

CHACOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on **Monday 9th January 2023** at **7pm** at Chacombe Village Hall

Present: Cllr Taylor, Cllr Wright, Cllr Jenkins, Cllr Castle, Cllr Tustian, Clerk.

In attendance – 2 members of the public.

86) Public Time from 7-7:15pm – 2 Representatives from the Chacombe Sports & Social Club advised that the group is now struggling for members due to a number of the longstanding members aging and needing to step down soon. If younger members of the community do not put themselves forward to continue the group it may be necessary to close down the group and the representatives wondered if it would be an option for the funds they hold to be transferred to the Parish Council (PC) to hold for the purpose of funding village sports and social events in future. It was felt that this may be an option to consider should the group fold but it would be preferable if the PC could support the group in finding new members to allow the group to continue. The Sports & Social Club will be putting a note in the next Chacombe Chimes which will include a plea for new members. The councillors will consider what support they may be able to provide to the group, both in a personal capacity and as a PC.

2 members of the public left at 7:24pm.

87) Apologies – Apologies received - Cllr Wilkin. Apologies accepted – None.

88) Declaration of interests on items on the agenda – None.

89) To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 05.12.22 – The minutes were proposed, agreed, and duly signed.

90) Outstanding matters/actions from previous meetings

- a) Possible speed reduction methods in the parish – Cllr Castle has chased Cllr Herring a number of times and she has now responded advising that she has been chasing this too but is not getting any response. **Cllr Castle to continue to chase.**
- b) Defibrillator relocation – The post and electrical supply have now been installed. **Cllr Jenkins to forward a quote from an electrical contractor** for installation of the defibrillator to the Clerk asap. **Clerk to obtain additional quotes. Clerk to order the defibrillator and outdoor cabinet for delivery to Cllr Jenkins.**
- c) Status of existing defibrillator – The defibrillator has been checked and is active. **Clerk to mark the defib as checked and active on 'The Circuit'. Clerk to resend invite for access to the Circuit to Cllr Wright.**
- d) Update re repairs to the gates to the allotments – The gate has been repaired.
- e) To confirm completion of the outstanding sections of the quarterly asset safety check and address any issues raised – Cllr Taylor confirmed completion of the check on Z2 with no safety concerns raised. **Cllr Wright will complete her check asap.**

91) Planning applications received

WNS/2022/2411/FUL and WNS/2022/2412/LBC - Wesley House, 3 Wesley Place, Chacombe. Proposed garden shed and rill (water channel). **Support.**

Planning appeal notifications received

22/01488/OUT - OS Parcel 5616 South West Of Huscote Farm And East Of, Daventry Road, Banbury. Appeal against Non-determination - Construction of up to 140,000 sq m of employment floorspace (use class B8 with ancillary offices and facilities) and servicing and infrastructure including new site accesses, internal roads and footpaths, landscaping including earthworks to create development platforms and bunds, drainage features and other associated works including demolition of the existing farmhouse. **Cllr Wright to update objections and**

send to Clerk for submission to the planning inspectorate. Clerk to put an article in the Chacombe Chimes advising parishioners how they can respond to the appeal.

Planning decisions received

WNS/2022/0754/FUL – Forge House, 7 The Ring, Chacombe. Replacement of 14 windows with double glazed, flush fitting, white UVPC (white foil effect) leaded windows. **Refused.**

WNS/2022/1337/FUL - Poplars Farm, 19 Silver Street, Chacombe. Installation of new foul drainage and below ground sewage pump to allow connection into mains sewer. **Approved.**

92) Finance

- a) Approval of the bank statement balances as at 03.01.23 of £22,034.12 and £2,077.28 – Cllr Wilkin has confirmed by e-mail that the balances stated are correct.
- b) To confirm completion of the second (Jul to Sep) and third quarterly (Oct to Dec) financial checks – Cllr Wilkin has confirmed by e-mail that the checks have been completed and all was found to be in order.
- c) To agree the budget and resulting precept for the 2023-24 financial year – It was noted that the Donations S137 budget line does not include the full remaining value of the grant for the defibrillator. It was agreed to increase the S137 budget line to £2,320.55, and the VAT spend for 2022-23 and income for 2023-24 to £1,535 to allow for the VAT on the defibrillator purchases. In order to avoid an increase in the precept it was agreed to reduce the general reserve to £13,330. Taking account of these changes it was proposed and agreed to set a budget of £20,876.00 resulting in a precept of £18,000 with the difference being funded by the surplus from the current financial year. **Clerk to submit precept demand.**
- d) To note and approve the following payments and receipts:

Payments made since last meeting using delegated powers: Proposed and agreed.

16.12.22	SWALEC	Streetlighting 2 Nov to 1 Dec	£30.06
19.12.22	Kirsty Buttle	Post for defibrillator	£311.39
19.12.22	Kirsty Buttle	Salary and office Dec	£505.59
19.12.22	HMRC	Tax Dec	£10.60
31.12.22	Unity Bank	Bank charges	£18.00

Invoices yet to be paid: Proposed and agreed.

Chacombe Village Hall	Hall hire June 2022 to Dec 2022	£47.00
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Receipts: Noted.

31.12.22	Unity Bank	Interest	£34.12
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93) Information exchange – Cllr Tustian gave his apologies for the next meeting.

Concerns were raised about the safety of the Frontier Park Development next to the M40 which has yet to be landscaped, is an unoccupied eyesore and is insecure. The fencing is flimsy, in some places falling into the road (A361) with the gate often open and unguarded. **Cllr Wright to draft a letter for the Clerk to send to those responsible for the development.**

Meeting closed @ 7:58pm.

Date of next meeting – 6th February 2023

Signed..... Date.....