**Your Parish Council Update - April 2023**

**March Parish Council Meeting**. The meeting was attended by three residents of the village to hear the Council’s discussions on Planning Applications.

**Neighbourhood Watch.** A meeting to be held with a small group from the village to see how best to raise awareness and get a scheme up and running. A National Neighbourhood Watch Week is being held in June. An application for funding to be submitted to look at launching that week.

Anyone wanting more information should contact the Clerk.

**King Charles III Coronation weekend.** There are National initiatives now in place and a group in the village looking at the feasibility of a Street Party outside the Village Hall on Sunday 7th May which the Council support.

**Low Lane Footpath Improvement Project**. Enabling works are to start to the access from High Lane. Footpath works will then start at the end of March if weather and ground conditions allow. Footpath closure and diversion notices are in place. The project is now fully funded with the support of Wiltshire Council, the Cranborne Chase AONB, the landowner and the Chase and Chalke Landscape Partnership.

**Playground.** Councillor Altham gave an update on the work of the Friends of Broad Chalke Playground. The Chairman commended the Friends Group for the progress being made. The Council approved a Section 137 grant of £200 for initial set up costs and a further reserve in the 2022/23 accounts of £1800 towards equipment purchase. There was support for further allocation in the new financial year.

**Annual Parish Meeting.** This will take place on Wednesday 10 May and will provide an opportunity for residents to come and meet village organisations and to raise and discuss village issues. Venue Broad Chalke village hall at 7.00pm.

**Clerks Update.** The funds in the bank total £14,784.11 excluding any grants received for Low Lane and grants made from the March Council meeting.

The Clerk updated on arrangements for the 2023 **Chalke Valley Fete and Show** that is being held at the Chalke Valley Sports Centre on Saturday 19 August.

**Councillor Vacancy**. The Chairman thanked Cllr Cave-Gibbs for his support over recent years and hoped at some point he would be able to find time to be part of the Council again. The Clerk to arrange for vacancy to be formally advertised.

**Planning Applications.**

**PL/2023/00911 Construction of 6 new affordable homes.** Declarations of non-pecuniary interest were recorded from two councillors. The Council heard from a resident of Knighton Road on concerns about the proposed development and from the CLT and Neighbourhood Plan Teams who reviewed the context of the application and reasoning behind location and design. There was detailed discussion from which the CLT agreed to further discuss some amendments to building design with the architects, particularly as regards to overlooking windows. The Parish Council also discussed the position on drainage, highways safety and Parking.

There was unanimous support for the application subject to these matters being flagged as issues for further consideration.

**PL/2023/00794 Land Adjacent to Knapp Farmhouse.** A pecuniary interest was recorded. The Clerk reported the discussions of the Planning Sub Committee held earlier in the month and the report and the unanimous decision of the subcommittee of Objection to the application was noted.

**PL/2023/00909- Hatchfield Cottages, Manor Farm Road**. Support.

PL/2023/00911. Construction of 6 new affordable homes. Support with comments.

PL/2023/01242- Sorrel Cottage Listed building consent. Support.

PL/2023/01034 Sorrel Cottage, South Street replace existing single storey extension and garage with new timber framed building. Support.

PL/2023/010667 Reddish House, South Street. Listed building consent. Support.

PL/2023/00917 Reddish House Removal of curved leaking Cupola to apex of Orangery, replace with new pyramid apex. Support.

PL/202301393. Coniston, South Street. 9 sycamore trees pollard. No Objection.

**If you have any issues or priorities that you would like the Council to consider, please raise with the Chairman or the Clerk. Previous Minutes can be viewed on the Parish Council website - https://www.broadchalkeparishcouncil.com**

**Date of Next Meeting. NOTE CHANGE OF DATE TO TUESDAY 11 APRIL 2023**

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