BROAD CHALKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the 981st Meeting of the

Broad Chalke Parish Council

held at the Village Hall on

Wednesday 14th September 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

The following Councillors were present:

Mr R Hitchings

Mr J Allison

Mr M Pickford

Mrs A Hall (part)

Apologies had been received from Mr T Hitchings, Mr J Dutson, Mr D Gilbert and Mr E Fry.

The Clerk, Mr S Whitmore, and the Deputy Clerk, Mr M Holland, were in attendance.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes were approved with amendment to show that Mr Holland had apologised for not being at the previous meeting and amendment of the reference to Tank Lane in item 8.5 to Chapel Lane.

1. Matters arising
	1. The bus shelter at the bottom of Knapp Hill was discussed further. The Clerk said he had investigated the cost of hardwood bus shelters and they were all in the region of £6,000 plus VAT. This was considered excessive. It was generally agreed that the current shelter was not well positioned, but that it was difficult to find an alternative siting. It was not known how much the shelter was actually used, and the Clerk was asked to write to Mr and Mrs Ferrera to ask them if they could provide any intelligence on this. Therefore, until further information was available, it was decided no further action would be taken.
	2. Mr Pickford said he had inspected the site at Slate Barn, Howgare Road. It appeared that the barn was being used as a scaffold pole store and that no development was intended. Therefore, it was agreed to take no further action on the matter.
	3. Concern was expressed that the right of way at The Old Bakehouse was being increasingly threatened by vehicles parking on the lane. Mr Allison said that The Old Bakehouse is now a weekend house. It was not certain who owned the cars that were blocking the right of way. It was agreed that the Clerk would insert an entry into the Broadsheet asking everyone to respect the right of way and making it clear that further action would be taken if necessary. The other possibility was to involve Nick Cowan in the matter as the right of way officer. The Clerk said he would email him.
2. Defibrillator

Dr Pelly attended the meeting to provide advice on the points to be considered in deciding whether or not to attempt to provide a defibrillator for the use of the community outside the doctor's surgery. Dr Pelly said that in his view the surgery defibrillator should be made available outside surgery hours but it did not seem that it was possible to persuade the GP practice to agree to this.

The following factors needed to be considered:

* 1. which specific machine to buy;
	2. which type of batteries to go for (the best ones last seven years);
	3. the pads need replacing every two years;
	4. the location of the defibrillator;
	5. if the item is to be outside then it must be heated and therefore needs an electricity supply;
	6. is the defibrillator to be locked or unlocked? If unlocked the British Heart Foundation will provide a £400 grant towards the purchase of the defibrillator. Locked units can be unlocked by a code which can be obtained by dialling 999 and asking for the ambulance service who will direct the caller to the closest code locked defibrillator. Code 112 will also work; and
	7. first aid training – to get the best use of a defibrillator those using it need to be trained in resuscitation techniques to keep the patients alive until the defibrillator can be deployed. Dr Pelly said that heart attack patients have been kept alive for 25 minutes before defibrillation has commenced, and drowning and electrical accident patients have been kept alive for up to two hours.

Dr Pelly said that the Wiltshire Ambulance Service would be a good source of information as to which unit to buy and on siting etc. The general view of siting was that the hub would be the best area if consent can be obtained from URC.

It was resolved in principle to proceed with the matter subject to finalising the matters referred to above.

1. Neighbourhood Plan update

Mr Truluck attended the meeting and distributed copies of the Village Design Statement and Neighbourhood Plan, both documents which would be presented at the two village meetings happening shortly after the Parish Council meeting.

At the meeting he would run through a check list of items that have already been achieved, or were in hand, and would be seeking a mandate for the proposed housing development at the identified site on Newtown, north of the school.

Discussion then turned to the plans for the Causeway footpath. Mr R Hitchings suggested that the path be on the western side of the Causeway after the road had been widened to the East. It was concluded that this was not practical because of the lie of the land to the East of the existing Causeway. Mr Truluck also confirmed that the footpath over the bridge was wide enough to enable e.g. a pram to be wheeled over it but that the bridge would still constitute a narrowing of the road which will be helpful for controlling traffic speed.

As a general principle it was agreed that the Neighbourhood Plan should be reviewed on a five yearly basis and this should be diarised by the Clerk.

1. Playground repairs

The Clerk reported that he had sourced a bench on Amazon which Alice Richardson thought would be appropriate. However, Mrs Hall said that she was expecting funds to be received from the Queen's Jubilee event, meaning that up to £500 could be spent which would enable the purchase of a church yard quality bench. She would forward details to the Clerk.

The Clerk reported that he had obtained a quotation from Outdoor Play South West for the completion of the replacement of the swings and chains for £734.40 including VAT at £122.40. Mrs Hall suggested that before proceeding with these repairs, the Parish Council should ask users of the playground whether they wanted something different to a replacement of the current chairs. The Clerk said he had been requested to obtain a quotation for the replacement. It was concluded that the quotation was reasonable and it was resolved that the works be carried out on that basis.

Mrs Hall said she had been intending to resign from the Parish Council at the end of the year but now thought it appropriate to resign with immediate effect. The Vice-chairman thanked her for her contribution as a councillor.

1. Banking formalities

The Clerk reported that as a result of needing to obtain banking information in connection with a grant for the cost of the Neighbourhood Plan printing etc., he had established that NatWest had lost recent updated records and now required further forms to be filled out for the bank mandates. He further reported that the identity regulations were onerous for all those who did not currently bank with NatWest. It was agreed that this matter would be dealt with at the next meeting when more councillors would hopefully be present.

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

S/2016/07556/FUL Alterations and extensions including conversion of garage to habitable accommodation at Lee Bank, South Street, Broad Chalke, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP5 5DN.

There were no objections to this application.

**6.2 Applications**

S/2016/08928/TCA T1 - Acer (Maple) tree - crown reduction of approximately 1m - 2m and crown thin approximately 25% at Sunnyside, High Lane, Broad Chalke, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP5 5HA.

S/2016/08930/TCA T1 - Field Maple tree - crown lift lower limbs to prevent overhanging at the rear of Treetops, High Lane, Broad Chalke, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP5 5HA.

There were no objections to either of these applications.

* 1. **Refusals**

There were none.

* 1. **Withdrawals**

There were none.

1. Any other business
	1. The Clerk reported that he had delivered a thank you present of six bottles of wine to PC Jung and he read out PC Jung's thank you letter in reply.
	2. Mr Pickford noted that Longbridge was at last being repaired following the car accident during the previous winter.
	3. Mr Hitchings and Mr Allison reported that they had attended the rural policing meetings and noted the loss of the rural police force. They said it was important that we do record all crime that occurs in the Parish because if this does not happen, the police will be entitled to consider that no crime occurs, thus reducing policing further. Telephone number 101 is useful for reporting crimes and obtaining a log number.

There being no further business the meeting ended.