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Minutes of Chiddingly Parish Council meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 1930 hours in Chiddingly Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Goss (Chairman), Cllr Luke, Cllr Tolhurst, Cllr O' Hare, Cllr Newham and WDC Cllr Newton.

Three members of the public were present at this meeting.

1. Apologies and Reasons for absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Strong, Cllr Richards, Cllr B Marchant and Cllr C Marchant.

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

No declarations of interest declared were made.

3. Minutes of 27<sup>th</sup> June 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 27<sup>th</sup> June 2017 not covered elsewhere in the agenda:

There were no additional reports.

5. Councillor Reports:

5.1. Cllr Ann Newton (WDC). Cllr Newton advised those at the meeting that there would be a bi-election on Thursday, and explained how the conservative candidate was present within this meeting.

Work on the local plan was ongoing.

The planning application for Stream Farm would be considered at the Planning Committee South on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

5.2. Cllr Nick Bennett (ESCC). *Cllr Bennett was not present at this meeting.*

Cllr Goss wished to ask Cllr Bennett who the best person within Highways department would be to discuss the results of the traffic survey in Highlands Lane (conducted by volunteers within the parish).

Cllr Tolhurst wished to raise the issue of the road works that took place on the A22 near to Willow Café/Camberlot Road junction. Whilst understanding this was urgent work, he could not understand why the traffic lights were put up on the Friday, but no works took place until the Monday. The traffic lights caused horrendous tail backs, reported to be as far back as Staverton Nursery at Halland. This also caused significant traffic heading through the village.

## 6. Correspondence:

6.1 East Sussex Against Scams Partnership (ESASP). Launched in March 2017 they are now looking for organisations to sign up to their charter. This is for businesses, councils, clubs and societies to raise awareness about the impact of scams upon East Sussex residents. <http://www.safeineastsussex.org.uk/ESASP.html>. **Resolved:** the parish council made a unanimous decision to sign up to the charter, to help share information about scams. **Action:** Clerk to contact Elaine Bowdery, Project Officer, Safer East Sussex Team to advise of this decision.

6.2 Weald Challenge Running Event. A request has been received from the organisers to book the Jubilee Field for car parking. They have changed the date of the event to 10<sup>th</sup> June 2018, which is two weeks later than they usually hold it. They wish to book it under the same agreement as the previous years; providing the conditions are suitable, and with the event being published to the residents of Muddles Green in advance. **Deferred:** the parish council were not made aware of any complaints at the last race. The parish council do not have any issues with the date but would look to re consider the fee paid by Weald Challenge Running Event. **Action:** Cllr Goss to liaise with Cllr Strong and the Weald Challenge Running Event organisers.

## 7. Jubilee Field and verge

7.1 Jubilee verge – update from Cllr Newham with regards to the verge grass cutting, and correspondence with Barcombe Landscapes. **Update:** Cllr Newham contacted Barcombe Landscapes who apologised for not having cut the verge since April, and they then made the next cut within a few days. It will now be cut once per month now. **Action:** Cllr Goss to make contact with Mr Tucker with regards to the continued parking on the grass verge, and the subsequent issues it causes with having the verge cut. **Action:** Clerk to contact Marisa Hayes, Highways re the verge.

## 8. Jubilee Play Park

8.1 Repairs to the gate, leaning fence and broken bench – update from Cllr Newham.

**Resolved:** all items have been repaired. Cllr Goss thanked Cllr Newham for his assistance.

9. Glebe Field – communications with Parochial Parish Church with regards to the possible skate park– update from Cllr Goss. **Update:** we are still waiting to hear from the church for their definitive decision about the use of the Glebe Field. **Action:** Cllr Goss to make further contact with the church.

Cllr Goss advised those at the meeting that correspondence has been received from MOSAG, asking for the parish council to re consider their decision with regards to using the Glebe Field for the skate park. Cllr Goss advised them that this was too late for inclusion on this agenda. The next step would be a planning application, and a lot of the comments made

within this correspondence could be used then. This item of correspondence will be added to the next parish council meeting agenda (September).

#### 10. Councillor Reports:

10.1 Village Shop – Cllr O’Hare. Cllr O’Hare was unable to attend, but will try to go again this week.

10.2 Saturday Morning Market – Cllr C Marchant. *Cllr C Marchant was not present at this meeting.* Cllr Goss is due to attend the next Saturday morning market.

11 Footpaths: any new issues to be reported – Cllr Luke.

There are two footpaths that need clearing and Cllr Luke will contact the landowner about this. A parishioner had also advised Cllr Luke that there was a stile at Place Farm which was too high, however Cllr Luke believed there was nothing that could be done about the height as long as an adult could use it. **Action:** Clerk to contact ESCC and find out if there are any rules with regards to this.

#### 12 Highways

12.1 Highlands Lane – traffic survey – results from Cllr Goss. **Update:** Cllr Goss will forward the results onto the relevant person at Highways, after seeking advice from Cllr Bennett.

12.2 Any new Highways issues to be reported – Cllr Newham. **Update:** Cllr Newham advised those present at the meeting that the Clerk had made several attempts to set up the SLR meeting with Highways – but had yet received a response. **Action:** Clerk to contact Ian Johnson (Highways) and Cllr Bennett to see if they can assist in getting these meetings set up.

Cllr Goss advised those at the meeting that the van that had been parked at Golden Cross layby since at least October 2016, that maybe the insurance has expired. Cllr Newham advised that there was a green note on the vehicles stating that investigations were in process. Cllr Goss has reported to this to East Sussex Highways via their online reporting system.

#### 13. Village Car Park

13.1 Refurbishment of the noticeboard on recycling centre fence – update from Cllr Newham. **Update:** Cllr Newham advised that the noticeboard has new glass, hinges and beading and has been stained and painted – it is almost ready.

#### 14 Defibrillators

14.1 Refurbishment of telephone kiosk at Gun Hill – Clerk. **Update:** The tyvolunteers (Mr Field and Mr and Mrs Cameron) have been spoken to and they will be available after the end of July to start with the refurbishment works. **Action:** Clerk to collect the paint from Haywards Heath and also to make contact with staff at the Gun and see if they can clear the vegetation around the phone box.

*2004 hours one member of the public left.*

#### 15. Financial Matters - Clerk

15.1 Approve the Bank reconciliations for June 2017. **Resolved:** the parish council reached a unanimous decision to approve the bank reconciliations for June 2017.

Update: The Unity Trust accounts will be closed. **Action:** The relevant form has been partially completed and Cllr Goss will arrange for the signatories.

15.2 To approve and authorise accounts payable (as detailed on the payment list). **Resolved:** the parish council reached a unanimous decision to approve the payments as detailed in the payment list (cheques numbered 102138 to 102145 inclusive).

- 16 Annual Grants Survey. Results report from the Clerk. **Resolved:** Cllr Goss referred to the report circulated by the Clerk. No questions were raised.  
**Action:** Clerk to send out letters of invitation for grant applications in August to all organisations suggested within the survey.
- 17 Any items for inclusion on next month's agenda:  
MOSAG correspondence.  
Unity Trust account closure  
Grants applications  
Willets Farm update

Meeting closed at 2015 hours.

- *The next planning meeting will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 1930 hours in Chiddingly Village Hall.*
- *There is no parish council meeting held during August.*
- *The next parish council meeting will be held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 1930 hours in Chiddingly Village Hall.*