BROAD CHALKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the 1023rd Meeting of the

Broad Chalke Parish Council

held at the Village Hall, Broad Chalke on

Wednesday 11th March 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Mr T Hitchings (Chairman & Clerk)

Mr M Pickford

Mr J Allison

Mrs H Newman

Mr E Fry

Mrs R Holland

Mr D Gilbert

Mr A Truluck, Mrs N Tinkler, Mr N Tinkler and Mr M Quick were in attendance.

**Apologies for absence.** Apologies were received from Mr T Cave-Gibbs, Mr J Dutson, Mrs J Green and The Clerk, Mr C Rothwell.

1. To record declarations of interest from Members regarding items on the Agenda.

There were none.

1. Chairman’s Announcements. There were none.
2. To approve the Minutes of the previous meeting as a true and accurate record.

These were approved and signed by the Chairman of the last meeting.

1. (agenda item re-scheduled by the Chairman to suit attendees) Covid-19. Discussion on local response should there be a ‘lock-down’.

Nicki and Nigel Tinkler attended and presented proposal for establishing a local support network should there be further restrictions on movement and need for communities to self-isolate. There will be a need in particular to provide support to the elderly and vulnerable.

It was agreed that the Council should circulate a CoronaVirus awareness leaflet with things to look out for with neighbours self-isolating and having no access to shopping facilities. It was agreed that:

1. Nicki & Nigel would produce the wording for the leaflet.
2. Mrs. Rachel Holland offered to print the leaflets (~ 320 required).
3. Mrs. Holland would approach Jess Dennes for the Broadsheet distribution list to cascade these leaflets through the Broadsheet network to all residents.
4. Target is to get these leaflets into parish homes by early next week.
5. Discussion on introducing Neighbourhood Watch to Broad Chalke

Mr. Merv Quick, Committee Member for South Wiltshire Neighbourhood Watch attended and discussed with the Council the introduction of a Watch scheme to the village.

He pointed out the benefits of Neighbourhood Watch and access to groups such as Community Messaging, with opportunities to opt in to focus groups (e.g. farmwatch, horsewatch etc.). He suggested we should create a scheme called ‘Broad Chalke’ and identify the boundaries of the scheme; others could then join the scheme as appropriate. Mrs. Hannah Newman will explore the website and report back.

The Council agreed that a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme was a good initiative. It was agreed that the CoronaVirus newsletter took precedence, and we should plan to introduce this on the back of the initiative

1. Discussion on Neighbourhood Plan

Mr. Ashley Truluck attended and briefed the Council on the progress of the Consultation. The closing date for submission of comments is 15 March.

1. To receive written report from Wiltshire Council Councillor Mrs J Green in her absence.

This had been received and circulated to the Council in advance. A copy is provided at Appendix 1 to these Minutes.

1. Clerks Report.

Updates on items from Meeting on 12 February

* The Clerk had received response from Mr M Powis following his return from holiday in connection with Film Night that is not moveable because of the projectionist’s availability.
* The Clerk had further communication with Wiltshire Council on flooding and drainage issues at Longbridge and on Manor Farm Road.
1. To receive initial thoughts on Parish Council Priorities for 2020-2021
* Recycling: Mrs R Holland The new household pick-up schedule had caused some confusion as it would appear that there are now 2 separate rounds within Broad Chalke on separate weeks. Information had been cascaded to the Parish, and all would become clearer over the next weeks.
* Flood Plan: Mr M Pickford. A Flood Warden training event is taking place at Ebbesbourne Wake Village hall on evening of 8 April. This clashes with provisional date of April PC meeting (see later) but view is that Broad Chalke should attend. It was agreed
* 75th Anniversary of VE Day Celebrations: In Mr Dutson’s absence the Chairman outlined the initial outcomes from the February planning meeting. A further detailed scheduling follow-up meeting has been planned for Tues 17th March. It was noted that the Chalke valley History Festival were happy to lend their NAAFI tent for the event, but it was noted that Council should check on insurance. It would be advisable if a competent person verified that the tent had been erected correctly, and Council needs to check that Public Liability Insurance covers this tent. It was agreed that the Clerk should be asked to check and action these items.
1. To review approach to schedule of meetings for 2020-2021

It was unanimously agreed that as a trial we should change the meeting date to the second Thursday of the month for the next 3 months to accommodate the Chairman’s other business commitment on the second Wednesday of the month. The Clerk was asked to change the Village Hall booking for this period. The longer-term arrangement would be reviewed in 2/3 months.

To consider Chairman and Vice Chairman positions for the 2020-2021 year

The Chairman updated on current position. It was agreed that if the meetings could be rescheduled as in item 10 above then the Chairman would continue in role. Mr. Matthew Pickford agreed to take on the role of Vice Chairman

1. To consider the format for Annual Parish Meeting in May

This had previously been considered at the January meeting and a similar format to previous years agreed

It was agreed to ask the Clerk to invite representatives of CVSC, The Hub and the School to present reports at the meeting.

It was agreed that this meeting should take place in the Village Hall on Thursday 14 May

1. To consider Planning Applications
* 20/00750/FUL: Retrospective permission for air source heat pump, Priory Cottage, Newtown. The Council resolved to have no objection to the application.
1. Finance
* The meeting agreed payments to Warm Response for Chalke Valley Sports Centre boiler service (£128.49 net) and works (£77.87) and to Mr B Gater for electrical works at Chalke Valley Sports Centre. It was agreed that these payments would be from the £400 Section 137 grant approved by the PC at its December 2019 meeting.
* Payment of £212.50 to Mr R Chalk was also agreed for handyman services.
* Final Nat Westbank cheque signed to transfer balance into Lloyds account.
1. Standing Agenda Items

Mr Fry updated on highways and drainage issues and reminded the Council that reporting of problems is through the MyWilts App.

1. Any business to be addressed at a future meeting

None

1. Confidential Matters

None.

1. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 9 April 2020 at 7.30pm

The Meeting closed at 21.00hrs.

**Signed as a true record by the Chairman of the Council**

**Signature:**

**Name:**

**Date:**

**Appendix 1: Councillor Mrs J Green Report from Wiltshire Council**

Many congratulations to Ch4lke mobile in being awarded the green light to proceed their project throughout the Chalke Valley and hopefully beyond.

 At the Full Council budget meeting held last week I now confirm that a 3.99% increase in CTax (2% of this is ringfenced for Social care) for 2020-21 was agreed.

No doubt you are aware that there is likely to be an increase in the Police precept that will appear on our Council Tax Bill. With the Fire and Rescue and Parish Council precepts it all adds up to a large sum we pay every year. We must make sure we get our fair share of the services available.

The next SWW Area Board is on the 18th March. It will be a special meeting following the Employment and Skills Event being held at The Nadder Centre, Tisbury.   SWWAB will therefore **start early at 5-30pm**.  There will be many stands offering every opportunity of employment and Apprenticeships. Do come along and please spread the word.

**The Great British Spring Clean** is up and coming. Collection of bags can be arranged with Wiltshire Council waste department but the details of the collection point and date must be arranged with the Waste service well in advance.

Every household will have received a leaflet announcing the forthcoming changes to the **Waste** **Service**. We must expect some change to the collection day as well. A useful sticker [to be placed on your blue bin] will tell you what recyclable waste can be placed in it. Glass only in the black box. You will notice that only one lorry will be picking up which is another move in reducing WC’s carbon footprint!

Various events are being held across Wiltshire to commemorate 75 years since VE Day. As you know the May Bank Holiday is to be moved to FRIDAY 8th May.

The Health and Wellbeing Board meeting was held at Fovant Village Hall Thursday (27th) at 11am. It followed the weekly coffee morning which is so well attended.

CATG was held on February 26th at 2pm in Tisbury. Always good to see representation from the PC’s who are able to raise concerns and request various road safety measures. [ signage and kerbing for example!].

The massive IT problems across most departments within WC seem to be resolved.

I’m sure you agree the continuing awful weather has put a huge strain on the services provided. With many trees brought down, flooding and potholes needing refilling please, give the parish steward ‘your jobs to do list’! Extra funding from Government for pothole repair is to be announced shortly.

Good news...free carparking on Sundays in Salisbury now.

Do ask if you have any queries or l can help at all.

Thank you and see you soon.

Jose

PS. further to PC Matt Holland’s [ rural policing team] report can l just mention that if anyone comes across any flytipping, photograph and report it on the MyWiltsApp but I must emphasise that any evidence within it that might reveal where it came from MUST stay where it’s found as by removing anything could jeopardise any court procedings.

Always ask to see  a contractor’s **waste transfer licence**if they are taking the rubbish away for disposal. If it is flytipped and identified back to a premises from where it came it is the householder who will be fined.