**Your Parish Council Update - June 2022**

**& Annual Parish Meeting**

**Annual Parish Meeting**

The Chairman welcomed twenty residents and councillors to the Annual Parish Meeting.

Mr Rothwell presented the Parish Council Accounts for the financial year to the 31 March 2021 and explained some of the key expenditure and income items. The accounts are now available on the Council’s website together with the Annual Governance Statement.

The Chairman gave his report for the year and particularly highlighted the strength of community in Broad Chalke and the many successes over the previous 12 months and then invited representatives for the community groups present to summarise the last 12 months activity. Presentations were received from Dan Richter from the Community Land Trust; Edward Fry on the Chalke Valley Sports Centre; Henry Flint for Broad Chalke Village Hall and Terry Jolly for the Chalke Valley Link Scheme. A warm welcome was also extended to Heather Luft, the new Headteacher at Broad Chalke school. Reports were also received from the Chalke Valley Community Hub, Wiltshire Police and from the Women’s Institute. A summary of each presentation is set out in the Minutes of the meeting, as are notes on the issues and questions raised as part of the meeting.

Martin Altham provided the meeting with an update on the Ukrainian families that have or are shortly to arrive, in the Chalke Valley, and the various initiatives and support that is being put in place. The response from the Valley communities has been fantastic.

The Chairman thanked all in attendance and particularly the speakers and invited anyone that wished to stay on for the Annual Council meeting to do so.

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The Chairman welcomed Mr Martin Altham to the meeting as a guest as he is interested in becoming a member of the Council. Also present were Mrs R Holland and Mr R Greenwood for the planning application item for Maud’s Cottage (PL/2022/03068) and it was agreed to bring the application forward. The Council heard about the proposed demolition of existing garage and erection of replacement to be used for incidental use to Maud’s Cottage, limited to car garaging, storage, and home office. The Council considered the application and agreed to support it.

**Election of Chairman for 2022/23.** Cllr T Hitchings was proposed by Cllr Dawes and seconded by Cllr Fry and was duly installed as Chairman of Broad Chalke Parish Council for the forthcoming year.

**Election of Vice Chairman for 2022/23.** Cllr M Pickford was proposed by Cllr Dawes and seconded by Cllr Carter and was duly installed as Vice Chairman of Broad Chalke Parish Council for the forthcoming year.

**Matters Arising from the Minutes.**

**Causeway Flooding.** Works have been undertaken within the nature reserve to resolve the drainage problem on Church Corner, but it would need a heavy rainfall event to determine whether the works had been totally successful and there would need to be ongoing monitoring and maintenance. The Chairman to write to Mr Jowett thanking him for undertaking the work.

**Police Community Consultation.** The informal drop in at the end of last month was well received and there are further plans for a consultation on 10th June at the Village Hall 1000-1200hrs. The Council welcomed the further process but felt that the timing was not particularly convenient for working families.

**Review and adoption of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.** The Council discussed the ‘Policies’ and both were agreed with the caveat on Contract Procedures that, if it was necessary to seek an exception then the Council would further consider at the time.

**To receive reports from the Clerk-** Various reports were presented by the Clerk and agreed by the meeting, most importantly the accounts for the financial year to 31 March 2021 were approved. The Council also received information on Insurance arrangements; Register of Assets and on the Risk Register.

**Planning Applications**

PL/2022/03498- 2 Knighton Bridge Cottages- Approved

PL/2022/03518- The Corner House- Approved

PL/2022/03086- Goldens**-** There was detailed debate as to the increase in size; that it is set back from the road and so has little visual impact; some concerns about parking and turning provision being insufficient; and that materials are to match the existing. The Council agreed to support the application but to submit comment that it feels that an opportunity is being missed by not choosing materials that are more in keeping with the vernacular of the village and in line with the Neighbourhood Plan.

PL/2022/03068**-** Maud’s Cottage. Following the earlier presentation and discussion with the applicants the Council approved the application.

**Quotations for Low Lane Footpath Project.**

These were opened and recorded by the Clerk and will now be considered by the Working Group.

**Report on highways and drainage matters**.

No significant further update but the Council recognised that the communications Cllr Fry has with the Parish Steward has improved the position in the village.

**Grounds Maintenance Matters**

There was discussion on the condition of the grass around the war memorial, it having been raised by the groundsman. At this stage it was agreed to secure a quote for moss treatment.

**Date of Next Meeting.** 8 June 2022

**If you have any issues or priorities that you would like the Council to consider, please raise with the Chairman or the Clerk.  
A full copy of the minutes can be viewed on the Parish Council website.**

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