BROAD CHALKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the 972nd Meeting of the

Broad Chalke Parish Council

held at the Village Hall on

Wednesday 9th December 2015 at 7:30pm

**ATTENDANCE**

The following Councillors were present:

Mr T Hitchings (Chairman)

Mr D Gilbert

Mr E Fry

Mr R Hitchings

Mrs A Hall

Mr M Pickford

Apologies had been received from Mr J Dutson.

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 minor typographical changes.

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

Mrs Caroline Lamb, Mr Ronnie Butler and Mr Michael Powis were in attendance to discuss the works taking place at outbuildings to Knighton Mill.

The Clerk circulated photographs showing the current state of works and these were compared with the planning approval granted on 19 June 2002 for application S/2001/1612. The Clerk was also asked to check whether R2 monies had been paid for the time that the works did or should have commenced. After discussion it was resolved by unanimous vote to bring to the attention of Wiltshire Council the apparent breaches of the earlier planning permission of the following points:

* + 1. did work commence within the five-year period from 2002; and
		2. the work appears not to conform to the plan submitted with the 2001 application. The current building works include dormer windows on the south-east roof and different windows on the north-east side of the building. Fundamentally the works to the outbuildings appeared to be with the purpose of creating a two storey dwelling whereas the original application was for a single storey dwelling.

Mr Truluck joined the meeting.

1. **Application S/2015/10658/FUL - Knighton Mill**

A photograph was produced of the Mill before the works were carried out in approximately 2002 showing the Mill as a distinct building from its outbuildings. The Clerk was asked to investigate what response had been made by the Parish Council to the 2001 application as, from online records it appeared that no objection had been raised. However it was noted that the 2001 application maintained the individual character of the Mill building, whereas the current proposal subsumed the Mill building into the subservient buildings. Mr Truluck said that Knighton Mill was the best preserved watermill in the Chalke Valley. Mrs Lamb said that there had been a mill on the site since the middle ages (see british-history.ac.uk) but that the current building had been on the site since 1773, for which reason it should be protected against unsympathetic development. It was also noted that Knighton Mill was within sight of a grade 2 listed building namely Knighton Manor, a heritage asset with Knighton Mill in its curtilage. Mrs Lamb confirmed that Knighton Mill is visible from Knighton Manor.

Accordingly it was resolved unanimously to object to the current application and the Clerk was instructed to draft an appropriate letter to Wiltshire Council on this matter.

1. **Neighbourhood Plan Update**

Mr Truluck reported he had had a useful meeting with Mike Ash, the outcome of which was that whilst there may well now be a three-year process to change the Wiltshire Core Strategy, the appropriate course of action for Broad Chalke Parish Council would be to proceed with the Neighbourhood Plan regardless. It was therefore agreed that this would be the appropriate way to proceed.

1. **Precept for 2016/2017**

After previous discussions as to likely funds in the Parish Council's account at year-end, further consideration was given to the appropriate level of precept for 2016/2017. It was noted that so-called "R2" funds would now, in all probability, reduce, and that expenditure on items such as bus shelters would be needed in the near future. It was resolved unanimously after further discussion that the precept for 2106/2017 should be £6,673.18, which together with an additional top-up grant from Wiltshire Council will mean that the total revenue will be £6,700.

1. **Planning consents/applications/refusals**
	1. **Consents**

S/2015/10557/FUL Proposed parking bay at Clock Cottage, South Street, Broad Chalke, SP5 5DN.

S/2015/10809/TCA T1 - Ash tree - pollard up to height of approx 3m T2 - Willow tree - pollard up to height of approx 3m T3 - Willow tree - pollard up to height of approx 3m T4 - Hawthorn tree - prune by approx 25% at Hoedic House, Broad Chalke, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP5 5DN.

S/2015/10301/TCA Acacia tree - crown reduce by approx 30% Acer negundo tree - crown reduce by approx 30% Willow tree - reduce one section in length by approx 50% to clear Apple tree Silver Birch tree - crown reduce by approx 30% at 2 Pelham Court, Broad Chalke, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP5 5DN.

* 1. **Applications**

S/2015/10658/FUL Proposed raising of roof and ceiling height on south elevation, new conservatory, and internal alterations at Knighton Mill, Knighton Road, Broad Chalke, SP5 5DX.

This was discussed earlier in the meeting.

* 1. **Refusals**

There were none.

1. **Footpaths - reports from walkers**

It was noticed that reports from one Parish Councillor remained outstanding but they would be delivered at the January 2016 meeting.

1. **Speed indicator device**

No report was given.

1. **Any other business**
	1. It was confirmed that the Police Station at Wilton is going to close but that PC Jung would still be based in Broad Chalke.
	2. It was reported that the Doctor's Surgery will now not open on a Wednesday for which reason there will be no surgery available for three days per week.
	3. It was reported that the Poors Charity had given £500 to the Chalke Valley Sports Centre.
	4. Mrs Hall would forward information to enable the playground repairs to be taken forward.
	5. The Clerk was asked to email Mr Harris regarding the possible deployment of a speed indicator device in the village.

There being no further business the meeting ended.