BROAD CHALKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the 971st Meeting of the

Broad Chalke Parish Council

held at the Village Hall on

Wednesday 11th November 2015 at 7:30pm

**ATTENDANCE**

The following Councillors were present:

Mr T Hitchings (Chairman)

Mr E Fry

Mr R Hitchings

Mr M Pickford

Mr D Gilbert

Mr J Dutson

Mrs A Hall

The Clerk, Mr S Whitmore, and the Deputy Clerk, Mr M Holland, were in attendance.

1. **Minutes of the previous meeting**

These were approved subject to one spelling amendment and would be corrected on the version posted on the website.

1. **Matters arising**
   1. **Development at Knighton Mill**

**The Clerk was instructed to write to Wiltshire Council planning enforcement department to ask them to investigate the matter.**

* 1. **Traffic speed measures**

The Chairman said that one person had responded to the consultation by Wiltshire Council on the proposed 20mph zones, which would potentially delay the works. The Chairman said that he had spoken to the individual who was now happy to withdraw his response so that that works could proceed in the near future, the concern being that delay might result in funding being lost.

1. **Neighbourhood Plan Update**
   1. Dan Richter and Ashley Truluck attended the meeting and reported as follows
   2. Dan Richter had prepared a detailed questionnaire for circulation to all households.
   3. Ashley Truluck had completed the Environmental Assessment and Village Design Statement. The draft Neighbourhood Plan would be ready shortly.
   4. The Government's policy was changing to increase the need for new housing in Wiltshire. On balance it appeared best to carry on now with work on the Plan, as it was not thought likely that the Village would be affected by the increase, due to its status and location .
   5. Concerning affordable housing it now appeared that Wiltshire Council was insisting on deciding who should qualify, with the result that people with local connections might not be treated as favourably as the Parish Council might wish. The Chairman emphasised the importance of publicising availability of affordable housing and establish need for it.
   6. Generally it was agreed that the next stage in the process was to establish the extent of local need by circulation of the questionnaire to all households, and then decide how to proceed on the basis of the response obtained. It was thought sensible to circulate the questionnaire in January 2016. Online options would be available but physical copies would also be circulated. Mr Fry recommended Sarum Graphics for good value printing.
2. **Precept: Preliminary Discussion.**
   1. **The** Clerk expected the bank balance at year end to be £5-6,000 depending on events to end March 2016. He asked if Councillors had matters which would require expenditure in the 2016-2017 financial year that details be submitted at the next meeting. R2 funds currently stood at £4,701.24.
   2. Possible items of expenditure were: Skate Park, bus shelters and contribution (approximately £700 towards traffic speed measures.
3. Planning consents/applications/refusals
   1. Consents

There were none.

* 1. **Applications**

S/2015/10557/FUL parking bay at Clock Cottage, South St.

S/2015/10809/TCA Trees at Hoedic House South St.4 Lawson trees - fell 2 Birch trees - crown reduce by approximately 20% at Bow Marsh, Broad Chalke, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP5 5EN.

S/2015/10301/TCA Trees at 2 Pelham Court, South St

There were no objections to these applications.

* 1. **Refusals**

There were none.

1. **Footpaths- reports from walkers**

Further reports were received. Two Parish Councillors undertook to deliver the outstanding reports at the next meeting.

1. **Poors Charity**

It was resolved to appoint Mrs Sue Fry as a new Trustee and to accept the resignation of Mrs Joan Hitchings as Trustee. The Council recorded its appreciation of Mrs Hitchings' work as Trustee over many years.

1. **Any other business**
   1. Mr R Hitchings asked if any Parish Councillor was prepared to replace Mr Ibbotson as the Council's representative on the Sports Centre Committee.
   2. Mr Fry asked if funds would be available to assist with works to the Sports Hall Hub. He had obtained one estimate for £1815 plus VAT. It was agreed to apply for R2 monies for these works.
   3. It was requested that the Clerk write to Mr Jowett about the hedge south of Manor Farm which was overhanging the verge/road.
   4. Rumours of the likely closure of Wilton Police Station were circulating. The Deputy Clerk would investigate further.
   5. Mr Gilbert once more raised the matter of the state of the Causeway footpath West of the Parish Church.
   6. The Clerk reported that the damaged poles on the Sports Centre car park were not covered by insurance.
   7. Cheque: R. Chalk £353.00

There being no further business the meeting ended.