BROAD CHALKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the 970th Meeting of the

Broad Chalke Parish Council

held at the Village Hall on

Wednesday 14th October 2015 at 7:30pm

**ATTENDANCE**

The following Councillors were present:

Mr T Hitchings (Chairman)

Mr E Fry

Mr R Hitchings

Mr M Pickford

Mr D Gilbert

Mr J Dutson

Apologies had been received from:

Mrs A Hall

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 two minor amendments which would be corrected on the version posted on the website.

1. **Matters arising**
   1. **Playground**

It was reported that repairs to the equipment would be carried out at a cost of approximately £400, which was approved.

* 1. **Dropped kerb at Doves Meadow**

It was clarified that this was at the entrance to the Surgery car park. It should therefore be dealt with by Highways. The Clerk would contact Wiltshire Council.

* 1. **Coombe Bissett lines**

It was reported that there were still no lines on the corner near the junction with the A354 at Coombe Bissett.

* 1. **Causeway footpath**

Mr Gilbert confirmed that the Causeway footpath was still in a poor condition.

* 1. **Traffic speed measures**

Mr Barr attended the meeting to suggest changes to the proposals for a 20 mile an hour zone in the village. However the Chairman indicated that any change to the current proposals, which had already been approved by the Parish Council, would potentially jeopardise funding for the work and it was therefore agreed that the proposals should remain unchanged. Mr Barr accepted this, indicated that his mission in relation to the matter was now complete and the Chairman thanked him for his efforts on the matter.

Mr Barr also mentioned the possibility of a speed indicator device being deployed in the village and would forward, to the Clerk, an email from Stephen Harris on this subject.

1. **Casual vacancy of Councillor and Vice-Chairman**

As a preliminary matter it was resolved that Rob Hitchings would stand in as Vice-Chairman where required e.g. when the Chairman was unable to chair a meeting, but would not formally adopt the role of Vice-Chairman.

No further decisions were made about the co-option of any further Councillors.

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

S/2015/08082/FUL Removal of link extension between two properties at Brook House and The Old Surgery, South Street, Broad Chalke, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP5 5DN.

* 1. **Applications**

S/2015/09793/TCA Ash tree – fell at Chapel Cottage, Broad Chalke, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP5 5EN.

S/2015/09680/FUL Alterations and extensions including conversion of garage to habitable accommodation at Lee Bank, South Street, Broad Chalke, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP5 5DN.

S/2015/09796/TCA 4 Lawson trees - fell 2 Birch trees - crown reduce by approximately 20% at Bow Marsh, Broad Chalke, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP5 5EN.

S/2015/09442/FUL Replace existing porch on east elevation with a single storey extension and the creation of off road parking area at Old Rafters North Street Broad Chalke Salisbury Wiltshire SP5 5EN.

There were no objections to these applications.

* 1. **Refusals**

There were none.

1. **Skate Park – alternative proposals**

The Clerk produced photographs which had been sent to him by Michaela Johns showing an alternative design for the Skate Park. This prompted discussion on the practicality of construction of a precast concrete structure using part of a concrete culvert. It was agreed that Mr Fry would investigate the matter further and report back to the Parish Council at the next meeting.

1. **Footpaths – reports from walkers**

Further completed footpath reports were submitted. It was noted that many of the disks to be affixed to signposts had become detached and the Clerk was asked to obtain a further supply of them from Wiltshire Council.

1. **Any other business**
   1. The Clerk reported on the terms of a report relating to the school travel plan which effectively said that the number of shared journeys has not materially changed.
   2. A report was received about possible changes to the bus service. At this stage it was decided to take no further action although if any interested member of the public wanted to make proposals, the Parish Council would consider them.
   3. The Clerk reported that works appeared to be under way on a property adjacent to Knighton Mill but he was not aware that any planning applications have been made. It was agreed that the Clerk would establish whether any planning application had been submitted in respect of the site.
   4. Mr R Hitchings asked whether any other Councillors had noticed noise caused by a metal cover on South Street at Causeway Cottage. No one else indicated that they thought this was a problem.
   5. The Deputy Clerk said that the various bridges in the village needed painting. The Clerk would ask Mr Chalk to carry out this work.
   6. A query was raised as to whether the poles at the edge of the Sports Field had now been repaired. Mr Fry would check and asked the Clerk to check the position on insurance.

There being no further business the meeting ended.