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Minutes of Chiddingly Parish Council meeting held on 16th January 2018 at 1930 hours in Chiddingly Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Goss (Chairman), Cllr Tolhurst, Cllr Strong, Cllr Luke, Cllr C Marchant, Cllr Newham, Cllr O'Hare and Cllr Richards.

Two members of the public were also present at this meeting.

1. Apologies and Reasons for absence.

None

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

No declarations of interest were made.

3. Minutes of 19th December 2017 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 wished to speak.

4. Clerk and Councillor reports arising from the minutes of 19th December 2017 not covered elsewhere in the agenda:

There were no reports.

5. Councillor Reports:

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

5.2. Cllr Nick Bennett (ESCC). Not present at this meeting.

Items 9, 17 and 18 moved to this point of the agenda.

6. Correspondence:

6.1 Cycling Event taking place in Wealden on Saturday 7th April 2018. This is being organised by Sigma Sports South Downs Spring Sportive. Plumpton is the start and finish point, and there are expected to be approximately 400 riders.

Cllr Newham would like us to request that all signage is removed soon after the event. **Action:** Clerk to advise the organisers of this request.

7. Jubilee Field and verge

7.1 Gates for Jubilee Field – quotes for replacement of the gates – the Clerk. The parish council considered the quotes received from A F Fabrications and Sussex Ironcraft. **Resolved:** the parish council reach a unanimous decision to offer the work to A F Fabrications. **Action:** Clerk to advise

A F Fabrications of this, and request that they keep hold of the original gates for us, so that they can be offered for sale to parishioners.

8. Jubilee Play Park - any new issues to report - Cllr Luke

9. Glebe Field – Community Orchard. Resolve for the parish council to approve the lease and authorise for the Chairman to sign the lease on behalf of the parish council.

Update from Cllr Goss: There was a delay in finalising the lease as the solicitor came up with some last-minute questions. These were answered, and we received the amended lease last Friday, today MOSAG have raised some queries and a couple of amendments. These will now go back to the solicitor. When the amendments have been made by the solicitor, the new lease will be circulated by email to the parish council and then signed by the Cllr Goss. The parish council unanimously agreed for Cllr Goss to sign the lease once they have agreed the amended lease via email consultation.

10. Councillor Reports:

10.1 Village Shop – update from Cllr O'Hare. No reports.

10.2 Saturday Morning Market – There was no market in January, Cllr Goss is due to attend the Saturday morning market on 3rd February 2018.

11. Footpaths - Any new issues to report – Cllr Luke. The stile that is by the post box in Muddles Green, opposite the triangle is wobbling. **Action:** Clerk to advise ESCC Rights of Way Team.

12. Highways – Cllr Newham

12.1 The next SLR date has not yet been finalised. **Action:** Clerk to chase ESCC Highways about re arranging the SLR meeting in March.

12.2 Someone has driven into the Give Way sign on the junction of Rosemount and Scrapers Hill. **Action:** Clerk to report this to Highways.

12.3 Cllr Newham reported that for four to five years there has been a blockage in the service water drain outside Baytree House and the primary school. **Resolved:** Cllr Newham has reported this to ESCC Highways.

12.4 Gun Hill carriageway resurfacing works will start on Monday 29th January for 13 days. Works will be carried out between 0700-1900. The road will be closed from the junction of Stonehill to 50 metres south of Swansbrook Lane. A diversion will be in place via A267, North Street, New North Street, A22, Golden Cross and Nash Street in both directions.

Cllr B Marchant arrived at 2008 hours, and made her apologies.

13. Financial Matters – Clerk

13.1 To approve the Bank reconciliations for December 2017. **Resolved:** the bank reconciliations for the Barclays current account and savings account were approved by full council.

13.2 To approve and authorise accounts payable (as detailed on the payment list). **Resolved:** full council approved the payments of cheques 102189 to 102192 for £1,138.46 + VAT.

14 Emergency Plans – update on whether there is anyone to take on the role of the co-ordinator – Cllr Tolhurst. **Resolved:** Rod McDermott has kindly said that he would act as co-ordinator. **Action:** Cllr Tolhurst will update the plan, and send the non-confidential part to the Clerk. **Action:** Clerk to put non-confidential part of the emergency plan on the parish council website.

15 Bus Shelters – Cllr Goss. Cllr Goss will ask Tony Mills to look at this and provide an update in February

16 Community Land Trust – an update from Cllr Goss. The CLT Team are meeting again at the end of January. They have had a meeting with the Architect and Agent of the Willets Farm project. Tom Warder also attended. This was mainly an introductory meeting. There is a fair

amount of flexibility in the mix of properties being offered to the CLT. It is up to CLT to go back to them with their preferences. The agent explained their strategy on obtaining planning permission. There is already a Class Q permission on one barn, and they are now putting that in as a permitted development for three dwellings. They will be doing similar with the modern barn, to establish permission for a number of dwellings, then they will go in with application to demolish all and build new. The end aim is for 2 conversions and 12 new builds.

A meeting is organised with WDC Housing Department for a couple of weeks' time to discuss allocation policies.

The value of the discount could be considered as gift aid, if the CLT were a charity. The CLT will consider the options around being a charity.

17 Two new policies for the parish council to consider and adopt – recording of council meetings and publication of documents prior to a meeting – Cllr Goss.

Recording of meetings. **Resolved:** the parish council unanimously agreed to adopt the recording of public meetings policy.

Publication of documents. Cllr Goss gave an update to the background as to what has previously been published for members of the public. **Resolved:** The parish council reached a unanimous decision to adopt the publication of documents policy. **Action:** Clerk to add the policies to the new website.

18 Possible telephone mast in the village – Cllr Strong is aware that many parishioners have an issue with mobile phone signal and was considering whether we should have a phone mast within the village, possibly within Glebe Field.

Cllr Newham said in principal he considered this was a good idea, but not sure whether the Glebe Field would be the best location.

Cllr Goss: at the WDC Parish Conference there was an input from a mobile phone mast company, the criteria are power supply and fibre link – and issue of geography.

The parish council agreed that this would be worthy of further consideration. **Action:** Cllr Strong to make further enquiries.

19 Any items for inclusion on next month's agenda:

- Parish maintenance contract
- Telephone mast
- Damaged verge opposite the school car park entrance
- Spring Clean 2-4 March

Meeting closed at 2025 hours.

- *The planning meeting will take place on 23rd January 2018 at 7.30 p.m. in The Village Hall, Chiddingly.*
- *The next parish council meeting will take place on 20th February 2018 at 7.30 p.m. in The Village Hall, Chiddingly.*