

EAST CHINNOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the East Chinnock Parish Council Meeting that was held on Monday 7th January 2008 at 7.45pm in the Village Hall

Present

Chairman: Cllr. M Jones
Vice Chair
Councillors Mr K Harris, Mrs M Merchant, Mr J Churchill, Mr A Harris
District Councillor Mr R Pallister (part of the meeting)
County Councillor
Officers Mrs H Early

140. Apologies for absence

Mrs P O'Donnell and Mrs C Bakewell.

141. Declarations of Interest.

None

142. Minutes of the last Meeting

The minutes from the last meeting, which had been previously circulated to Members were approved as a true record and then signed by the Chairman.

143. Matters arising from the minutes

- Minute 89b The Kickwall information has been circulated to all Councillors. A discussion was held and it was felt that the Councillors would like to discuss this further with the children / teenagers in the village to ascertain if this is really what they want. A meeting has been set for 17th February 2008 at 10.30am at the Playing Fields. Any children/teenagers who have a view on what they would like at the Playing Fields are invited to meet with the Councillors to discuss this further. Out of courtesy, Mr Jones will speak with Mr and Mrs Homewood, as they may be affected by a kickwall.
- Minute 90. Despite a further article in the Chinnock Chimes no more volunteers have come forward for the Speedwatch programme.
- Minute 116 The Pre-School Shed. It was confirmed that the Parish Council have no objection to the Pre-School having a storage shed on the Playing Fields. The location of the shed is to be discussed on another date pending agreement from the Diocese of Bath and Wells. The Clerk will write to the Diocese to request permission for the Storage shed. This letter will be done before the next Parish Council meeting and a copy sent to Rebecca Le Feuvre.
- Minute 126 Planning Training. The Clerk is still arranging this training.
- Minute 126 Opportunity Crewkerne. The Public Meeting has been moved to February and Mr Murdoch will unfortunately not be able to attend. Mr Jones

kindly agreed to attend to represent East Chinnock's request for funds for the Village Hall kitchen.

- Minute 126 Somerset Strategic Partnership. Unfortunately no Councillors were able to attend.
- Minute 133. The pot holes in Orchardleigh have been filled all the way up to the silt trap.
- Minute 134. Play Area perimeter fence. Andy Harris was unable to get another quote over Christmas. However he agreed to get 2 verbal quotes. If these are more than the current quote, then the Councillors have agreed that Mr Allen should be asked to do the work as soon as possible.

144. Clerks Report and Correspondence

- Dog Bins. Although the Parish Council are in agreement that a dog bin is required in the village it was agreed to put the matter on hold pending the collection process being reviewed by the Council in February.
- SCC Request for Funding for Olympic Games. This request was turned down.
- Vehicle Activated Signs. As money has been set aside in the precept, the Councillors asked the Clerk to progress our request for these in East Chinnock.
- There is a Parish Lengthsman Meeting on 15th January at 7.30pm

The following items were circulated to and read by all the Councillors

- Parish council Questionnaire Highway Related Services Results – 2007
- Diocesan Environment Group Information
- Meals Service in South Somerset
- Footpath Y8/22 and Y8/23 Diversion Information
- Somerset Matters magazine
- New PCSO Introduction
- Register of Electors. All the Councillors requested a copy of this information for their records.
- Summary of the Annual Report of the Director of Public Health.
- Area West Committee Notice of Meeting on the 19th December 2007
- Letter from Mrs Bugler to the Highways Department regarding the drainage system on Chinnock Hill

145. District Councillors Report

Mr Pallister advised the Councillors that an extra special meeting with the Councillors will be required to discuss the Local Development Framework. He will liaise with the Clerk to agree a date and venue.

146. County Councillors Report.

Mrs Bakewell was not present at the meeting.

147. Finance.

Following the December meeting the Clerk has applied for £5,500 for the year 08/09

148. Payments

The following item was presented for payment and agreed by the Councillors

Mrs H Early £19.66 Clerks Expenses

149. Planning Applications

No applications have been received since the last meeting.

150 Planning Decisions

No decisions have been made since the last meeting

151 Parish Lengthsman Report and Update.

Mrs O'Donnell was not present to make a report

152. Potholes and General Maintenance Report and Update.

Keith Harris keeps reporting the issue with the gully in the Hollow and will continue to chase this matter.

153. Play Area Report and Update

It was agreed that the Councillors would meet at 10.30am on 12th January at the Playing Fields to discuss the centre fence.

154 Rights of Way.

Mr Murdoch advised the Councillors that further to the large amount of correspondence regarding the diversion of footpaths Y8/22 and Y8/23, the matter is to be determined by the Planning Inspectorate who will walk the paths and then make their decision.

155 Village Newsletter.

Items for the next issue include

- 17th February meeting with the Children to discuss the Kickwall
- Dog Bins
- Speedwatch
- Vehicle Activated Signs

156. Entertainments Committee.

Nothing to report

157. Items to report

There has been an instance of fly tipping in the village.

158 Next Meeting

Monday 4th February 2008 at 7.45pm in the Village Hall (the Clerk will not be attending but Mrs O'Donnell has kindly offered to take notes)

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting

Signed

(Chair)

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MINUTES
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Vice Chair	Cllr P O'Donnell
Councillors	Mr K Harris, Mrs M Merchant, Mr J Churchill, Mr A Harris
District Councillor	Mr R Pallister (part of the meeting)
County Councillor	Mrs C Bakewell

Officers

The Chairman introduced PC Dave Lewis to the Council. PC Lewis is our Police Community Support Officer. He has 10 parishes to look after. He used to live in East Chinnock and now lives in West Chinnock. His main focus is to prevent crime and he will be on foot patrol in the villages. He also wants to prevent youngsters from getting bored and he informed the Council that there is a mobile youth bus that could be used in East Chinnock. The Council expressed an interest in this.

The Chairman then thanked PC Lewis for coming to the meeting.

159. Apologies for absence

Mrs H Early

160. Declarations of Interest.

Cllr A Harris in Agenda item number 10 – Planning Applications.

161. Minutes of the last Meeting

The minutes from the last meeting, which had been previously circulated to Members were approved as a true record and then signed by the Chairman.

162. Matters arising from the minutes

Minute 116, the Pre-School Shed. The Diocese of Bath and Wells have acknowledged receipt of the Parish Council letter requesting permission for the shed. No further correspondence has been received.

Minute 134. The Play Area Fencing. Cllr Churchill proposed and Cllr K Harris seconded that the quote from Mr Allen be accepted. The Clerk is to contact Mr Allen to ask him to carry out the work The Clerk has also confirmed that Mr Allen will fell the tree at no extra cost.

Minute 144. The Speed Indicator Device. The County Council have acknowledged the Parish Council request for a SID. No further correspondence has been received.

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163. Clerks Report and Correspondence

- New Model code of Conduct for Councillors – Cllr Kemp will be attending the training on the 26th February. Other Councillors may also attend.
- Parish Flood Fair – 21 & 22 February. No Councillors are able to attend this.
- Play Seminar 20th February. No Councillors are able to attend this.
- Consultation on Orders and Regulations relating to the Conduct of Local Authority Members in England. The Councillors had no additional comments to make to this document.
- Accident on Weston Street. The Clerk has informed the Community Police Officer of this accident.
- Opportunity Crewkerne – 13th February The Village Hall Kitchen is one of the projects hoping to receive money. Councillor Jones will be speaking on behalf of the village hall as Mr Murdoch is away. Councillors are urged to attend if possible.
- Temporary Road Closure, Partway Lane, Hardington Mandeville. The Clerk was asked to put this information on the notice board.
- Play Area and Youth Facility Inspection report – The Clerk was asked to write to the District Council to explain that the bushes on the swings are in fact self lubricating, and the top goal posts have been cemented and bolted into the ground and therefore should not be loose.

The following items were circulated to and read by all the Councillors

- Footpath Diversion Information
- Area West Committee Meeting – 16th January
- Thatch Magazine
- Redlynch Leisure Magazine
- The Clerk Magazine
- Tree Talk

164. District Councillors Report

Mr Pallister advised the Councillors that the financial budget will be over 3% but there is still a final decision to be made.

The dips on the A30 road as you come into the village from Yeovil direction are to be looked at by Highways. If they can be patched they will.

Discussions over the hedging at the end of Odcombe Hollow are continuing.

165. County Councillors Report.

Mrs Bakewell had three items to report

- Somerset Council tax will be 3.9% as a good settlement has been received from the government this year.
- It is really important that villages have a Parish Plan as grants are often obtained through knowing the objectives of the village
- No left turn at Coker Bridge. Highways seem surprised that anyone would want to use this road. As there is no valid traffic management risk nothing is likely to be done. The Traffic Team Manager will be contacted though.

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166. Finance.

Nothing to report.

167. Payments

The following item was proposed by Cllr Churchill and seconded by Cllr A Harris.

Mrs H Early	£800.00	Clerks Annual Salary
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168. Planning Applications

07/03715/COU

Mr Andrew Harris Land OS 9258 Green Lane East Chinnock

Retrospective application for use of land to store materials and a vehicle in a bunded area also to compost green waste.

The Council recommended approval.

169 Planning Decisions

No decisions have been made since the last meeting

170 Parish Lengthsman Report and Update.

Mrs O'Donnell was asked that the lengthsman carry out the following

- unblock drain at bottom of Cott Farm Road and A30
- clean Forge Lane sign
- look at swing gate into play area for some system to keep it shut

171. Potholes and General Maintenance Report and Update.

Cllr K Harris explained that he has been having difficulties with contacting Highways. The reported pot holes at the top of the Hollow have been filled in. Further to Mr Buglers letter regarding the pipes and ditches, the pipes have been jetted however it is felt that the ditches need to be dug out as when it rains they fill up and then block the pipes again. The drain opposite Mr Bugle has also dropped. Cllr K Harris to report this.

172. Play Area Report and Update

Cllr Jones will get 2 more keys cut for the five bar gate

Cllr Merchant proposed and Cllr Churchill seconded that the play area be rolled. Cllr A Harris will ask his contact to do this in the Spring.

173 Rights of Way.

Mr Murdoch was unable to attend the meeting but he sent a report to say that

- Last year the Parish Council was asked to review the list of Rights of Way in the parish which are cleared of vegetation by the District Council. Mr Murdoch completed this and it is currently under review by SSDC and the agreed schedule will be issued in March.

A second part of the exercise was to prioritise Rights of Way in the parish so that the most used routes would get priority for dealing with faults, obstructions etc. Not all parishes have completed this yet (East Chinnock has through Mr Murdoch) and when it is complete it will go to the County Council to " build a risk assessment matrix to produce a fault prioritisation system"

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174 Village Newsletter.

Reminder that there is a meeting with the village youngsters on Sunday 17th February at 10.30am

175. Entertainments Committee.

A short meeting will be held on the 11th February to discuss the Barn Dance

176. Items to report

A drain cover has dropped in West Coker. The Clerk was asked to contact West Coker Parish Council to see if it has been reported to them.

Village Clean up – it was felt that it was too dangerous for this to continue along the A30. The Clerk in conjunction with the Chairman will write to the District Council to ask if they would do it.

Notice has been received from the Church that four Monterey Cypress trees need to be felled.

177 Next Meeting

Monday 3rd March 2008 at 7.45pm in the Village Hall

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting

Signed

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Present

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Vice Chair	Cllr P O'Donnell
Councillors	Mr K Harris, Mrs M Merchant, Mr J Churchill, Mr A Harris, Mrs L Kemp
District Councillor	Mr R Pallister (part of the meeting)
County Councillor	Mrs C Bakewell (part of the meeting)
Officers	Mrs H Early

178. Apologies for absence

None

179. Declarations of Interest.

Cllr M Merchant in Agenda item number 10 – Planning Application for Mr Tierney.

180. Minutes of the last Meeting

The minutes from the last meeting, which had been previously circulated to Members were approved as a true record and then signed by the Chairman.

181. Matters arising from the minutes

Minute 116, the Pre-School Shed. The Clerk has contacted the Diocese of Bath and Wells to ask for a response. The Diocese have replied to say that the Land Agents have been working on the year end audit and will hopefully respond soon.

Minute 134. The Play Area Fencing. The work has commenced on the fence work.

Minute 163.

- New Model Code of Conduct. Cllrs Kemp, K Harris, and Jones attended this training and feedback that it had been worthwhile and it was important to declare an interest if sitting on another committee in the Village – eg Village Hall Committee.
- Opportunity Crewkerne. Cllr Jones attended on behalf of East Chinnock and gave an excellent presentation to request funds for the Village Hall kitchen. Unfortunately there were not enough votes to support our request. It was felt that the voting process was not ideal and this feedback has been given

Minute 174 – Meeting with village youngsters on 17th February to discuss the Play Area. Cllr K Harris feedback that about 10 youngsters attended the meeting and the feeling was that a kickwall would be the best idea. Since then a representative from a company called SMP met with Councillors and a quote has been given. The clerk will circulate this to the Councillors, she was also asked to remind the company that they were going to provide us with information on available grants and also tell us where their kickwalls are in

Somerset for us to visit.. The Clerk will also contact the District Council and the Area West Committee to see what grants are available. The Clerk was also asked to contact the Diocese of Bath and Wells to ask for permission to erect this sports system.

182. Clerks Report and Correspondence

- Somerset Heritage Event – a request for people to have a table at this event was declined by the Councillors.
- Diocese of Bath and Wells – Annual Health and Safety Review 2008. Cllr Jones agreed to complete these.
- Community Ventures Training . No Councillors wished to attend,
- South Somerset Association for Voluntary and Community Action Ltd. A request for a donation. All Councillors were in favour of giving a donation of £50.

The following items were circulated to and read by all the Councillors

- Area West Committee Meeting – 20th February
- Constructionline – SSDC new Supplier Accreditation System
- Appointment of External Auditor
- Standards Committee Meeting – 15th February
- Validation of Planning Applications
- The Playing Field
- Somerset Local Access Forum Annual Newsletter
- Recycling Update

183. District Councillors Report

Mr Pallister asked for volunteers to join the rota for cutting the grass on the Playing Fields. More volunteers would be welcomed.

The Playing Fields need rolling. Cllr A Harris to action this.

184. County Councillors Report.

Mrs Bakewell had nothing to report

185. Finance.

Nothing to report.

186. Payments

The following items were proposed and agreed for payment

East Chinnock Village Hall Committee	£99	Hire of Hall
Mr Thorne	£15	Bus Shelter Cleaning

187. Planning Applications

08/004242/FUL

Applicant Mr and Mrs R A Bower

Demolition of existing timber shed and the erection of an extension to the rear of the dwellinghouse

The Council recommended approval

08/00895/FUL *

Applicant TJ Tierney

Cider Press Barn , Weston Street

Alterations and enlargement of existing extension

The Council recommended approval

188 Planning Decisions

No decisions have been made since the last meeting

189 Parish Lengthsman Report and Update.

Mrs O'Donnell was asked that the lengthsman carry out the following when he has time

- repaint the play equipment
- paint the village road signs

190. Potholes and General Maintenance Report and Update.

Cllr K Harris explained that the gully by Mr Bugle has now been done and the pot holes are to be filled.

The 10mph sign is to prepare everyone for the resurfacing of Weston Street- date not yet known.

191. Play Area Report and Update

Nothing further to report

192 Rights of Way.

Mr Murdoch has now been elected as the Village PPLO and he has been given a set of tools that are for the village to use to keep Rights of Way Clear. If anyone would like to borrow these tools then please contact Mr Murdoch (please note the tools are for the village to use, not to request that Mr Murdoch carry out the work)

Mr Murdoch was asked to investigate the rights of camping on common ground

193 Village Newsletter.

Nothing to report

194. Entertainments Committee.

The Barn Dance will be held on the 28th June 2008

195. Items to report

The verge by the Playing Fields gate is now regularly used by the Play Group for parking. It was felt that perhaps the Pre-Schools should be asked to make this area "sound". This will be discussed at the next Parish Council Meeting

196 Next Meeting

Monday 7th April 2008 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall for the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the monthly Parish Council Meeting

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting

Signed

(Chair)

Date

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Councillors	Mr K Harris, Mrs M Merchant, Mr J Churchill, Mr A Harris,
District Councillor	Mr R Pallister (part of the meeting)
County Councillor	Mrs C Bakewell (part of the meeting)
Officers	Mrs H Early

197. Apologies for absence

Mrs L Kemp

198. Declarations of Interest.

None

199. Minutes of the last Meeting

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200. Matters arising from the minutes

Minute 174

Kickwall. The Clerk has written to the Diocese of Bath and Wells to ask permission to erect a kickwall on the Play Area. To date no response has been received. She will send a reminder. The Clerk has also started to investigate funding opportunities.

Minute 183

Rolling of Playing Fields. It was agreed that Cllr A Harris would hire a roller and do this. The cost is approximately £50

Minute 192.

Mr Murdoch is currently identifying who owns the land across which the rights of way go. In respect of youths in the village using the paths on their motorbikes, Cllr Jones will speak informally to those involved and ask them to stop doing so.

Minute 195.

Area used by Pre-School as parking. Cllr Jones to speak to J LeFeuvre regarding this. Cllr O'Donnell will speak to the Lengthsman to see if there is any spare chippings that can be put down.

201. Clerks Report and Correspondence

- SALC – the Councillors decided not to join this association as they felt it did not provide value for money for the parishioners..
- Playground Management Training Course. No Councillors wished to attend this, and again they felt it was an expensive course.
- Validation of Planning Applications Consultation. The Councillors had no additional comments to make
- BBC Bus. It was felt that the village did not have a big enough event to ask the bus to attend
- SSDC A Guide to advertising your event. The information will be passed to Meg Wellard for insertion in the Chinnock Chimes and the Clerk will put the information on the notice board.
- SSDC Core Strategy Issues and Options. Public Consultation Meeting on 9th April 2008. Cllr Jones will attend on behalf of the Council.
- Feoffee Trustee. It was proposed and seconded that Cllr Maurice Jones be re-appointed as a Trustee on the Feoffees
- Youth Bus. The Clerk was asked to see if any progress has been made on this, by speaking to the PCSO and Lesley Boucher from West Coker.

The following items were circulated to and read by all Councillors

- Parish Lengthsman Meeting minutes
- SSVCA Newsletter
- South Somerset News
- Footpath Diversion Reissued document
- SSDC Standards Committee Minutes Feb 2008
- Grants Mechanism
- Town and Parish Standard
- Somerset Waste Partnership
- Appointment of External Auditor
- Area West Committee
- Strategic Housing Market Assessment Newsletter
- HGV Pinch Point Consultation

202. District Councillors Report

Mr Pallister will check about the hedge cutting at the bottom of the Hollow. He will also find out what is happening about the dog fouling bins

203. County Councillors Report.

Mrs Bakewell reported the following

- there has been a hitch on issuing the free bus passes to those over the age of 60. Out of 53000 to be issued only 800 have gone out. However it is hoped that this will be rectified by next week.
- It is not yet known if the dips on the A30 can be patched or whether more serious work is required. They will check when on site, but in the meantime, uneven road signs have been put in place
- Chiselborough Hill Lane is to be re-surfaced and several other roads in the village are to have surface dressing over the next 12 months.

204. Finance.

The Annual Audit paperwork has been received by the Clerk and will have to be submitted by 2nd June 2008.

205. Payments

The following items were proposed and agreed for payment

SSVCA	£50	Donation
DC Allen	£1944.62	Fence Works
Parish Lengthsman	£326.30	6 month fee

206. Planning Applications

None Received

207 Planning Decisions

08/00424/FUL Mr and Mrs Bower

18 Orchardleigh

Demolition of existing timber shed and erection of an extension

Permission Granted

208 Parish Lengthsman Report and Update.

Cllr O'Donnell will ask about gravel for outside the Pre-School

The Chairman reminded Councillors that they should forward any ideas regarding activities for the Lengthsman to Cllr O'Donnell.

209. Potholes and General Maintenance Report and Update.

Cllr K Harris said that work is still on-going regarding the drains.

210. Play Area Report and Update

The fencing work has been completed and the Clerk was asked to portray the Councillors thanks to Mr Allen

211. Rights of Way

Nothing to report

212. Village Newsletter

No additional items to add

213. Entertainments Committee.

Nothing to report

214. Items to report

The Clerk will issue an up to date Assets List for circulation to Councillors

The Clerk will investigate when the marquee was purchased

The Clerk will write to Highways to ask if the Speed limit can be reduced to 20mph along Weston Street.

215 Next Meeting

Monday 12th May 2008 at 7.45pm in the Village Hall for the Annual Parish Council Meeting

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting

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District Councillor	Mr R Pallister (part of the meeting)
County Councillor	
Officers	Mrs H Early

216. Apologies for absence

Mr K Harris

Appointment of Parish Council Chairman

The Chairman Cllr Jones asked the Clerk to manage this part of the meeting. Mr Jones said he was prepared to be the Chairman for another year. No other Councillors came forward. Mr Jones was then proposed and seconded. All the Councillors voted in favour of Mr Jones continuing as the Chairman. He then signed an Acceptance of Office.

Mr Jones then resumed as Chairman of the meeting.

Appointment of Parish Council Vice Chairman.

Mr Churchill said that he was willing to stand. No other Councillors expressed an interest. Mr Churchill was then proposed and seconded. All Councillors were in favour of Mr Churchill as the Vice Chairman. He then signed an Acceptance of Office.

217. Declarations of Interest.

None

218. Minutes of the last Meeting

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219. Matters arising from the minutes

Minute 174 Kickwall. The Diocese has e-mailed the Clerk to say that they have no objection to the Kickwall. Mrs Kemp and the Clerk will be completing the Big Lottery Fund Application form for funding, and contact Mrs Bakewell to see if there is any funding from the County Council budget.

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Minute 201. SSDC Base Strategy meeting. After a lengthy discussion the Clerk will respond to say that The Parish Council would ask them to look at infilling in small villages with low cost housing.

Minute 202 Mr Pallister will investigate further the matter of the Hollow hedge cutting and the emptying of the dog fouling bins. It was reported that dog fouling on the pathways has increased recently and dog walkers are reminded to please dispose of the dog waste in the correct manner.

220. Clerks Report and Correspondence

- Membership of the Society of Local Council Clerks. It was decided that the Parish will not join this year. However if the Clerk feels that membership to this organisation or SALC is needed then the matter will be revisited.
- Asset List. This was agreed and the Clerk will send copies to the Councillors
- Affordable Housing. This was not relevant to East Chinnock as the Parish Council do not own any land
- £10k for young people, no ideas were forthcoming. The Clerk was asked to pass the information onto the Entertainments Committee.
- £10k for older people, no ideas were forthcoming. The Clerk was asked to pass the information onto the Entertainments Committee
- South Somerset Together's AGM. No Councillors were able to attend
- South Somerset Together Sustainable Community Strategy Stakeholder Events. No Councillors were able to attend.
- Play Area and Youth Facility Report, the Clerk was asked to write to Mr Boarder and request that when he does the next review that a Councillor be present as some of the items on his report have been questioned.

The following items were circulated to and read by all Councillors

- Area West Committee 16th April
- Shopmobility
- Focus on Transporting Somerset
- Bus Service Information
- SCSN
- Planned works in Somerset
- Environmental Maintenance
- Temporary Road Closure in Hardington
- Diocese letter re sale of Cluttons
- Standards Committee – 7th May
- Diocese letter re: Post Office Closures

221. District Councillors Report

Mr Pallister said that instead of making compulsory redundancies to save money, the District Council are going through a process called lean thinking. This will eliminate waste in processes and allow savings to be made through natural wastage.

Mr Pallister advised that the waste trials for plastic and cardboard are on-going and the outcome will not be known before October.

Mr Palliser informed the Councillors of the cost of the Youth Bus. It was felt to put this on hold for the moment due to cost.

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222. County Councillors Report.

Mrs Bakewell was not present at the meeting.

223. Finance.

The Clerk provided the Income and Expenditure data for the year ending 31st March 2008.

The Accounts have been internally audited by Mr Lucas and signed off by both Mr Lucas and the Chairman. The Clerk took the Council through Section 1 and Section 2 of the Audit Commission Annual Return. The Accounts were approved by the Council and they authorised the Clerk and The Chairman to sign the document. The Annual Governance statement was also approved by the Council and they authorised the Clerk and Chairman to sign Section 2.

It was proposed and seconded that the money in the Play Area Account be transferred to the Number 1 Account and then closed.

224. Payments

The following payments were agreed to be paid.

Allianz Insurance	£395.79	Insurance
Geoff Lucas	£25	Internal Audit
Ric Pallister	£100	Mower motor belt

225. Planning Applications

08/01154/LBC

Mr Dominic Heath-Coleman

9 Bridge Cottages, West Coker.

Internal and external alterations to dwelling

No comments were made

226 Planning Decisions

07/01950/FUL

Applicant Mr Andrew Harris

Two Story Extension 2 Church Villas

Application Withdrawn

227 Parish Lengthsman Report and Update.

It is planned that the play area equipment will be painted in time for the beginning of the Summer holidays.

The Chairman reminded Councillors that they should forward any ideas regarding activities for the Lengthsman to Cllr O'Donnell.

228. Potholes and General Maintenance Report and Update.

Mr Harris has reported the following to The Highways Department.

- Side of the road by the drain opposite the cottages at the bottom of the hollow it is breaking up rather badly
- Pot hole is once again starting to appear by the Church in the middle of the road on the A30
- Side of the Odcombe road just past the dump road towards Chinnock is also breaking up

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229. Play Area Report and Update

There was nothing to report

230 Rights of Way.

In respect of the paths being used by bikes and other vehicles, the Clerk has been asked to formally contact the County Councillor to ask the Councils position on these matters.

231 Village Newsletter.

No additional items to add

232. Entertainments Committee.

Nothing to report

233. Items to report

The Clerk has been asked to write to Roger and Julie Jewell to express the Parish Council appreciation of the village website and their hard work in making it such an excellent site.

234 Next Meeting

Monday 2nd June 2008 at 7.45pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting

Signed

(Chair)

Date

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Present

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Officers	Mrs H Early

The Chairman began the meeting by expressing deep sadness regarding the passing away of Keith Harris. He will be missed.

It was proposed and seconded that a donation of £30 be donated to the Yeovil Heart Foundation.

The Chairman then asked the Councillors to consider nominations for co-opting onto the Council. This will be an agenda item in July.

1. Apologies for absence

Mrs M Merchant

2. Declarations of Interest.

None

3. Minutes of the last Meeting

The minutes from the last meeting, which had been previously circulated to Members were approved as a true record and then signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

Minute 174 Kickwall. The Clerk and Mrs Kemp have completed the grant application and it has been posted. We hope to have a response within 8 weeks.

Minute 202. Mr Pallister unfortunately has not been able to get a response regarding the cost of cutting the hedges in the Hollow with a view to recharging the owners. Mrs Bakewell agreed to see what she could do.

Minute 202 Mr Pallister Dog fouling bins. This matter is still on going however Mr Pallister will reconfirm the required location and hope that things will progress soon.

Minute 230. Rights of Way. An amount of reading material had been passed to the Councillors for reading. In summary, people are not allowed to use motorised vehicles on restricted byways.

5. Clerks Report and Correspondence

- Allotment. A request had been received to find out if the village had any available allotments. The Parish Council do not own any land and so there are currently no allotments for villagers to use.
- Lengthsman Meeting. The Chairman will attend this meeting.
- Somerset Village Communications Competition 2008. It was agreed to enter the Chinnock Chimes

The following items were circulated to and read by all Councillors

- Area West Committee 21 May
- SSDC Standards Committee Meeting Minutes

6. District Councillors Report

Mr Pallister reported back that he had received a letter from Jackie and Rod Lee regarding the Post Office. This letter had also been received by the Chairman and will be circulated to all Councillors.

Everyone expressed regret and concern that the Post Office and shop may close, as this will be a great loss to the village. Mr and Mrs Lee state that their intention is to sell the premises if possible and the Council hope that this will occur and the Post Office and shop are retained.

Mr Pallister also said that he had been at a meeting where a village were considering buying their own speedwatch flashing speed sign. He will forward the details to the Clerk.

7. County Councillors Report.

Mrs Bakewell had nothing to report

8. Finance.

It was proposed and seconded that Mr Churchill be added as a signatory on the Parish Council bank accounts

9. Payments

None

10. Planning Applications

None received

11. Planning Decisions

08/00895/FUL

TJ Tierney

Cider Press Barn Weston St

Alterations and enlargement of existing extension

Permission Granted

Mr A Harris was then asked to leave the room as Mr Pallister wished to discuss his recent planning application which had been refused at Committee.

Mr Pallister said that the recommendation was for Mr A Harris to appeal against the decision. It was proposed and seconded that the Parish Council write a positive statement of support, as Mr Harris runs a rural business, he lives in the village, he provides employment and the Parish Council would wish his business to stay in the community. Mr Pallister will advise the Clerk when to write the letter and to whom

12. Parish Lengthsman Report and Update

Nothing to report

13. Potholes and General Maintenance Report and Update.

Water running down the Hollow. Mrs Bakewell was asked if she could help. Surfacing of Orchardleigh and Weston Close has not been done. Mr Pallister to check. Dips on A30 are still there. Mr Pallister to chase Jetter required up Cleeves track. Mr Pallister to check.

14. Play Area Report and Update

Goal posts seem to have separated.
Mrs Kemp agreed to empty the bin

15. Rights of Way

Nothing to report

16. Village Newsletter

The next issue will be June

17. Entertainments Committee

Barn Dance will be held on the 28th June

18. Items to report

Nothing further

19. Next Meeting

Monday 14th July 2008 at 7.45pm in the Village Hall.

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Vice Chair	Cllr J Churchill
Councillors	Mrs L Kemp, Mr J Churchill, Mrs P O'Donnell
District Councillor	Not present
County Councillor	Not present
Officers	Mrs H Early

20. Apologies for absence

Mrs C Bakewell
Mr R Pallister
Mr A Harris

21. Declarations of Interest.

None

22. Minutes of the last Meeting

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23. Matters arising from the minutes

Co-opting a Parish Councillor. The Chairman had asked at the last Parish Council meeting for the Councillors to consider nominations for co-opting a new Parish Councillor. Mr Andy Sinclair was proposed and seconded. The Clerk will contact Mr Sinclair and ask him to complete all the relevant paperwork.

Minute 202.

Hedge Cutting in the Hollow. Clerk to contact Mrs Bakewell for an update and also to ask for a replacement Chinnock Hollow sign.

Minute 202

Dog Fouling. This continues to be an issue and an urgent update is required from Mr Pallister

Minute 13.

Water running down the Hollow. It stopped for one day but has started again. Clerk to contact Mrs Bakewell.

Minute 13.

Surfacing of Orchardleigh and Weston Close has now been done

Minute 13.

Dips on the A30 have been filled in. Clerk to ask if this is a permanent fix.

24. Clerks Report and Correspondence

- Review of BT Pay Phone provision. This consultation period has been extended. No major concerns were raised except that it was believed that the phone box may have a preservation order on it.
- No Councillors wished to attend the Western Power Stakeholder Consultation Meeting
- The Ringing in the Olympics information is to be passed to Mr John White
- Local Initiatives Budget. The Clerk has been asked to contact Mrs Bakewell with two ideas, the first being support for the VAS/SID to reduce speeding through the village. The second idea is support to create a route round the village for less able people using the existing pathways and rights of way.

The following items were circulated to and read by all Councillors

- Matrix Questions re: local development framework
- Letter from Julie and Roger Jewell
- Letter from Jackie and Rod Lee
- David Laws Visit
- Standards Committee
- The Playing Field
- South Somerset A-Z Sport and Leisure Directory
- Area West Committee
- Public Rights of Way Newsletter
- Road Closure
- Awards for All acknowledgement of application
- Somerset rail guide
- Clerks and Councils Direct
- Magna Messenger
- SCSN newsletter

25. District Councillors Report

None received

26. County Councillors Report.

None Received

27. Finance.

Mr Churchill has not yet been added as a signatory. Further paperwork is required by the bank

28. Payments

The following payments were proposed and agreed for payment.

£30	British Heart Foundation	Donation
£6	M Jones	Gate keys*
£141	Moore Stephens	Audit fee

£50 Greenland Garden Services Use of roller

* this cheque has not yet been signed as Mr Jones unable to sign his own cheque. On hold until Mr Churchill can sign the cheques

29. Planning Applications

08/02590/FUL

Mr Gary Culver

Barrows Hill House

East Chinnock

Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse

The Council had no comments to make

30. Planning Decisions

None received

31. Parish Lengthsman Report and Update.

Mr Jones attended the Parish Lengthsman Meeting. Here it was agreed that there would be an increase in the fuel allowance.

The Play Area has been strimmed

32. Potholes and General Maintenance Report and Update.

Mr Churchill volunteered to be the main contact for this section

33. Play Area Report and Update

Nothing to report

34. Rights of Way.

Mr Murdoch asked the Clerk to circulate a map for planned vegetation clearance and asked Councillors if they wished to add anything

35. Village Newsletter.

It was asked that articles be kept short and concise please.

36. Entertainments Committee.

Barn Dance was a great success and a profit of £67.97 was made

37. Items to report

Nothing further

38. Next Meeting

Monday 1st September 7.45pm in the Village Hall.

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Signed

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39. Apologies for absence

Mr A Harris

40. Declarations of interest

None

41. Minutes of the last meeting

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42. Matters arising from the minutes

Minute 202.

Hedge Cutting in the Hollow. The County Council are not prepared to cut the hedge and invoice the owner as in the past they have done so and the owner has refused to pay. The only suggestion is that the Parish Council agree for the invoice to be given to them, and the Parish Council recoup the money from the owner. Mrs Bakewell will find out if this is acceptable to the Council and Mr Jones will see if this is acceptable to the land owner.

Minute 202.

Dog Bins. It has finally been agreed that the District Council will empty a dog bin if we have it installed. The Parish Council are responsible for purchasing and installing the bin. The Councillors asked the Clerk to purchase the bin. It was suggested that the Lengthsman can then install it.

Minute 13.

Water running down the Hollow. Mrs Bakewell will raise this issue again.

Minute 13.

Dips on A30. Mr Pallister advised the Councillors to keep an eye on them and if they get worse to raise it.

43. Clerks Report and Correspondence

- Kickwall. A grant of £9450 has been received from Awards for All to purchase and install a multi sport system in the play area. The Clerk was asked to go ahead and order the system and advise the Councillors of the timescales.
- The big tidy up – the Clerk was asked to register East Chinnock
- Power to the Parishes Conference – no Councillors wished to attend.
- Local Initiatives Budget – The Councillors have asked Mrs Bakewell for funding for a Vehicle activated sign to prevent speeding through the village. Mrs Bakewell is keen to get a sign that could be used throughout her parishes. She was speaking to the relevant people on the 2nd September and will let us know the outcome.
- Methodology for Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessments. It was agreed that this did not need to be completed as it was not relevant to East Chinnock.

The following items were circulated to and read by all Councillors

- Red Routes
- Letter re Community Funded VAS
- SSVC Newsletter
- News from YDH
- East Coker Walk
- BT Removal of Telephone boxes – consultation suspended
- Planning Enforcement Policy
- SSDC Standards Committee Meeting minutes
- Area West Committee Agenda
- How to make a complaint about a Councillor. This information was put on the notice board in the Village Hall
- SSDC Year Book
- Somerset Public Transport Map

44. District Councillors Report

- Mr Pallister advised that in 2-3 weeks time there would be raised awareness on fuel poverty. Aimed at the very old and very young, if anyone is at risk then please let the District Council know who will do what they can to help.
- In respect of the impact of the Credit crunch on homelessness, costs on bed and breakfasts are under control and mortgage repossessions have not yet increased, however the District Council are maintaining a vigilant interest.
- The District Council have decided not to hand back responsibility for footpaths to the County Council. Although they spend more than the County Council give them, savings will be made through losing staff.

45. County Councillors Report

Mrs Bakewell advised that there had been a problem with secondary school transport but this has now been resolved.

She also informed the Councillors that some of her parishes have created oil consortiums where inhabitants get together and agree reduced cost of oil by having

one delivery for the village. It may be something that people in East Chinnock would want to consider doing for themselves.

46. Finance

We are awaiting response from Lloyds to see if Mr Churchill is now a Parish Council Signatory

47. Payments

The following payment was proposed and agreed to be paid
Diocese of Bath and Wells £20 Rent

48. Planning Applications

08/03247/FUL

Mr David Topple
Silver Acres, Barrows Hill, East Chinnock
Erection of a conservatory

08/03221/FUL

Mr David Topple
Silver Acres, Barrows Hill, East Chinnock
Erection of a barn for agricultural purposes

The Councillors raised no objections to these applications

49. Planning Decisions

07/03715/COU

Mr Andrew Harris
Retrospective application for use of land to store materials and a vehicle in a bunded area also to compost green waste.
Application Refused

08/02590/FUL

Mr Gary Culver
Barrows Hill House, Barrows Hill, East Chinnock
Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse
Permission Granted

50. Parish Lengthsman Report and Update

Due to the weather he has been unable to paint the play equipment.
He has identified three drains that need the gully sucker and this information has been passed to Mr Pallister

51. Potholes and General Maintenance Report and Update

Mr Churchill has found a contact named Mr J Sale, who he has sent a list of issues to.
He awaits his response

52. Play Area Report and Update

There are still some questions regarding the Health and Safety report that we have been sent regarding the Play Area – namely the self lubricating shackles and the loose goal posts. Mr Pallister will contact Mr Board directly.

53. Rights of Way Report and Update

Mr Murdoch asked if there was an update on the diversion of Y822 and Y823. Mr Pallister agreed to find out.

54. Village Newsletter

All articles to Meg Wellard please

55. Entertainments Committee

There will be a bonfire night event and this is likely to be on the 5th November,

56. Items to Report

The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Beard to ask him to cut back the brambles that are overhanging the footpath.

57. Next Meeting

Monday 6th October 2008 at 7.45pm in the Village Hall

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting

Signed (Chair)

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58. Apologies for absence

None

59. Declarations of interest

None

60. Minutes of the last meeting

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61. Matters arising from the minutes

Minute 202. Dog Bins. A Dog bin has now been purchased and it is hoped to be put in place this week.

Minute 13.

Water running down the Hollow. Further to a memo from Mike Fear from the Highways Department it was proposed and seconded that a salt bin is purchased and sited on the hollow so that if there are occasions when the water does freeze, there is salt there to put on the road. Mr Jones and Mrs Merchant will carry out a site visit to establish the best location for the salt box and to identify which drains are actually causing the issue. Mrs Bakewell agreed to chase this problem again with Highways to see if there is anything else that can be done. It was felt however that as there are natural springs, a permanent fix may not be found.

Minute 43.

Kickwall. The Company supplying the Kickwall have advised that installation will take place week commencing the 3rd November 2008.

The Clerk is to investigate the policy on personal bonfires.

The Clerk is to write to Mr Beard to ask him to cut back his brambles that are hanging over the pavement.

62. Clerks Report and Correspondence

- Driver awareness courses. The Clerk was asked to arrange this in the Village Hall and to forward the information to the Chinnock Chimes.
- BT Phone Box removal. No further comments were made regarding this.
- Devolution of Services Survey. It was felt that the Councillors were unable to complete this survey and the Clerk was asked to return the survey and explain the reasons.
- South Somerset Sport Awards 2008. No nominations were forwarded.

The following items were circulated to and read by all Councillors

- Local Development Framework Meeting
- British Heart Foundation
- Avon and Somerset Police Authority Letter
- Mendip Housing Newsletter
- Public Transport Timetable
- Temporary Road Closure Notice
- Annual Playground Inspection and risk Assessment
- Local Transport Plan 2 summary
- Community led Plans – integrating with the planning system
- News from YDH
- Area West Committee

63. District Councillors Report

Mr Pallister has spoken to the Manager regarding the Play Area Risk Assessment reports. It is hoped that a response will be forthcoming.

Further to discussion regarding the Speed signs, Mr Pallister agreed to contact Ilminster who have bought their own speed camera to find out how much it cost, is it fit for purpose, how is it maintained and how do they ensure it is not stolen.

64. County Councillors Report

Mrs Bakewell gave the Clerk a document regarding Community Hubs for circulation to Councillors.

Mrs Bakewell also advised the meeting that the County Council have withdrawn their objection to the footpath diversion at Y8/22 and Y8/23. This now avoids a public enquiry.

Mrs Bakewell has applied for funding as part of the Local Initiatives budget for a Vehicle Activated Speed Sign for 8 of her villages at a cost of £6k. If successful this would mean that East Chinnock would have use of it for two weeks every four months.

Mrs Bakewell advised the meeting that she will be inviting the Police Liaison Officer to attend some coffee mornings to meet residents and discuss any issues

65. Finance

The Clerk reported back on expenditure to date and proposed expenditure to the end of the year. She also advised Councillors of the current bank balances. This is in preparation for next months meeting where the Councillors must agree the precept for 09/10. The councillors were also asked to think of any major projects that could be funded by the Parish Council over the next 12 months.

66. Payments

The following payments were proposed and agreed to be paid

Annual Playground Inspection	£76.37	South Somerset District Council
Dog Bin	£183.89	JRB Enterprises
Clerks Expenses	£25.93	H Early
Parish Lengthsman	£326.30	
SALC	£30	Councillor Training

The Councillors also agreed to pay Mr Pallister expenses on the mower which total approximately £40. Mr Pallister is to forward the invoices to the Clerk.

The Councillors also agreed that the Entertainments Committee could draw a cheque in advance to pay for the Bonfire Night Fireworks, at an approximate value of £300. This would avoid a member having to pay this amount out of their own pocket and claiming it back.

67. Planning Applications

Consultation

08/03195/S73

Application to remove condition 2 of decision notice 02/02623 dated 29/7/03 i.e. permanent permission for private family gypsy site
The Stables, Partway Lane, Hardington Mandeville

No objections were raised

68. Planning Decisions

08/03247/FUL

Mr David Topple

Silver Acres, Barrows Hill, East Chinnock

Erection of a conservatory

Permission Granted

69. Parish Lengthsman Report and Update

It was asked if the Lengthsman could cut or spray round the Church Rooms and shed. He is planning to install the dog bin and when it stops raining the plan is to paint the play equipment.

70. Potholes and General Maintenance Report and Update

Mr Churchill has given a list of potholes to Mr Sale who is working his way through them.

The Hollow has been cut and the sign put back up.

71. Play Area Report and Update

Nothing to report.

72. Rights of Way Report and Update

Nothing additional to report

73. Village Newsletter

The Clerk to give articles to Meg on

- dog bin
- kickwall
- bonfire information
- driver awareness courses

74. Entertainments Committee

There is a committee meeting this week.

75. Items to Report

The Clerk was asked to update the Contacts List.

57. Next Meeting

Monday 3rd November 2008 at 7.45pm in the Village Hall

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting

Signed (Chair)

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77. Apologies for absence

Mrs Merchant, Mr Murdoch

78. Declarations of interest

None

79. Minutes of the last meeting

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80. Matters arising from the minutes

Minute 13.

Water running down the Hollow. This continues to be a major concern in the village especially as the cold weather is upon us. Mr Jones, Mrs Merchant and Mr Sinclair carried out a site visit and it is felt that the cause is natural springs pushing their way out onto the road. This is also causing the road to break up in places. The Clerk has been asked to write to Highways and raise this as an urgent issue.

Minute 61.

Brambles overhanging the pavement. Mr Beard has replied to the Clerks letter to say that he is aware of the issue and will endeavour to cut back whenever possible.

Minute 62.

Driver Awareness Course will be run in the Village Hall on Friday 30th January 2009.

7pm start

Minute 63.

Speed Camera in Iminster. Mr Pallister is still awaiting the information

Minute 63.

Play Area Report. The shackles on the swings do need greasing. The football posts will have to be moved to accommodate the kickwall.

81. Clerks Report and Correspondence

- Council Question Time. The Councillors had no questions to forward and no-one wished to attend.
- Salt bins – the clerk was asked to put this on hold pending a response from Highways regarding the water running down the Hollow.
- Annual Playground inspection – the Clerk was asked to complete this
- Local Council Survey – the Councillors had no comments to make.

The following items were circulated to and read by all Councillors

- Area West Committee
- Changes to planning permission
- The community hub
- Parish Lengthsman Scheme minutes
- CAB annual report
- SCSB Newsletter
- Letter from Mr Beard
- Teenscopes
- Play Area Inspection Report
- Fuel Poverty

82. District Councillors Report

Mr Pallister advised us that there are plans to merge the County Council onto the Area West Committee. This means that the County Councillor will be able to vote on issues such as Planning etc. There will also be a Parish Council representative but they do not have a vote. This is yet to be finalised but Mr Pallister and Mrs Bakewell are in favour.

83 County Councillors Report

Nothing further to report

84. Finance

The Clerk provided the Councillors with a financial report to assist their decision making in setting the 2009/2010 pre-cept.

Taking into account future expenditure and repairs and renewals it is anticipated that there will be approximately £4000 working capital at the end of the Financial Year.

Whilst it was agreed that the Parish Council should be prudent it was felt that there should be a reduction in the pre-cept to reflect the financial situation.

A pre-cept of £4500 was proposed and unanimously accepted by all Councillors. This is a £1000 reduction from 2008/2009 pre-cept.

85. Payments

The following payments were proposed and agreed to be paid

PCC East Chinnock £350 Burial Ground grant

R Pallister	£48.74	Lawnmower fuel
Diocese Of Bath	£30	Rent
Mr Weber	£108.66	Lawnmower fuel

86. Planning Applications

08/03195/FUL

The Stables Partway Lane

Hardington Mandeville

Change of description

The Councillors had no comments.

08/04356/FUL

TJ Tierney

Cider Press Barn, Weston Street

Alterations and enlargement of existing extension

The Parish Council supported this application

87. Planning Decisions

08/03221/FUL

Mr D Topple

Erection of a barn for agricultural purpose

Permission granted

88. Parish Lengthsman Report and Update

Items to be carried out included cutting down the nettles in the play area, painting the play equipment and greasing the shackles on the swings

89. Potholes and General Maintenance Report and Update

Work is being done to fill some of the holes.

90. Play Area Report and Update

Nothing to report.

91. Rights of Way Report and Update

Nothing additional to report

92. Village Newsletter

Driver Awareness Course

93. Entertainments Committee

Bonfire Night will be this Wednesday. Bonfire being lit at 6.30pm

94. Items to Report

None

95. Next Meeting

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96. Apologies for absence

Cathy Bakewell

97. Declarations of interest

Andy Harris in Agenda Item number 10

98. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes from the last meeting, which had been previously circulated to Members were approved as a true record and then signed by the Chairman.

99. Matters arising from the minutes

Minute 13.

Water running down the Hollow. Having contacted the Highways Department, the Clerk has received a response to say that a CCTV survey has been carried out and the pipe is in need of replacement or repair. And this has been added to their action list. In the meantime the water has actually stopped, however it is felt that this is still an issue
Minute 63.

Since the erection of the kickwall one set of goal posts have been taken down. It was decided that they would not be put back as they are no longer required and the Chairman will ask Mr Weber if they can be stored on his property.

100. Clerks Report and Correspondence

- Event to open the Kickwall. In order to publicly acknowledge the Lottery funding for the Kickwall it was agreed that a formal opening event should take place. Mr Jones agreed to speak to the youths in the village to make sure that they attend. A proposal of New Years Day was made. Once a date has been agreed Mr. Jones will inform the Clerk who will invite the Press to attend.

- Communities in Control : Real People, Real Power. Codes of conduct for local authority members and employees – A Consultation. The Councillors had no comments to make
- Public Consultation on the draft Cultural Strategy for Somerset. No feedback was given
- Flood awareness Workshops – Mrs Merchant will be attending one of these workshops
- Opportunity Crewkerne – It was decided that because of the seemingly unfair voting process from last year, we would not be making an application.
- Village computer costs – Mr. Jewell had provided the Clerk with the annual running costs of the Village Computer. These totaled approximately £650. As this is a village amenity it was agreed that a donation of £400 be given towards the Broadband Connection. This donation will be reviewed annually.
- Speed Awareness Programme. Unfortunately many of the Councillors cannot attend this event, however Mr Churchill agreed to be the main contact for the evening. Other Councillors were urged to attend where possible.
- Speed Indicator Device. The Clerk has received an email to say that East Chinnock are eligible for a SID, a location has been identified at Fordhay, and the village has been included in the SID programme.

The following items were circulated to and read by all Councillors.

- Standards Committee
- BT Adoption of red kiosks
- Area West Youth Network
- Switching to digital tv
- SSVCA Newsletter
- Area West Committee
- The Playing Field
- Annual Public Health Report

101. District Councillor's Report

Further to public questions Mr Pallister agreed to

- find out if the summary of the new planning regulations has been done yet
- find out if it is possible to get information from the latest speed check that was done
- find out where we can get information regarding the accidents that have happened on the A30

Mr Pallister advised the Councillors that the plans for the new Sportzone will be going to Planning. Once a decision has been made on the Planning, further action will take place.

102. County Councillor's Report

Not present

103. Finance

Bonfire Night made a profit of £31.17

£10 was raised through hire of the skittles alley

104. Payments

The following payments were proposed and agreed to be paid

SMP	£11103.60	Kickwall
Village Hall	£110.00	hire of hall for PC meetings

Village Hall £10

hire of hall for speed awareness programme

105. Planning Applications

Appeal by Mr A Harris

Land OS 9258 Green Lane East Chinnock

Mr A Harris left the room for this entire agenda item.

It was agreed that the Parish Council fully support this appeal on the following grounds

- they had no objection at the outset
- they wish to support a local and rural business
- there is no impact on the landscape
- there is a negligible impact on the use of Green Lane

The Clerk was asked to write a letter to support the Appeal. Mr Jones and Mr Sinclair will take photographs to support the letter. It was agreed by all Councillors that Mr Jones, Mr Sinclair and Mr Pallister would review the letter before it is sent on behalf of the entire Parish Council.

106. Planning Decisions

None

107. Parish Lengthsman Report and Update

Unfortunately the Lengthsman has been very ill so not been able to carry out his activities. It was requested that the drains in Carters Lane need to be cleared.

108. Potholes and General Maintenance Report and Update

The list of jobs has been given to Highways and we are waiting for them to be actioned.

109. Play Area Report and Update

Thanks to Mr A Harris for arranging for the kickwall surround to be turfed.

110. Rights of Way Report and Update

Mr Murdoch asked the Clerk if she can find out if anything is happening regarding the footpath diversion of Y8/22 and Y8/23

Mrs Merchant raised the following

- the path above the Rookery is very muddy and difficult to walk through. Mr A Harris will look into how this can be cleared
- the path at Cleves track by the stump stone is very boggy and would benefit from some chippings being put down. The Clerk will investigate further
- the path along the bottom of the village between Mr Webers land and Mr Stewarts is very boggy. Mrs Merchant suggested that it is made passable. Mr Jones said he would speak to Mr Weber as it is his land.
- there is barbed wire across a footpath that is owned by Mr Clutterbuck Mr Jones will contact him.

111. Village Newsletter

- Driver Awareness Course
- Bonfire Night
- Opening of Kickwall.

112. Entertainments Committee

Bonfire Night was a great success and a huge thanks to all those involved. A particular thank you to Nigel Stewart for the contribution of the cider and Andy Gliddon for the use of his field.

113. Items to Report

Mr Jones has received a letter from Mr Maggs asking if we could investigate the provision of street lighting towards the end of Carters Lane. The Clerk will contact Cathy Bakewell and see what can be done

Lamppost number 1 on Weston Street is only working intermittently. Mr O'Donnell will action this

114. Next Meeting

Monday 5th January 2009 at 7.45pm in the Village Hall

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting

Signed (Chair)

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