**Your Parish Council Update – June 2023**

**A quick update on housekeeping matters in the village:**

**The bus shelter by the hub has now been repaired following the vandalism damage last month.**

**The Defibrillator that is located in the old BT phone box by the Hub was scheduled for renewal of battery and pads and this was completed last month.**

**Low Lane Footpath. The Council intends to complete the top surface on the access track from High Lane down to the path but, following the recent heavy downfalls there is clearly an issue with Highway drainage that the Council have been asking Wiltshire Council to attend to since the start of the project. This needs to be resolved before the final work is completed.**

**The May meeting was the Annual Council Meeting. This was preceded by the Annual Village Meeting. This year, this took a different format being more informal with light refreshments and an open invitation to residents to come and raise any issues that are of a concern and opportunities that might be considered in the year ahead. Wiltshire Police attended, as did representatives from village organisations together with 32 residents of Broad Chalke.**

**There were conversations and informal presentations on a range of village topics and a feedback form available for attendees to identify any key issues for the Council to consider. These will be collated and reported to the next Council meeting.**

**Annual Council Meeting**

**Councillor Tom Hitchings was elected as Chairman of the Council and Councillor Matthew Pickford as Deputy Chairman. The Statement of Accounts and the Annual Governance Return were agreed and signed. These will be available for inspection on the Council’s website from June.**

**Parish Council Meeting**

**Co-option of Tim Kimber as a Parish Councillor was unanimously agreed.**

**Planning applications: There was one planning application to deal with on which the Council considered any further adverse impact on Footpath No 42 but had no objections to.**

**Standing Orders and Financial Regulations. These were reaffirmed for the forthcoming year and can be viewed on the Council’ website.**

**Code of Conduct. This was agreed and signed, and the Council adopted the Positive Conduct Equals Positive Democracy Charter.**

**Schedule of meetings for 2023/24 was agreed as the second Wednesday of the month starting at 7.00pm.**

**Clerks Report:**

* **The Professional Services basis of the Clerk were agreed.**
* **Balance of funds in the bank were £15,285.42**
* **Neighbourhood Watch. A grant of £200 had been awarded.**

**Councillor Reports**

**Cllr Richter briefed the meeting on application made to become a recycling centre at the Hub.**

**Date of Next Meeting. 14 June 2023.**

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**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 - https://www.broadchalkeparishcouncil.com**