

## Chiddingly Parish Council

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12<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Members of Chiddingly Parish Council are summoned to the **Parish Council Meeting** to be held on **19<sup>th</sup> March 2019** commencing at 1930 hours in Chiddingly Village Hall.

Signed: *Claudine Feltham* Clerk to Chiddingly Parish Council.

Prior to the meeting starting there will be an input from  
Action is Rural Sussex (AiRS) Village Agent.

### AGENDA

1. Apologies and reasons for absence.
2. The Chairman will invite Councillors to declare any interest they may have in the following agenda items.
3. Minutes of 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019 Parish Council Meeting to be agreed and signed as a true record.

*The meeting is then suspended for 10 minutes, if required, for the Public to express a view or ask a question about any item on the following agenda.*

4. Clerk and Councillor reports arising from the minutes 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019 not covered elsewhere in the agenda:

#### 5. Councillor Reports:

5.1. Cllr David Watts (WDC).

5.2. Cllr Nick Bennett (ESCC)

#### 6. Correspondence:

**6.1 South & South East in Bloom.** Last year they introduced a Parishes in Bloom scheme to encourage Parishes to get involved in the Bloom. In 2018 they received 15 entries from across the region and when visited judges awarded Silver Gilt & Gold awards proving how healthy the Parishes were. This assessment was based on the way in which the Parish was being maintained, especially any green spaces; the quality of resident's front gardens, care for the environment and local heritage and the management of natural places for wildlife. Does Chiddingly Parish wish to get involved this year?

The Parish in Bloom programme is fully funded so it's free to enter, no complicated forms or entry requirements, no expectation of hanging baskets and window boxes (that's old Bloom) and a visit that will last for no more than 90 minutes at a time agreed between June 17 – July

12<sup>th</sup>. It is appreciated it's an election year for many and that will be a priority for the Parish, but a good number of Parishes are entering this year as it's a simple process of agreeing on a date and just showing the assessor around working to a simple and uncomplicated criterion. So, if Chiddingly want to get involved just email with the name of the Parish, someone we can contact to arrange a visit and that about it for now.

All Parishes are invited to our Awards Ceremony in September to receive their award.

Contact: [peter@londoninbloom.co.uk](mailto:peter@londoninbloom.co.uk)

**6.2 Wealden Crematorium.** All of the major construction at the crematorium was finished earlier this year and that the remaining work on the main entrance is virtually complete. There are no plans for any more traffic lights on the A267 in connection with the project. Planting continues on the site including new native species hedgerows being placed along the boundary running alongside the A267. These will replace those lost when the visibility splay was formed. In addition, the ground between the fence and the road is being seeded with wild flowers finished with a neat grass border.

Before the official opening in May they will be holding an open day for the public. This will be a great opportunity for you to see the new crematorium, walk around the lovely grounds and, if you wish, to take a look behind the scenes. Once the date for the open day is fixed, they will let us know. They are getting lots of positive feedback from the funeral directors and officiants that have visited, and they will soon be arranging for local businesses to meet with them to talk about how the local economy can benefit from this new facility. Please get in touch if you have any questions: [crematorium@wealden.gov.uk](mailto:crematorium@wealden.gov.uk)

**6.3 Elections.** WDC have circulated some information in advance of the Elections. Of note at this stage:

Candidates guide and nomination papers have been received by the Clerk.

Elector names and numbers must be taken from the revised Register of Electors published on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019.

The 'Notice of Election' will be published by WDC and then added to the parish council website on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March.

Nominations may be submitted from Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March, and the final date and time for their receipt in the Elections Office at WDC is 4 p.m. Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. This must be done by the candidate or the candidate's representative, and not the Clerk.

Statement of Persons Nominated – 4 April 2019

Notice of Uncontested Election – 5 April 2019

Notice of Poll – 17 April 2019 – contested areas only

Result of Poll – 7 May 2019 – contested areas only.

**7 Jubilee Field verge** – update on works to be carried out by Vince Fisher - Clerk

**8. Jubilee Play Park** – any new issues to report?

**9. Jubilee Garden** – update on bench installation - Clerk

**10 Councillor Reports:**

**10.1 Village Shop** – update from Cllr O'Hare.

**10.2 Saturday Morning Market:** Update from Cllr Goss.

*Cllr Tolhurst to attend the market on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2019*

**11. Footpaths**

**11.1** Hoads Wood – Clerk

**11.2** Hale Green to Gun Hill - Clerk

**11.3** Footpath 16, Gun Hill – Clerk

*Clerk has contacted Rights of Way Team at ESCC for updates on the above issues.*

**12. Highways**

**12.1** Chiddingly location sign by the cricket field - Clerk

**13 Financial Matters**

- 13.1** To approve the Bank reconciliations for February 2019.
- 13.2** To approve and authorise accounts payable (as detailed on the payment list).
- 13.3** To acknowledge the RBS reports circulated by the Clerk – Summary Receipts and Payments and Cash and Investment Reconciliation.
- 13.4** To consider the terms of reference of Keith Robertson Internal Auditor
- 13.5** Resolve to appoint Keith Robertson as Internal Auditor for the year ending 31.3.19
- 14.** Community Land Trust – update from Cllr Goss
- 15.** Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) expenditure – Cllr Goss
- 16.** Spring Clean – 30<sup>th</sup> March 2019.
- 17.** Chiddingly School – update on the Astroturf project - Clerk
- 18.** Sussex Police ‘surgery’ – update from Cllr Richards.
- 19.** Any items for inclusion on next month’s agenda:
  - *The planning meeting will take place on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 7.30 p.m. in Chiddingly Village Hall.*
  - *The next parish council meeting will take place on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 7.30 p.m. in Chiddingly Village Hall.*