works to install a handrail have been delayed slightly in the hope of dry conditions, the works are now scheduled for some time in the fortnight commencing Monday 22 April.

11.2 Footpath 16, Gun Hill. **Update:** Negotiations continue between ESCC Rights of Way team and the landowner.

12 Highways

12.1 Chiddingly location sign by the cricket field – the parish council considered that the signs do not look right at present, they are too low.

Cllr Strong – suggested they are moved and go on the back of the Muddles Green signs (by Willets Cottage). **Action:** Cllr Strong will check to see if they can be moved/will fit.

12.2 Sign at top of Burgh Hill Road – it is facing the wrong way. **Action:** Clerk will send photos to ESCC Highways.

13 Financial Matters

13.1 To approve the Bank reconciliations for March 2019. **Resolved:** the bank reconciliations were approved by full council.

13.2 To approve and authorise accounts payable (as detailed on the payment list). **Resolved:** the payments (cheques 102320 to 102338 totalling £6335.68 were approved by full council.

13.3 To acknowledge the RBS reports circulated by the Clerk – Summary Receipts and Payments and Cash and Investment Reconciliation. **Resolved:** the reports were acknowledged, and no queries raised.

13.4 End of year accounts – the Clerk will be working on the year end accounts w/c 22nd April 2019.

13.5 Cricket Club 2018 grant expenditure. **Update:** The work to the new nets has now been completed.

13.6 Community Clean Up Grant – the Clerk. **Update:** the parish council were invited by WDC to apply for a grant, this was submitted and £700 has been agreed, for the purchase of items such as litter pickers, brooms, long handled dustpan and brush sets, gloves and hi viz vests.

14. Community Land Trust – Cllr Goss. **Update:** Three directors of Chiddingly CLT met Tony Penrose to search for a way forward. It was agreed, in order to resolve some of the planning issues with the original plan, there are to be two planning applications, one from Tony Penrose for the open-market housing, and one from Chiddingly CLT for the affordable housing. Discussions regarding the development of the properties will wait until planning permission is obtained. Nigel Braden will act as the architect for both parts of the project. The timing of the applications and the exact areas of the site to be allocated to open-market and affordable housing are to be the subject of further discussions.

15. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) expenditure: List of footpaths and works required – update from Cllr Newham. **Deferred:** to next month's meeting as Cllr Newham had made apologies for not being able to attend this meeting. **Update:** Clerk asked WDC if money could be spent on improving stiles on public footpaths and they said this should be fine.

16. Spring Clean – 30th March 2019. **Update:** Approximately 30 bags of rubbish were collected, as well as a number of tyres that WDC were asked to collect

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The parish councillors commented that there is a lot of rubbish that regularly collects by the garage. **Action:** Cllrs requested to take photos when rubbish seen and forward them to the Clerk will report to WDC.

17. Chiddingly School – update on the Astroturf project. **Resolved:** The project has now been completed. Photographs of the completed project have been circulated to the parish councillors. The school are very pleased with their new area.

18. Noticeboards - Cllr Goss. The noticeboards have not been used for approximately a year for the parish council agendas. They noticeboards have recently been visited – they are all in need of total refurbishment or removing all together. The parish council agreed that the way forward would be to remove the current noticeboards and replace the one on recycling centre with something more robust - like aluminium. **Action:** Clerk to research suitable noticeboards, triple window, to be mounted on recycling centre fence.

19. Annual Assembly – Cllr Goss/Clerk.

Date: 28th May 2019

Time: 7.30 p.m.

Chiddingly Village Hall.

Possible topics: Health checks, CLT, Sussex Police, WDC Planning, Village Hall refurbishments.

Refreshments: Clerk to organise the foods and drinks.

Action: Clerk to contact Insp Gross, WDC planning department, proposed NHS health checks.

20. Elections update – Cllr Goss. Three current councillors will be standing down, there are 6 new applicants so there will be 12 nominees for 9 places.

Cllr Goss thanked the Cllrs for their commitment, time and effort over the last 4 years.

21. Any items for inclusion on next month's agenda:

Final arrangements for the Annual Assembly

- *The planning meeting will take place on 23rd April 2019 at 7.30 p.m. in Chiddingly Village Hall.*
- *The next parish council meeting will take place on 21st May 2019 at 7.30 p.m. in Chiddingly Village Hall.*