BROAD CHALKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of the

Broad Chalke Parish Council

held at the Village Hall on

Wednesday 11th April 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Mr T Hitchings (Chairman)

Mr R Hitchings (Vice-chairman)

Mr D Gilbert

Mr E Fry

Mr J Dutson

Mr M Pickford

Mr J Allison

Apologies had been received from: Rachel Holland

The Clerk, Mr S Whitmore, the Deputy Clerk, Mr M Holland, and Councillor Jose Green were in attendance, together with members of the public.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting in 2017 were read out and approved.

1. Matters arising

There were none.

1. Chairman's report

The Chairman reported that the following matters had been the highlights of the previous year:

* 1. Progress on the neighbourhood plan and the Chairman thanked Ashley Truluck, Dan Richter and their team for the work they had carried out in taking the plan forward.
  2. The Chairman referred to the Chalke Valley History Festival which had taken place in Broad Chalke for the first time and described it as a vibrant village event which had generated strong views in the village but had been a wonderful event with lots of volunteers from the village. He stated that he was pleased that it was returning to Broad Chalke. He confirmed that the valid criticisms of the event had been made but were being taking into account in the planning of this year's event.

The Chairman thanked his Vice-chairman, Mr Robert Hitchings, for his valuable contribution to the work of the Parish Council, especially on those occasions when the Chairman had been forced to be absence by reason of work.

He confirmed that there remained a vacancy in the Parish Council and encouraged anyone interested in standing to contact the Parish Council.

1. Financial report

The Clerk reported that the finances of the Parish Council were in good order with a balance of £11,774 in the bank together with the precept due for payment shortly. The main items of expenditure in the previous year had been the contribution to the Chris Brown Day Centre, a new bus shelter, a contribution to the Broadsheet and purchase of a share of the speed indicator device being shared by Bishopstone, Broad Chalke and Bowerchalke.

1. Neighbourhood Plan

Mr Truluck reported that work continued on the plan and that the current draft was with Wiltshire Council and had elicited a lot of positive comment and feedback. An internal assessment was taking place at Wiltshire Council as to whether a strategic environment assessment was required but it was hoped that a waiver would be obtained. The next stage in the process would be to go out to a six week consultation in the village, followed by submission of the plan to the national inspector for final checking before a referendum requiring a 60% vote in favour.

In relation to the Causeway path, a delay was likely because Wiltshire Council was not able to carry out the works. It was therefore likely that the path would not be installed until spring 2019.

Mr Truluck confirmed that sites had been finalised for affordable housing. It had provisionally been agreed to widen the access to the school and it was also intended that the landowner should provide proper laybys on the road between Longbridge and the proposed site.

The Community Land Trust had been formed with Dan Richter as its Chairman. Heads of terms have been drawn up with the landowner and meetings have taken place with architects of whom three had been shortlisted. The plans were awaited but once obtained would be made available for a village meeting to be adopted, the provisional dates being Friday 8th and Sunday 10th June 2018. The allocation policy to apply to the affording housing was structured as follows:

* 1. Category 1 – Those with 10 years residents in Broad Chalke; and
  2. Category 2 – Those with residents in secondary parishes will be as section 106 triple lock arrangement on the policy.

However, it was made clear that if local residents did not take up occupation of the affordable housing, Wiltshire Council would allocate it elsewhere.

1. Report from Councillor Green

Councillor Green referred to the recent nerve agent poisoning incident in Salisbury and the fact that free parking had now been made available in the city.

She referred to recent snowfall which had delayed much of the roadworks to be carried out by Wiltshire Council and which effectively would hold up the work on the Causeway path.

She referred to initiatives within the county to combat loneliness and gave some statistics about Wiltshire which has 253 Town and Parish Councils, three areas of outstanding natural beauty and 240 conservation areas as well as 1,600 listed buildings. Wiltshire Council planning department receives the third largest number of applications in the entire country.

She referred to a deferred to a dementia awareness initiative with Salisbury Cathedral being declared a safe place for dementia sufferers as well as a cervical cancer screening programme and the problem of obesity in the community.

She said highway spending was £21 million a year and a substantial number of 20 mile an hour speed limit areas had been installed in the last year. She said that the recycling centre at Churchfields was inadequate and poorly positioned.

1. Report from Broad Chalke Community Fund

The Clerk read out a report from Broad Chalke Community Fund prepared by Liz Barr referring to the loss of Martin Holland and Andy Brown as trustees over the previous year and noted that the current trustees were Rev Catherine Blundell, Mrs Sue Fry, Mrs Liz Barr, Mr Damon Johns and Mr Michael Roe. She reported that a distribution of £15 had been made to 82 villages this year and that the trust had adequate funds for distribution if any member of the Parish Council or villager that knows of anyone, young or old, or any organisational club in the village who could benefit from help, they should please contact Mrs Barr.

1. Report from Broad Chalke C of E Primary School

The Clerk read out a report from Amanda Brockway, Head Teacher of Broad Chalke C of E Primary School.

The School had celebrated its 10th anniversary this year with a special celebration at which the Earl of Pembroke was guest of honour. The School was graded as outstanding by Ofsted in June 2012 and outstanding by a statutory inspection of Anglican and Methodist schools in June 2017. The School employs 33 people and has 46 contracts in all. The number on roll now stands at 208 pupils aged between 4 and 11. There are 14 governors and Forbes is active in raising funds for the School having funded the School's annual arts week at a cost of £2,000. Eight children went to grammar schools (31%) and eighteen children went to state secondary or comprehensive schools (69%). The School was active in cricket, netball, rugby, hockey and football and organised a substantial number of trips, including Beaulieu, Salisbury Museum, Lulworth Cove, Mudeford Beach, Lea Abbey in Devon, Salisbury Cathedral, Tutankhamen exhibition, Clifton suspension bridge and others.

1. Report from Chalke Valley Sports Centre

Nigel Tinkler reported on the activities of the Chalke Valley Sports Centre. The oil tank would need replacing at a cost of £2,000 - £3,000. Two requests had been received which had assisted with finances. After robust arguments and discussions, it had been agreed to allow the Salisbury Wanderers Cricket Club to play at the Chalke Valley Sports Centre on condition that proper insurance was put in place for them.

1. Elections
   1. *Appointment of Chairman*

Mr T Hitchings was nominated by Mr R Hitchings and seconded by Mr J Allison. There were no other nominations and Mr T Hitchings was unanimously elected.

* 1. *Appointment of Vice-Chairman*

Mr R Hitchings was nominated by Mr T Hitchings and seconded by Mr D Gilbert. There were no other nominations and Mr R Hitchings was unanimously elected.

1. Any other business

Mrs Joan Hitchings commented on the amount of floodwater on the roads and asked that the parish stewards be instructed to clear any clocked lets.

There being no further business the Meeting ended.

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

**Signature:**

**Name:**

**Date:**