

CHUTE FOREST PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Meeting held in Chute Village Hall at 19:30 on 24 October 2024

Present:

Cllr Farrell (Chairman), Cllr D Pike (Vice Chairman), Cllr Haigh, Cllr Geraghty, Wilts Cllr C Williams and Mr P Gill.

- 1 **Record Apologies.** Apologies received from Cllr Robertson and PC J Kinge Wilts Police.
- 2 **Declarations of Interest.** None declared.
- 3 **Co-Option.** No applications received
- 4 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting.**
Having considered the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 September 2024 **Cllrs Resolved to approve and sign, as a correct record, which the Chairman then signed as a true record.**
- 5 **Matters Arising.** None
- 6 **Public Questions.** No public present.
- 7 **Wiltshire Council Report.** Wilts Cllr C Williams reported that Full Council meeting took place on Tuesday 15 October. -Items on the agenda included the Wiltshire Local Plan Review – Submission of the Draft Plan. Council gave approval to submit the draft Local Plan to the Secretary of State for approval. This follows on from statutory (Reg 19) consultation which took place at the end of 2023. This new Local Plan will help meet the council's legal requirements to have an up-to-date Local Plan in place. An updated Enforcement Policy was endorsed, the aim of which is to reinforce a "one council" approach to enforcement across Wiltshire Council. There were Statements of both Licensing Policy and Gambling Principles, and various members' motions were debated, including one on Winter Fuel Payments, requesting the Leader of the Council write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Rachel Reeves MP, urging a review of Labour's decision to end the Winter Fuel Payment and after a lengthy debate on whether to accept amendments or not, the motion was approved with no amendments Private Motor Vehicles – the motion was passed, again with no amendments, that the Council refuses to support any scheme that seeks to force people out of their cars without a high quality, efficient, reliable and cost-effective alternative in place. There is a lot more information on the Council website regarding these and other subjects that were discussed on the day.
Tidworth AB met on Monday 7 October, there were various partner updates, the main one from Wiltshire and Swindon Road Safety Partnership. Grants were approved for repairs of the St James Church Bells, and winter maintenance of the green at Castledown Bowls club. Castle Practice also made a request for a grant towards a carer's café being set up at Dollys Tea Rooms. Though local members support this application, it will have to go to a Criteria Panel for a final approval. There was also a

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verbal report from the LHFIG with any decisions from this meeting being approved at the next AB meeting in December as there was not a full weeks' notice to have them on the agenda.—The next AB meeting takes place on Monday 9 December at Ludgershall Memorial Hall. Cllr Williams answered questions from Cllrs.

Chairman thanked Wilts Cllr Williams for his report.

8 Wiltshire Police Report. No police present. However, Cllrs noted the September email report from PCSO Rupinder for which she was thanked.

9 Correspondence – None received that has not been circulated.

10 Finance:

10.1 The Clerk having presented the bank statement and cash book Cllrs **RESOLVED to accept and sign bank reconciliation as per the bank statement of £6,815.44 as of 22 Oct 24.**

10.2 **Cllrs RESOLVED to authorise the following payments.**

- (1) Clerks Salary
 - (a) Sep – 259.58
 - (b) Oct – 259.58
- (2) HMRC
 - (a) Sep - £65.00
 - (b) Oct - £65.00
- (3) IONOS
 - (a) Oct - £3.60 (VAT £0.60)
- (4) HUGOFOX
 - (a) Sep - £11.99 (VAT £2.00)
 - (b) Oct - £11.99 (VAT £ 2.00)
- (5) Chute Village Hall
 - (a) Annual Hall Hire - £130.00
- (6) Chute PC
 - (a) KGPF Maintenance Contribution - £1206.00

10.3 **Payments received.**

- (1) No payments received

10.4 **Bank Signatory.** The Clerk reported that Cllr Farrell is now an active signatory on the bank account. **Cllrs noted the report.**

10.5 **Bank Charges.** The Clerk reported that the Bank was planning to introduce a monthly account maintenance fee of £4.50 and other incidental charges WEF 14 Jan 25. **Cllrs noted the report**

11 Planning Applications as received from Wiltshire Council. None received.

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- 12 **Domain & Email Address.** Cllr Pike reported that this was progressing well and after discussion Cllrs RESOLVED to change the domain name to chuteforestpc.gov.uk. **Action: Cllr Pike**
- 13 **New 3 Finger Post.** Cllr Pike reported that this was in hand with fingers ready to be painted and post being worked on. **Action: Cllr Pike**
- 14 **Safety Signs.** Cllr Farrell reported that he had not progressed this item. After a lengthy discussion Cllrs RESOLVED that the wording on the sign be " Please drive carefully through our village" and that villagers were to be consulted before a decision was made on the location of the signs. **Action: Cllrs Farrell, Robertson & Haigh.**
- 15 **Footpaths Report.** Cllr Farrell had nothing new to report . Cllrs noted the report.
- 16 **Highways Report.** Cllr Pike reported that together with Cllr Carolyn Wall and Cllr Tim Harker, Chute Parish Council, he met with Grish Lohani the new highways engineer for our area. We drove round the two parishes to review the main issue areas. The gully tankers are due in the parish shortly and we provided a list of the relevant gullies and the priority ones to clear. **Cllrs noted the report**
- 17 **Village Hall Report.** Cllr Robertson reported by email that the committee are awaiting the new casement windows to be fitted and that the new Hive central heating controls is now installed and that the hall insurance has just gone up to £1,300. **Cllrs noted the report**
The Clerk passed a signed portrait of the King to Cllr Geraghty for delivery to the Village Hall Committee. **Action: Cllr Geraghty**
- 18 **KGF Report.** Cllr Geraghty reported that the wood on the seesaw needs to be replaced **Cllrs Noted the Report**
- 19 **Future Meetings.**
- 19.1 **Business to be transacted at next meeting.** No agenda items were noted for the next meeting.
- 19.2 **Date of Next Meeting.** The date was confirmed as Thursday, 09 January 2025

The meeting closed at 20.20.

Signed:

Chairman

Date:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'C. Geraghty', with the date '09/01/25' written to its right.