

CHUTE FOREST PARISH COUNCIL

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Meeting held in Chute Village Hall held at 19:30 on 14 March 2024

Present:

Cllr Farrell (Vice Chair), Cllr Haigh and Cllr Geraghty.

- 1 **Record Apologies.** Apologies received from Cllr D Pike (Chairman), Cllr Robertson, Wilts Cllr C Williams and PCSO Rupinder Wilts Police.
- 2 **Declarations of Interest.** Cllr Geraghty declared an interest in item 13 – Speed Indicator Signs.
- 3 **Co-Option.** No applications received
- 4 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting.**
Having considered the Minutes of the meeting held on 11 January 2024 **Cllrs Resolved to approve and sign, as a correct record, which the Vice 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 Wiltshire Council agreed its budget for 2024/25 at the Full Council meeting on Tuesday 20 February and set the Council Tax as 2.99% for its element of council tax, plus a 2% levy to be spent solely on adult social care. This will mean an increase of £1.65 per week for those with a Band D property at an annual charge of £1,805.73. This balanced budget ensures that Wiltshire Council can deliver much needed services and continue to invest for the future. He then gave a detailed brief on Wiltshire Council's spending plans the details of which can be found on Wilts Council website.
- 8 **Wiltshire Police Report.** No police present. However, Cllrs noted the March 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 £5387.26 as of 13 Mar 24.**
 - 10.2 **Cllrs RESOLVED to authorise the following payments.**
 - (1) Clerks Salary
 - (a) Jan - £259.78
 - (b) Feb – £259.58
 - (c) Mar - £259.58

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- (2) HMRC
 - (a) Jan - £64.80
 - (b) Feb - £65.00
 - (c) Mar - £65.00
- (3) IONOS
 - (a) Feb - £3.60 (VAT £0.60)
 - (b) Mar - £3.60 (VAT £0.60)
- (4) HUGOFOX
 - (a) Feb - £11.99

10.3 **Payments received.**

- (1) No payments received

10.4 **Grants.** Having considered a request from the VH Committee for a grant of £250.00 towards the repair of the chimney which totals £5K **Cllrs RESOLVED to make a grant of £250.00 to the VH Committee.** **Action: Clerk**

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

12 **Safety Signs.** Cllr Farrell reported that he had not progressed this item and that he now needs to consult with Cllrs Robertson & Haigh regarding the style of the signs and the message on the signs and after discussion **Cllrs RESOLVED that local landowners were be consulted before a decision was made on the definitive version and location of the signs.** **Action: Cllrs Farrell, Robertson & Haigh.**

13 **Speed Indicator Signs (SIDs) .** Having noted that Cllr Geraghty had declared an interest in this item, that an objection had been received from a resident and that the Clerk had reported that Chute PC was not going to progress with plans to install SIDs at either end of Hatchett Hill, but were considering other speed reduction measures **Cllrs RESOLVED that the Clerk was to write to Chute PC requesting that this Council be consulted by Chute PC on any matters that it is considering in those areas where the two Councils have a common border and that this Council would do likewise.** **Action: Clerk**

14 **Footpaths Report.** Cllr Farrell had nothing new to report . **Cllrs noted the report.**

15 **Highways Report.** In the absence of Cllr Pike the Clerk reported that the grips down to the Wiltshire border at Clanville had been cleared and that Chute PC Cllr Tim Harker had bid for all of the gulleys in the Chutes' to be cleaned on 8 Apr. **Cllrs noted the report**

16 **Village Hall Report.** Cllr Robertson reported by email that the hall has had two highly successful lunches, the Burns Lunch and Valentines Lunch raising £360. Coffee mornings and lunches raise in the region £230 a month which goes towards our fixed costs of £350 a month. Fortunately, we have had some good bookings during February. We now have to get quotes to replace the large window by the China cabinet which is rotten and have spent 35k on making the chimney safe. We will therefore report a small loss this year. **Cllrs noted the report**

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17 **KGF Report.** Cllr Geraghty reported the roof has been repaired on the pavilion. Quotes are being obtained to repair the ceiling and redecorate throughout. The first quote came in at £5,000 which is excessive. Two additional quotes will be obtained. The playing field has been aerated and they are coming back again in March to complete the work required. The mower had been repaired at a cost of £2,500 but Standen Farm have very generously donated £2,000 towards this, for which we are thankful.

Cllrs Noted the Report

18 **Future Meetings meeting.**

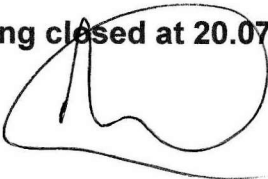
18.1 No agenda items were noted for the next meeting.

18.2 **Date of Next Meeting.** The date was confirmed as the Annual Parish Council Meeting Thursday, 09 May 2024

The meeting closed at 20.07.

Signed:

Chairman



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