BROAD CHALKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the 1053rd Meeting of the

Broad Chalke Parish Council

held at the Village Hall, Broad Chalke on

Wednesday 11 January 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Mr T Hitchings

Mr M Pickford

Mr E Fry

Mr J Alison

Mrs E Richter

Mr S Carter

Mr Martin Altham

Mr T Kimber and the Clerk, Mr C Rothwell, were in attendance.

1. To receive apologies for absence. Cllr T Cave Gibbs and Cllr S Dawes.
2. To record Declarations of Interest. None.
3. Chairman’s announcements. The Chairman told the meeting how well attended the funeral of David Gooden had been, and what a servant of Broad Chalke David had been, he will be greatly missed.
4. To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 14 December 2022 as a true and accurate record. Agreed
5. Matters Arising.

The Clerk advised that Cllr Alison, now co-opted onto the Council, is required to complete his Registration of Interests on the Wiltshire Council website.

Playground bench repairs. Cllr Hitchings will inspect to see if a repair is possible.

The Clerk had not heard anything further from Katie and Richard Jowett on the dog exercise area.

1. Report from Wiltshire Councillor Najjar. None received.
2. To receive update on Low Lane Project.

The Chairman briefed the meeting on the current position following site meeting with the contractor and representative from the Chase and Chalke Partnership and with Mr & Mrs Allsebrook.

Funding is now in place and the Clerk is working with the funding partners as to release of the funds. The expected start on site is March with a 3-week contract period. All subject to weather. A strategy for the management of public access has been agreed with the contractor and was forwarded to the Rights of Way Officer last June. The landowner is agreeable to the proposed route but does not accept any liability. The route will need to be signposted.

A small amendment to the specification has been made following the input of Mr and Mrs Allsebrook and the furthest western section will not be included in the contract area.

The Clerk has written to the Allotment Gardens Secretary.

A village and residents communication campaign needs to be in place next month.

1. To discuss arrangements for a public meeting on 8 February 2023 with the police on community safety initiatives.

This is to introduce the scheme SelectaDNA, a property marking scheme, and to discuss with residents the establishment of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in Broad Chalke. The police will present the Selecta DNA and the Clerk will discuss with Cllr Dawes, as lead on Neighbourhood Watch, the information required to present for the evening.

The meeting will start at 6.15pm at the village hall and will be followed by the February Council meeting.

The Chairman to introduce and chair the public meeting.

1. To receive update on Councillor Priorities

Cllr Richter has delayed approaching the Hub on a recycling initiative until the New Year.

Cllr Pickford reported on the various flooding issues, and it was noted that on church corner the water has not built up following the work Richard Jowett had undertaken last year. There does remain a problem on the High Road down from Longbridge and Cllr Fry to raise again with the Parish Steward. There is also continued flooding and consequent road damage by Slate Barn and Cllr Fry will continue to raise this.

Cllr Carter had undertaken some work with the AONB on a circular walk route.

1. To consider planning applications.

PL/2022/09655 Deerchase, Broad Chalke. No objections.

The Chairman briefed the meeting about the preapplication position on the Community Land Trust housing and all was progressing to plan. There was however a need for the Council to have sight of the proposals for the 3 market housing units so that any views can be expressed by the Council ahead of the formal application and seek to avoid any delays on the affordable units as both developments form one application. The Chairman has approached the architect/developer to attend the February meeting.

1. To receive update on the Playground Project

Cllr Altham briefed the Council on progress to date which included updating of the quotations from Wicksteed and Playdale and researching other play equipment suppliers. Cllr Altham has also had a site meeting with a Dinton based play equipment company, Homefront, and has a costed proposal from them. Current proposals range from c£12,000 to £50,000 and Cllr Altham will now be seeking to put together a specification /proposal that enables direct comparison of suppliers’ costs. The Clerk mentioned checking that play companies are registered with SAPCA (the Sports and Play Construction Asociatiion).

Cllr Altham has also had initial conversation with Victoria Pickford and will follow up further with other parents to get a more informed view of the type of equipment best suited for the village and will start looking into possible funding sources.

The strategy is for a spring 2024 installation and enables the Council to consider a Special Precept when it looks at its budget requirements for 2024/25 later this year.

1. To consider any arrangements for the Coronation of King Charles III on 6 May 2023.

There is currently little guidance or information and no known events/activity in Broad Chalke yet planned. The Clerk is aware that there is a wedding taking place so the church and the hall are booked on Saturday 6 May.

The Council felt that the Platinum Picnic held at the Sports Centre last year was very well received and might be one possible ‘event’, possibly on the Sunday or the bank holiday Monday.

Members of the Council to give it some thought and bring to the February meeting. The Clerk will seek to canvas local views.

1. To receive update on Footpath No. 43.

Cllr Pickford had reported that the footpath signs have been displaced at both ends and the Clerk has reported to the ROW office. Cllr Hitchings undertook to have a look if they could be safely reinstated by a Council working party.

1. To receive Clerks Update

Bank Balance: £15,375.27

Chalke Valley Fete and Show will take place on Saturday 19 August 2023 at CVSC.

British Telecom Digital Switch Over. No one at the meeting had received any information or knew any details. Cllr Altham undertook to investigate.

Mr & Mrs Penny’s bungalow. The Chairman briefed the meeting on the issue and that advice had been given that they should approach Wiltshire Council to get onto the housing register.

Village hall presentation equipment. The Clerk is liaising with the village hall committee and Wiltshire Council to identify the most cost-effective procurement approach.

Letter from Wiltshire Council on future elections costs being charged to parish councils. The Clerk advised that it would be prudent to make some provision in the 2024/25 budget, possibly £300-£400.

1. Points of Information

Cllr Carter mentioned the position with regard to trees on South Street and specifically those close to Bena Cottage. Angus Mann has instructed a survey to be undertaken and has accepted that the trees are in their ownership.

Platinum Jubilee Avenue of Trees. Progress to be checked.

There being no further business the Meeting ended at 8.32pm