

EAST CHINNOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the East Chinnock Parish Council Meeting that was held on Monday 5th January 2009 at 7.45pm in the Village Hall.

Present

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

115. Apologies for absence

Mr A Sinclair

116. Declarations of interest

None

117. 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

118. Matters arising from the minutes

Minute 100: Event to Publicly open the Kickwall. Held on 1st January 2009. A photographer from the Western Gazette attended and we hope to have an article in this week's paper

Minute 100. SID update from the Clerk. The first installation of the speed indicator device in East Chinnock will be on 2nd March 2009. It will be in place for 6 weeks. The schedule will be circulated to Parish Councillors.

Minute 101. Summary of new planning regulations. This is still in the pipeline to be generated but it has proved to be more difficult than first imagined.

Minute 101 Information from last speed check. Data has been received and will be circulated to Parish Councillors

Minute 101. Information on A30 accidents. Data has been received and will be circulated to Parish Councillors

Minute 110 Diversion of footpaths Y8/22 and Y8/23. The process is still on going.

Minute 110 Clearing the path above the Rookery. It was agreed that we would wait until the next series of very wet weather and see what happens before making a decision.

Minute 110 Barbed wire across footpath. This has been removed and a gate put in.

Minute 110 Boggy path owned by Mr. Weber. No plans to change the surface but there are plans to widen the path by cutting back the foliage which hopefully will help the path to dry out quicker.

Minute 113 Carters Lane request for Lamppost – Mr. Churchill has spoken to local residents. 1 was for, 1 was against and the others had no position either way. Taking this into account and having received the predicted costs, it was proposed and seconded that no further action would take place. The Clerk is to write to Mr. Maggs.

119. Clerks Report and Correspondence

Somerset Play Forum Conference 2009. No-one wished to attend

Parish Lengthsman Meeting. Mrs. O'Donnell will attend

The following items were circulated to all members

- SCSN Newsletter
- South Somerset Rural Neighbourhood newsletter
- SSDC Standards Committee Meeting Minutes – Sept. & Dec.
- Area West Committee Meeting

120. District Councillor's Report

Nothing to report.

121 County Councillor's Report

Nothing to report

122. Finance

Nothing to report

123. Payments

The following payments were proposed and agreed to be paid

East Chinnock Village Hall Management Committee £400 Donation to computer costs

Greenland Garden Services £195 Turfing of play area

124 Planning Applications

Nothing to report

125. Planning Decisions

08/04356/FUL TJ Tierney

Cider Press Barn, Weston Street.

Alterations and enlargement of existing extension

Permission Granted

126 Parish Lengthsman Report and Update

Drains have been cleared

Weeds around village hall have been cleared

127 Potholes and General Maintenance Report and Update

Chinnock Hollow continues to be a major issue due to road surface breaking up, and water freezing on the road. Mr Churchill and the Clerk to continue pursuing the matter. The large holes on Green Lane were filled in then were washed away by the rain. This could be a major issue to horses, pedestrians as well as cars. Mr Churchill will contact Highways to seek a permanent solution.

128. Play Area Report and Update

Nothing to report

129. Rights of Way Report and Update

Mr Murdoch has received a report detailing all the faults reported in the village and asking him if anything has been done about them This does seem a little the wrong way round but Mr Murdoch has replied on behalf of the village.

130. Village Newsletter

Nothing to report

131Entertainments Committee

Nothing to report.

132. Items to Report

Nothing to report

133. Next Meeting

Monday 9th February 2009 at 7.45pm in the Village Hall

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting

Signed (Chair)

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134. Apologies for absence

None

135. Declarations of interest

None

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137. Matters arising from the minutes

None

138. Clerks Report and Correspondence

- The Clerk was asked to contact the District Council regarding a property in Orchardleigh that has made a vehicle access point through their rear garden
- SSVCA request for donation. This was put on hold until the end of the financial year
- Letter from Haselbury Plucknett Parish Council regarding A30 accidents. The Clerk has been asked to find out more about their proposal and to ask them to attend a Parish Council meeting for further discussion
- Analysis of Somerset events. The Clerk was asked to inform them about our Barn Dance
- Somerset arts works request for donation – put on hold until the end of the financial year

- Safe in your community booklet. It was agreed that the Clerk would hold these as a central point of contact
- Play Area Report. Mr Jones will arrange for the goal post to be stored away from the Play Area. He will also check the other goal post to see what can be done to stabilise it.
- South Somerset Bridleways Association – The Clerk was asked to invite a representative to a Parish Council meeting to explain their plans.
- Involving young people in building stronger communities – Mr Jones will try to attend this workshop
- The Clerk was asked to find out how often and when the dog bin will be emptied

The following items were circulated to all members

- Letter from Roger Jewell thanking PC for donation to village computer
- PACT – Partners and Communities together – the process
- Explore Somerset
- SID information
- Somerset joint strategic needs assessment
- Somerset chamber choir
- Road closure Clay Castle, Haselbury Plucknett
- E mail re footpath y8/22 and y8/23
- E mail re dog bin emptying
- E mail re Sand hoppers and Ready kits
- Somerset rail guide
- Tree talk
- Area West Committee
- Flood calendar
- Letter to Mr Maggs
- Standards Committee
- Footpaths Information

139. District Councillor's Report

Mr Pallister advised the meeting that subject to approval next week the council tax increase for the District Council will be 3.75% 1.75% inflation and 2% release of capital.

140. County Councillor's Report

Mrs Bakewell advised the meeting that the County Council increase would be 2.74%

141. Finance

Nothing to report

142. Payments

The following payments were proposed and agreed to be paid

Helen Early £800 Clerks Salary
Helen Early £26.97 Clerks expenses

143. Planning Applications

09/00196/COU

Mr and Mrs Johnson

Portman Arms, High Street, East Chinnock

Change of use of room to sell newspapers and food to the public

The Parish Council were fully in support of this application

144. Planning Decisions

None

145. Parish Lengthsman Report and Update

The Lengthsman has carried out a litter pick and is focusing on flood issues

146. Potholes and General Maintenance Report and Update

Mr Churchill continues to chase the Highways department regarding the issues in Chinnock Hollow.

In addition there is a very big hole near Sunnycot and where the A30 road was patched (coming into the village from Yeovil direction) it appears to have broken up again. Mrs Bakewell agreed to chase both of these issues

147. Play Area Report and Update

Mr Harris was asked to roll the play area when the weather improves

Mr Harris is going to find out costs for a mole catcher

148. Rights of Way Report and Update

A stile is due to be delivered to Fordhay Farm to replace the collapsed one on path Y8/11. It has not arrived yet

Proposed diversion of paths Y8/22 and Y8/23. The Planning Inspectorate is due to visit this week. We have been asked not to approach him.

The PPLO scheme seems to be working well with a lot of voluntary work done in many parishes.

149. Village Newsletter

The Clerk was asked to provide the information regarding the SID to Meg Wellard

Further to the article in the Chimes, it was agreed in principle that another dog bin at the end of Carters Lane would be a good idea. Mr Pallister will find out if we put it there will the council empty it for us.

150. Entertainments Committee

Barn Dance – 27th June 2009

151. Items to Report

Nothing to report

152. Next Meeting

Monday 2nd March 2009 at 7.45pm in the Village Hall

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

February 2009

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Councillors	Mrs P O'Donnell, Mr A Harris, Mrs M Merchant, Mr A Sinclair
District Councillor	Mr R Pallister (part of the meeting)
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Mrs Victoria Knight of Haselbury Plucknett Parish Council spoke to the meeting regarding their approach to the concerns about accidents and incidents on the A30. They have requested information from the County Council regarding policies and decisions already made in similar situations. The plan is to review this documentation and then formulate an action plan. It is believed the matter is not closed with the police and David Laws MP is also involved. Mr Pallister suggested that East Chinnock needed to support Haselbury with a concerted joint voice. The Councillors agreed to this proposal, and that any letters from Haselbury will be sent to the Clerk (subject to agreement from Haselbury Plucknett PC) and be signed jointly by the Chairs of both Parishes.

153. Apologies for absence

Mrs Kemp

154. Declarations of interest

None

155. Minutes of the last meeting

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156. Matters arising from the minutes

- Minute 138: Update from Clerk and Mr Pallister regarding vehicle access made in garden of property in Weston Street that backs onto gardens of properties in Orchardleigh. It appears that the hedge has been taken down but there is no evidence of vehicular access. No further action to be taken

- Minute 138: Update from Clerk regarding Haselbury Plucknett request to join forces concerning the A30 accidents. Mrs Victoria Knight, Councillor from Haselbury Plucknett Parish Council attended the meeting.
- Minute 138: Update from Clerk regarding letter from South Somerset bridleways Association. No response has been received
- Minute 138: Update from Clerk regarding emptying of dog bin. This will take place on Wednesdays.
- Minute 146: Update from Mrs Bakewell regarding large hole on road near Sunnycot and the dips on the A30. The large hole has been filled. Highways will continue to monitor the A30.
- Minute 149: Update from Mr Pallister on location of second dog bin. The ideal location is at the end of the track on Carters Lane. It is unsure who actually owns this land so Mr Sinclair will contact Mr Corbett. Mr Pallister will find out if the Council will empty it.

157. Clerks Report and Correspondence

Nothing to report

158. District Councillor's Report

Mr Pallister advised the meeting that the District Council have a duty to ensure that listed buildings do not fall into disrepair. In connection with this the Council are concerned about the windows and roof of Yew Tree Farm House.

Mr Pallister also advised the meeting that there is a proposal to reinstate Green bins (for green waste). They will have to be self financing on a full cost recovery basis. It is hoped that this will be in place before the summer. In the past the cost was £25 but people should be aware that this was a subsidised figure so the costs are expected to be more this time.

159. County Councillor's Report

Mrs Bakewell has spoken to Highways regarding the flooding of Cod Lane and the fact that the ditches could not be seen. A plan has been put in place to rectify this issue There will be gully emptying in East Chinnock this week

160. Finance

The Clerk took the Councillors through a draft end of year financial report. In summary, total income has been £15,225 with expenditure being £16,914. Details of expenditure can be found by contacting Helen Early, Clerk.

161. Payments

None

162. Planning Applications

09/00192/FUL

Construction of dirty water lagoon on land south side of Eastfield Lane

No comments were made

09/00399/FUL

Mr P Pippard

Land OS 8449 Barrows Hills

The erection of a general purpose agricultural building for hay and machinery storage.

March 2009

No Objections were raised

163. Planning Decisions

None

164. Parish Lengthsman Report and Update

The Lengthsman is concerned about the tree on the edge of the playing field and has suggested either taking a third of the tree off or felling it and replacing it. Councillors are asked to look at this tree and come back to next months meeting with their views

165. Potholes and General Maintenance Report and Update

Mr Churchill was asked to contact Highways regarding a large hole on Broad Lane.

166. Play Area Report and Update

- The lottery sign has been placed on the Kickwall by Mr Jones and Mr O'Donnell. They also replaced the goalposts at the far end.
- Mr Jones will remove the concrete blocks and pile of stones
- Mrs O'Donnell will ask the Lengthsman to remove the window frame and pile of branches.
- Mr Pallister will create the new grass cutting rota. Any new volunteers should contact Rik directly
- The molehills have now become a serious issue. Mr Harris is to contact a mole catcher and ask them to action it straight away.

167. Rights of Way Report and Update

A stile due to be delivered to Fordhay Farm to replace the collapsed one on path Y8/11 has still not arrived. Mr Murdoch and the Clerk will chase this up.

168. Village Newsletter

The Clerk was asked to inform Mrs Wellard about

- the speed indicator device
- dog bin emptying
- Green bins

169. Entertainments Committee

Barn Dance – 27th June 2009

170. Items to Report

The Clerk read out a letter from Mrs Templeman regarding the Post Office. It was concluded that the Parish Council should take no action regarding this.

Mr Harris explained that a lot of litter is being dropped in the lay by at the top of the Hollow. Mr Pallister will find out if a bin is put there, will the Council empty it?

171. Next Meeting

Monday 6th April

- 7.30pm – Annual Parish Meeting
- 7.45pm – Monthly Parish Council Meeting

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

March 2009

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Present

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

During public questions, a concern was raised regarding 22 Orchardleigh. It appears not to have been inhabited for over 12 months. There is a lot of rubbish left outside of the property and animal faeces. There is a concern about this attracting vermin. The Clerk will contact the District Council to see if anything can be done.

1. Apologies for absence

None

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 149: Second dog bin. The location of the bin has been approved at the bottom of Carters Lane. However the District Council are not sure if they have the resources to empty another bin as they are having a number of requests from many villages. Mr Pallister will keep us updated on this issue.
- Minute 164. The Lengthsman had suggested that the Ash tree on the playing field is taken down. After a long discussion a proposal was made and seconded to fell the tree. A counter proposal was made to pollard it instead. A vote was then held and the Councillors voted 6 to fell the tree and 1 against.
- Minute 165. Hole in Broad Lane. It appears that this has now been filled

- Minute 166. Moles in Playing Area. Mr Harris has arranged for Gareth to train members of the village to set traps. This will take place on Easter Saturday at 9am in the Playing Fields. The cost of £60-70 was agreed.
- Minute 167: Stile for path Y8/11 has arrived but is flat packed so now needs to be installed
- Minute 170: Would the council empty a rubbish bin if it was placed in the layby at the top of the Hollow. Mr Pallister to find out

5. Clerks Report and Correspondence

Mr Jones and the Clerk will complete the Health and Safety Questionnaire

The following items were distributed to and read by all Councillors

- Results from SID
- Information re: Interests form
- Refuse collection information
- Joint Area Committee
- Footpath decision
- Letter from Hardington PC
- Arts Directory
- Standards Committee
- Letter from Mrs Templeman
- Guidance Leaflet on Dispensations for Town and Parish Councils
- SID results
- Town and Parish Standard
- Somerset Matters
- Clerks and Councils Direct
- The Playing Field

6. District Councillor's Report

Nothing to report

7. County Councillor's Report

Nothing to report

8. Finance

Nothing to report

9. Payments

Parish Lengthsman	£366.09	Half year payment
Ric Pallister	£54.30	Mower belt

10. Planning Applications

09/00399/FUL

Land OS 8449

Erection of an agricultural building

No Objections were raised

11. Planning Decisions

April 2009

09/00196/COU

Mr and Mrs Johnson, Portman Arms
Change of use to sell newspapers and food
Permission granted

12. Parish Lengthsman Report and Update

The play area surfaces have been scraped and cleaned. Mr Pallister said that there is a way to cut the grass without it flying onto the safety surfaces. He will let the grass cutters (volunteers) know how to do this.

13. Potholes and General Maintenance Report and Update

There are still serious issues over:

- hole in Chinnock Hollow on left hand side as you go up.
- hole in road near Sunnymount is getting bigger.
- dips on A30 as you enter the village from Yeovil direction have got a lot worse again.

Mrs Bakewell to chase up on all of these on our behalf

14. Play Area Report and Update

Nothing to report

15. Rights of Way Report and Update

- The decision has been made on paths Y8/22 and Y8/23. A decision needs to be made on how to enforce the decision
- Aggressive ponies have been reported on path Y8/16

16. Village Newsletter

Nothing to report

17. Entertainments Committee

Barn Dance – 27th June 2009

18. Items to Report

The Church Warden has written to request that the annual donation from the Parish Council towards the cost of the burial ground be raised to £400 due to rising costs. This was agreed, proposed and seconded

19. Next Meeting

Monday 11th May 2009 at 7.30pm
Annual Parish Council Meeting

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting

Signed (Chair)

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Councillors	Mrs P O'Donnell, Mr A Harris, Mrs M Merchant, Mr A Sinclair
District Councillor	Mr R Pallister (part of the meeting)
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During public questions, a concern was raised regarding the speed, congestion and noise created by traffic levels in the Chinnock Road and Chinnock Hollow. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would write a letter to Mr Colin Fletcher, County Council, to request that the road signs be more visible, that the overhanging vegetation on the Hollow bank be cut back, that the slow sign be rewritten, and that they review the speed limit or consider a priority road system. The Clerk was also asked to request a traffic count during the hours of 7.30am to 9am and 3.30pm to 6pm, in order to support this concern.

20. Apologies for absence

Lynda Kemp

21. Appointment of Parish Council Chairman.

Councillor Maurice Jones stepped down from his position as Chairman. The Parish Council would like to thank Mr Jones for his services during his time as Chairman.

The Clerk then asked for any nominations. Councillor Churchill was proposed and seconded, There were no other nominations. All Councillors were in favour of this motion. Councillor Churchill completed an Acceptance of Office form.

22. Appointment of Parish Council Vice Chairman

The new Chairman asked for any nominations. Councillor Sinclair was proposed and seconded. No other nominations were put forward. All Councillors were in favour of this motion. Councillor Sinclair then completed an Acceptance of Office form.

23. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest in respect to the agenda.

The Clerk received declaration of interest forms from the Councillors. She still requires forms from Mrs Kemp.

24. Minutes of the last meeting

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25. Matters arising from the minutes

- Minute 149: Second dog bin. A survey of the use of bins in other parishes is being carried out and we are hopeful that a little used bin from another Parish can be reassigned to East Chinnock.
- Minute 164. The Ash Tree. Mr Harris will obtain three quotes to fell the tree, and also provide the Parish Council with the cost of 3 smaller trees to replace the ash tree, to include the metal surrounds to protect the trees from animals. It was agreed that once the tree is felled that the wood be offered to villagers with a request for a donation that will be put towards the cost of the new trees. Mrs O'Donnell agreed to co-ordinate a list of people who would be interested in the wood.
- Minute 166. Moles in Playing Area. The mole training has taken place and Mr Jones has successfully caught three moles. Mr Harris was asked to arrange for the playing fields to be rolled.
- Minute 170: Would the council empty a rubbish bin if it was placed in the lay-by at the top of the Hollow. Mr Pallister agreed to remove the tyres and ask the council to put some planings on top to provide a stable place for people to park. He will ask again about the bin.
- Minute 13: Hole in road at Sunnymount and dips on A30. Mrs Bakewell has no progress to report on this matter

26. Clerks Report and Correspondence

ICO Freedom of information – Mr Sinclair watched the DVD and believes that we are complying with the required information

- South Somerset Together Annual General Meeting – no Councillors wished to attend
- South Somerset Together Zero-Som Sustainability event – no Councillors wished to attend.
- Insurance - it was agreed to renew with Allianz Insurance

The following items were distributed to and read by all Councillors

- Promoting the June elections
- Joint Area Committee- West
- Your Somerset
- SID Results
- Pathway
- Standards Committee Minutes
- SCSN
- A30 Road closure
- South Somerset news
- Equality and Human Rights commission information

27. District Councillor's Report

Mr Pallister reported back on the situation of 22 Orchardleigh -

1. It is a Private property with every indication that it has been abandoned.
2. No Council Tax is being paid
3. We have a name and address for the owners and an attempt is being made to contact them with respect to Council tax.
4. Environmental Health have checked the property and there is nothing that requires their attention from a Health point of view
5. The Council has no rights to enter and cannot enforce action on the external appearance.
6. We believe that the last occupant was a tenant occupying it under a license agreement.
7. We are attempting to contact the owner with the intention of getting the property back into use, an area where we do have some powers.

The Clerk was asked to pass this information onto Mrs Bowles and her daughter in law.

28. County Councillor's Report

The annual plan for clearing the drainage includes Fordhay and the Hollow.

29. Finance

The Clerk had circulated the Statement of accounts for 2008/09. The accounts were approved by the meeting.

The Clerk had also circulated the Annual Governance statement and this was also approved by the meeting

The accounts have been internally audited by Mr Lucas and a payment of £20 was approved.

The Clerk was then asked to leave the room as the Councillors wished to discuss her salary. An annual salary increase was agreed and backdated to 1st April 2008.

The Clerk salary will now be
£870 from 1st April 2008
£940 from 1st April 2009

Mr Pallister informed the meeting that the mower needed a new belt. The cost for this was approved.

30. Payments

The following payments were proposed and approved for payment by the meeting

Mr G Weller	£70	Mole training and 3 mole traps.
St Margarets Hospice	£20	Internal audit by Mr Lucas, requested payment to charity.
Allianz	£420.34	Insurance.

31. Planning Applications

None received

32. Planning Decisions

09/00192/FUL

The construction of a dirty water lagoon

Land on the south side of Eastfield Lane, East Chinnock

Application permitted with conditions

33. Parish Lengthsman Report and Update

It is still planned to paint the play equipment
Mrs O'Donnell to ask the Lengthsman to clear out the hump at the top of Cleaves and to put three steps in the bank at the style in the play area.

34. Potholes and General Maintenance Report and Update

Mr Churchill continues to request work done throughout the village.

35. Play Area Report and Update

Nothing to report

36. Rights of Way Report and Update

It was suggested that the Clerk contact the District Council to ask what is happening next in respect to the Planning Directorate decision on the footpaths Y8/22 and Y8/23.

37. Village Newsletter

Ash tree wood.

38. Entertainments Committee

Barn Dance – 27th June 2009

39. Items to Report

None

40. Next Meeting

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41. Apologies for absence

M Merchant, B Murdoch

42. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest in respect to the agenda.

43. Minutes of the last meeting

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44. Matters arising from the minutes

Traffic Issues in the Hollow. Rozanna Carter sent her apologies that she could not attend the meeting, but she did want to thank the Parish Council for their support and for the letter that was sent to Highways.

- Minute 13 Hole near Sunnymount. It has been concluded that this is the work of badgers, and the relevant department will be dealing with this.
- Minute 13 Dips on A30. Mrs Bakewell still awaiting a response regarding this
- Minute 25. Quotes for felling the ash tree. Mr Harris is still awaiting a couple of quotes. He is also getting quotes for metal surrounds to protect the trees.

45. Clerks Report and Correspondence

- ABCD request for a nominated representative. No-one wished to do this
- Somerset village of the year competition. There was no urge to enter this
- The following items were distributed to and read by all Councillors
 - Letter regarding Chinnock Hollow
 - The Playing Field

- Avon and Somerset Police plan
- Environmental maintenance of Highways leaflet
- Training Programme 2009
- Icelandic Banking update
- Joint Area West Committee
- Library Closures

46. District Councillor's Report

Mr Pallister had nothing to report.

47. County Councillor's Report

Mrs Bakewell advised the meeting that East Chinnock are next due to have the Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) on the 29th June. It was asked if one could also be placed near Carters Lane as vehicles enter the village from the Yeovil direction..

48. Finance

Nothing to report.

49. Payments

The following payments were proposed and approved for payment by the meeting

East Chinnock Village Hall	£110	Hire of village Hall
H Early	£70	Backdated increase in salary for 08/09
Pat O'Donnell	£15.25	Mower fuel

50. Planning Applications

None received

51. Planning Decisions

None received

52. Parish Lengthsman Report and Update

- The Lengthsman did not feel that it was appropriate to put steps in by the stile at the end of the playing field as this is not actually a right of way.
- Mrs O'Donnell will ask him to trim the area to encourage children to walk down the bank and not over flower beds when they need to retrieve their footballs
- The wooden seat on the rocking rocket needs replacing. Clerk to investigate cost.
- In order to keep the cut grass off the safety areas, Mr Harris to look at cost of second hand air blowers
- Mrs O'Donnell to ask for pavement below Hyde Park to be sprayed to keep weeds down

53. Potholes and General Maintenance Report and Update

Mr Churchill has reported loose kerbstones by the bus shelter and he will report the fallen sapling in the Hollow

54. Play Area Report and Update

- Mrs O'Donnell to ask Lengthsman to spray weed killer on the grass by the central fence in the play area
- A tree has been snapped off in the play area. Mr Jones to remove the stump

55. Rights of Way Report and Update

Nothing to report

56. Village Newsletter

The next edition will be the 50th

57. Entertainments Committee

Barn Dance – 27th June 2009

Any help will be gratefully received

58. Items to Report

- The Clerk was asked to update the list of contacts
- Mr Pallister will arrange for the recycling bin that has been dumped in the lay-by at the top of the Hollow to be removed.
- Mr Churchill read out a letter he had received from Mr and Mrs Lee. The Clerk will arrange a response.

59. Next Meeting

Monday 6th July 2009 at 7.45pm

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting

Signed (Chair)

Date.....

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Minutes of the East Chinnock Parish Council Meeting that was held on Monday 6th July 2009 at 7.45pm in the Village Hall.

Present

Chairman	Cllr J Churchill
Vice Chair	Cllr A Sinclair
Councillors	Mrs L Kemp, Mr M Jones, Mrs M Merchant
District Councillor	Mr R Pallister (part of the meeting)
County Councillor	Mrs C Bakewell (part of the meeting)
Officer	Mrs H Early

During public questions Mrs Carter referred to a letter that she had previously circulated to Councillors regarding the traffic issues in the Hollow. Since the last meeting the Highways Department have agreed to carry out a traffic survey. The Clerk updated the meeting to say that the survey would not be done during school holidays, so would probably be carried out in September. Mr Fletcher has also committed to sending the Clerk the previous data collected from the survey in 2005.

An in depth discussion was then held regarding a suggested priority system and a pavement for pedestrians. It was concluded that the Parish Council are fully in support of the residents pursuing this matter with the County Council, and Mrs Carter said that she would also seek the assistance from Mrs Bakewell. Mrs Carter will continue to keep the Parish Council informed of her progress.

The Clerk circulated to the residents a letter explaining that the Hollow will be closed for 10 days commencing the 3rd August for road repairs and drainage work. It is also hoped that the signs will be repainted and tidied.

60. Apologies for absence

P O'Donnell, M Jones, A Harris, B Murdoch

61. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest in respect to the agenda.

62. 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

63. Matters arising from the minutes

- Minute 25 - Ash Tree: Since the decision to fell the tree, the Council has received a letter from the pre-school on behalf of parents and grandparents in the village to ask that the matter be reconsidered. The Village Tree Warden has also asked that the Council reconsider pollarding rather than felling the tree. Mrs Merchant then proposed that we put the decision to fell the tree on hold, and ask the district Council tree expert to come and look at the tree and give their opinion. The proposal was seconded and unanimously agreed. Mr Pallister will arrange for the relevant person to look at the tree.
- Minute 13 - Dips on A30: Sadly Mrs Bakewell had nothing further to report except that the matter is on the list to be looked at.
- Minute 52 - Rocking Rocketter: The cost to replace the wooden seat was £84 plus £11.50 carriage plus VAT. Mr Sinclair offered to look at it and see if he could repair it himself at a lower cost.
- Minute 53 - Fallen tree in Hollow: The Highways department has advised that it is the landowners responsibility to resolve this issue. The Clerk was asked to write to both landowners to ask them to look at the problem. As the Hollow is closed for repairs in August, it may be that they can assist.

64. Clerks Report and Correspondence

- Parish Bulb Planting - We have received some information regarding a joint initiative to plant bulbs in the village. This would be done with the Gardening and Countryside group. We have expressed an interest to join in and await further information.
- Play Area Report - There are still issues being raised that we would like to discuss further with the person who carries out the inspection. Mr Pallister will arrange for us to meet him
- Rights of Way and Somerset Local Access Forum. The information was asked to pass onto Mr Murdoch
- A30 pavement to Cott Farm - A question was raised by a parishioner who walked to Cott Farm and was concerned about the speed of traffic and the lack of pavement. It is believed that it has been looked at before and was not progressed but Mrs Bakewell agreed to ask again.

The following items were circulated to and read by the Councillors:-

- Standards Committee
- News from YDH
- Tour of Britain Cycle race
- Pioneer Somerset Devolution of Services Survey update
- SSVCA Newsletter
- David Laws Advice Centres
- Clerks and Council Newsletter
- South Somerset Local Development Framework
- Road Closure

65. District Councillor's Report

Mr Pallister responded to a question that was asked in public questions regarding the situation of 22 Orchardleigh. The Council have contacted the owners and are currently working with them to get the building back into use. There are issues that could not be divulged, but this could mean that progress is slow.

Green waste is still being looked at but hopefully will be sorted by the end of August

A vehicle has now been identified that can recycle cardboard and plastic waste. The issue is a £400k costs, but this equates to about 10p per person per week, so we hope it will move forward quickly.

Mr Pallister will ask again about a second dog bin

66. County Councillor's Report

Mrs Bakewell will find out if the badger expert has reported back on the hole in the road near Sunnymount.

The SID will move to a new location next time, near Carters Lane

67. Finance

£50 received from Entertainments Committee for hire of Marquee and Skittles Lane

67. Payments

The following payments were proposed and approved for payment by the meeting

Moore Stephens	£155.25	Audit
Richard Gardner	£19	Mower Fuel
Diocese of Bath & Wells	£20	Rent

68. Planning Applications

09/02332/FUL

Mr Paul Humby

Green Gables, Barrows Hill East Chinnock

The erection of an extension

There were no objections to this application

69. Planning Decisions

Appeals by Mr A Harris and Mr Andrew Harris

Site at Green Lane, East Chinnock

Appeal dismissed

70. Parish Lengthsman Report and Update

Nothing to report

71. Potholes and General Maintenance Report and Update

Nothing to report

72. Play Area Report and Update

Nothing to report

73. Rights of Way Report and Update

It is believed that nothing has yet been done regarding the Y8/22 and Y8/23 footpaths. It was decided to ask Mr Murdoch to contact the landowners on behalf of the Parish Council to agree a permissive route.

74. Village Newsletter

- Tour of Britain
- Closure of Hollow
- Race for Life
- Barn Dance

75. Entertainments Committee

Barn Dance – was a great success

76. Items to Report

None

77. Next Meeting

Monday 7th September 2009 at 7.45pm

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting

Signed (Chair)

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Councillors	Mrs L Kemp, Mr M Jones, Mrs M Merchant, Mr A Harris Mrs P O'Donnell
District Councillor	Not present
County Councillor	Mrs C Bakewell (part of the meeting)
Officer	Mrs H Early

Mrs Knight from Haselbury Plucknett Parish Council came to the meeting to update us on the progress they have made regarding the safety on the A30. They are still gaining information and recently had representatives from the Highways Department at their Parish Council meeting.

As a result of this there was a consensus that there had been a reduction of accidents at the double bend after Barrows garage (in the direction of Crewkerne from East Chinnock), however the consensus was that the bend near North Downs Farm was still dangerous.

They have also met with David Laws MP who has suggested that a meeting is set up with the Police, Highways, Cathy Bakewell and any other affected parties. Mrs Knight asked if East Chinnock wished to send a representative to the meeting which is likely to be held on the 29th September 2009. It was agreed that this would be a good idea and Mr Jones and Mr Churchill volunteered to attend.

78. Apologies for absence

R Pallister, B Murdoch,

79. Declarations of interest

As members of the Village Hall Committee, Mr Jones and Mrs O'Donnell expressed an interest in the proposed donation to the Village Hall.

80. 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

81. Matters arising from the minutes

The Hollow. The Chairman updated the meeting on the recent activity regarding the Hollow. The foliage and overhanging trees have been removed. The new silt trap has been put in place and the drains have been cleared. There has been some repair work on the road.

However there remains :-

- Some large pot holes on the left hand side as you drive up the Hollow. Highways are aware of this. Mr Churchill will chase up activity on this especially in light of the Tour of Britain where cyclists will be going up the Hollow as part of a special stage.
- The signage and markings on the road have not been repainted. This is still to be done and the contractor is aware of this
- A resident has stated that the silt trap “clanks” when vehicles go over it. This has been reported to Highways.

In respect of the traffic issues (numbers of and speed), Mr Churchill is due to meet the Highways representative on the 9th September to have a full understanding of the history of the situation. The Clerk has received the data from the traffic survey that took place in 2005 and this has been passed to the Chairman. Mrs Bakewell has also met with Mrs Carter regarding this matter and it was agreed that all action would be on hold until the results of the traffic survey that is due to take place soon.

- **Minute 25 - Ash Tree.** Since the last meeting the district council arborist has been to see the tree and reported back to Mr Pallister. It was felt that the tree was likely to affect the overhead cables in the near future. Pollarding was not recommended. His suggestion was to plant a hazel hedge and coppice it. It was felt that a hazel hedge was not a good idea as it would block the view into the playing fields and play area. After much discussion it was proposed that the Parish Council proceed with the original decision to fell the tree and plant 3 smaller trees along the boundary.
 - Mr A Harris has been asked to get quotes
 - to fell the tree
 - for replacement trees
 - for tree surrounds to protect the new trees
- **Minute 13 - Dips on A30.** The major dip has now been dealt with and our thanks to Mrs Bakewell for chasing this matter and to Highways for carrying out the work.
- **Minute 64 - Play Area Report.** Mr Pallister has spoken to the Senior Officer who has advised us that we should read the reports and take note of the comments. If no action is to be taken then this should be minuted. We should continue to take action where appropriate
- **Minute 64 - Pathway to Cott Farm.** An estimate of £50k has been received to create a pathway. It was felt that this was extremely excessive and not a true reflection of what could be put in place. A suggestion was made during public questions that perhaps a permissive pathway could be made along the hedgeway. It would not be suitable for wheelchairs or pushchairs but would provide a safer route for walkers. Before going ahead with any further action it was suggested that the Clerk put an article into the Chinnock Chimes to ascertain if there is any support for progressing this idea. Chris Langford offered to co-ordinate any replies.
- **Minute 65 - Second dog bin.** After much activity by Mr Pallister it has been agreed that a second bin will be put in place within the next two months. It has been reported that dog poo has been put into the Post office bin again. This is not acceptable and the Clerk was asked to put an article in the Chimes regarding this.

- **Minute 66 - Hole near Sunnymount.** It appears that this hole has now been filled and this would suggest that Somerset Highways no longer think that it was badger activity, after all.

82. Clerks Report and Correspondence

Donation to Village Hall. Mr Jones and Mrs O'Donnell left the room. The Entertainments committee has received a request from the village hall for a donation towards the replacement of the crockery and cooking utensils. The Entertainments Committee requested that the Parish Council support this request of a donation to the value of £500. This was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed.

National Highways and traffic survey. This has been completed and will be sent off by the Clerk.

South Somerset Schools need Governors. No Parish Councillors were interested in this however it was suggested that The Clerk put the information into the Chimes.

The following items were circulated to and read by the Councillors :-

- Joint Area West Committee notice of meeting
- Shaws Forms, records & registers
- Somersets Cultural Olympiad
- Pioneer Somerset Devolution of Services Survey Update
- Somerset County Councillors poster
- Changes to bus services
- Doing it right booklet
- Standards Committee Minutes
- SID results
- SCSN Newsletter
- Tour of Britain Cycle Race
- South Somerset Local Development Framework
- Parish Lengthsman Meeting Minutes
- The Playing Field
- Clerks and Councils Direct

83. District Councillor's Report

Mr Pallister had sent his report to the Clerk. He said that the willow across Westways has been reported. He also asked if the Lengthsman could clear along the pavements of the A30

84. County Councillor's Report

Nothing further to report

85. Finance

£246.66 profit from the barn dance

£375 profit from hiring the village marquee

86. Payments

The following payments were proposed and approved for payment by the meeting

- A Gliddon £24.12 Hammers for erecting the marquee
- A Sinclair £29.28 Fuel for mower and wood for rocking rockette seat

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- Village Hall £500 Donation for crockery and cooking utensils

87. Planning Applications

None received

88. Planning Decisions

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Mr Paul Humby

Erection of an extension

Permission Granted

09/02772/FUL

Mr I Stephan

387 Chinnock Hollow

Erection of a conservatory

Permission granted

09/02693/FUL

Mrs Mary Carter

Cleaves, Copse Lane

Alterations and erection of a replacement kitchen extension and sunroom

Permission granted with conditions

89. Parish Lengthsman Report and Update

The grips above Weston House and below Cleaves have been unblocked. He has painted the swings but as soon as good weather happens he is planning to paint the rest. He will be asked to clear litter and overgrown hedges from along the pavements of the A30, and to cut back the brambles and nettles currently blocking much of the footpath between College and Back Lane.

90. Potholes and General Maintenance Report and Update

Road appears to be breaking up by Sunny Cot. Mr Churchill will report this.

91. Play Area Report and Update

Mr Sinclair is in the process of fixing the rocking rockette

Mr Jones is back on mole catching duty, and reported that people have taken the safety fence down, It also appears that there has been some fouling – whether this is foxes or dogs os not known but the Clerk will put a reminder in the Chime that dogs are not allowed in there.

92. Rights of Way Report and Update

It is believed that the District Council have not taken action to enforce the decision regarding the Y8/22 and Y8/23 footpaths. Before Mr Murdoch contacts the landowners on behalf of the Parish Council to agree a permissive route, the Clerk will contact the Council to find out what their position is.

93. Village Newsletter

Nothing further

94. Entertainments Committee

There will be a Bonfire Night extravaganza but the date is yet to be set

95. Items to Report

- Hedges are overhanging the pathway to the Church. Clerk to contact landowner
- Difficult to put pins into notice board. Clerk to look into a new backing

96. Next Meeting

Monday 5th October 2009 at 7.45pm

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting

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

Dave Lewis the PCSO (Police Community Support Officer) came to the meeting to say that he had been advised that villagers were still concerned about the speed of traffic through the village. He is therefore revisiting the idea of having a Community Speed Watch Programme. If anyone has any comments they can e-mail him on ssnsouthsomersetwest@avonandsomerset.police.uk or register their interest at the Village shop. The Clerk was asked to put this information into the Chinnock Chimes.

97. Apologies for absence

B Murdoch,

98. Declarations of interest

None

99. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes from the last meeting, which had been previously circulated to Members were approved discussed. Mrs Merchant wished Minute 25 regarding the Ash Tree to state that the District Councils tree specialist had said that "the tree is currently safe and there is no imperative to fell it". The Chairman signed all other pages of the minutes as a true reflection but asked that the Clerk amend Page 2 as discussed.

100. Matters arising from the minutes

- **The Ash Tree.** Further to recent discussions Mrs Merchant said that she had 30 villagers supporting her request that the tree is not felled. She felt that the tree was not interfering with the cables and that felling it would be a waste of village money. The Tree warden was in agreement with her. As this matter has been voted on twice before the Councillors stuck to the decision to fell the tree. Mrs Merchant wished to be named as the Councillor who objected to this.

It was proposed and seconded (vote 6 to 1) for asking Mr Martin to fell the tree at a cost of £350. Mr Harris was asked to arrange this and make sure that the wood is left. The original decision was to plant Cherry trees. The Tree warden asked that the Councillors consider Mountain Ash instead of a height between 6-8 ft. This was agreed and Mr Harris will get costs for this. He also investigated the costs of getting metal guards to protect the trees. At the moment this is £75 + vat. He will try and get a cheaper quote. It was discussed whether a guard would be put round the "WI" tree. Mrs Merchant said this was not necessary as the WI would manage this themselves.

- **Meeting regarding safety on the A30.** Mr Jones and Mr Churchill attended a meeting with Haselbury Plucknett Parish Council, David Laws MP, Cathy Bakewell and a police representative. Many items were discussed but it was felt that any proposal should be kept simple. Some of the ideas included asking for a 40mph speed limit from West Coker through to the Haselbury Plucknett junction (obviously keeping the 30mph through East Chinnock). They also discussed double white lines. Mrs Bakewell is going to check whether you can actually have double white lines in a 30mph rural road. In 2010 the County Council are going to look at the whole of the A30 and talk to Parish Councils about what the issues are. The budget is limited but if anyone has any thoughts or comments they should forward them to the Parish Council before February next year. It was then proposed and seconded that East Chinnock request a 40mph limit from North Perrot / Haselbury Plucknett junction through to East Chinnock. This was carried 6 votes to 1. The Clerk was asked to e-mail this to Cathy Bakewell and Victoria Knight.

- **Meeting with Highways department regarding Chinnock Hollow.** Mr Churchill had circulated an in depth report regarding his meeting. In summary though it does not appear that a traffic or speed survey has been done (although people were seen for 2 days seemingly doing a survey of some sort). The road signs have not yet been repainted despite several requests but it is understood that the contractor has a backlog of work. It was reiterated that no action could be taken without the survey results. Mrs Bakewell will chase this up. There was a discussion over whether there are or are not plans for a priority system. However this was originally proposed about 16 years ago, so it was felt that any action plan should start from scratch

101. Clerks Report and Correspondence

- **Allotments** – The Councillors saw the poster that Chris Langford proposes to put up to gauge interest for allotments. Once she has a response we can review the situation

- **Dog Control orders workshop** No Councillors wished to attend this meeting

- **Parish Plan-** Mr Churchill had circulated some information regarding an idea to have a Parish Plan where future projects are thought about and prioritised. It was felt that it is a good way of finding out what parishioners really want to happen in their village. Other parishes have found that it is also very helpful when seeking funding. The Councillors did feel that it was a good idea but in order to make it work, people in the village needed to be involved. The Clerk was asked to put an article in the Chinnock Chimes and Mr Sinclair agreed to co-ordinate responses.

- **Bulb Planting** – This will take place in the village on the 26th October 2009

- **Community Policing Awards** – The Councillors did not have any nominations

- **AGM of CPRE** – No Councillors wished to attend

- **Bonfires** – The Clerk had received an e-mail from a parishioner concerned about the number of bonfires occurring in the day and asking us to consider requesting a bye-law to restrict them. Mr Pallister explained that the law did seem very clear and that if anyone has an issue they should really try and resolve it locally with their neighbours. If this is unsuccessful then the Parish Council could write a letter to request more consideration. It was felt that a bye-law would not be necessary. The Councillors agreed with this response and asked the Clerk to confirm this to the parishioner.

The following items were circulated to and read by the Councillors

- Mendip Housing Annual Review
- Standards Committee
- Fleet Air Arm Museum
- Garden Waste Collection information
- Road Closure – Orchardleigh
- Joint Area West Committee
- Traffic data

102. District Councillor's Report

Mr Pallister asked to confirm the location of the second bin at the end of Carters Lane. This was agreed. In light of cost savings required Mr Pallister will investigate the costs of the bulb planting. Mr Churchill reminded Mr Pallister that he was going to remove the tyres from the lay-by at the top of Chinnock Hollow

103. County Councillor's Report

Nothing further to report

104. Finance

£50 received from hire of the Marquee.

The Clerk circulated a financial update to show expenditure and income to date. She asked that the Councillors consider any future expenditure and to think about what the precept should be for next year

105. Payments

The following costs were proposed and agreed for payment

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| • Parish Lengthsman | £306.90 | |
| • Diocese of Bath & Wells | £30 | Rent |
| • N Weber | £102.79 | Mower fuel and maintenance |

106. Planning Applications

None received

107. Planning Decisions

None received

108. Parish Lengthsman Report and Update

The play equipment has now been painted. Mrs O'Donnell will ask him to trim the nettles along the pavement below Hyde Park. She will also ask him to unblock the grips at Cleaves.

109. Potholes and General Maintenance Report and Update

Nothing currently to report

110. Play Area Report and Update

Mr Jones is still trying to catch the mole(s) It also appears that there is a badger digging holes and leaving faeces in the play area. Mr Jones will investigate the costs for putting wire along the bottom of the gate and stile to stop it getting in.

Mr Jones asked the Clerk to write to Mrs LeFeuvre to explain why steps have not been put on the other side of the stile. This is because it is not a right of way and we should not be encouraging people to use it. The stile is simply there to allow children to easily get their ball back when it goes over the fence

111. Rights of Way Report and Update

Nothing to report

112. Village Newsletter

Nothing to report

113. Entertainments Committee

There will be a Bonfire Night extravaganza on the 5th November

114. Items to Report

Difficult to put pins into notice board. Andy Harris to see if he can seek a solution
Clerk to get two blocks to allow people to reach notice board

115. Next Meeting

Monday 2nd November 2009 at 7.45pm

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting

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Councillors

Mrs L Kemp, Mr M Jones, Mrs M Merchant, Mr A Harris Mrs P O'Donnell

District Councillor

Mr R Pallister (part of the meeting)

County Councillor

Officer

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Minutes of the East Chinnock Parish Council Meeting that was held on Monday 2nd November 2009 at 7.45pm in the Village Hall.

During public questions Chris Langford reported back that 75 people had signed up in response to whether they felt the village would benefit from a footpath from the village to Cott Farm. It is appreciated that a solid footpath may not be viable but if the verges and hedges could be cut back, then this may help. It was felt that the first thing to find out is who owns the land and then see if they would be agreeable in principle to have a permissive path. Ric offered to find out if he could see who owns the land. It was also suggested that this idea be put onto the Parish plan, when it is formed.

As the village tree warden, Lucy Pickersgill informed us that some money had been made available for enhancing hedgerows and for planting some trees. If anyone wants further information, they can contact Lucy directly.

116. Apologies for absence

J Churchill

C Bakewell

117. Declarations of interest

L Kemp in the Planning Applications

118. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes from the last meeting, which had been previously circulated to Members, were approved and the Vice Chairman signed them as a true record of the meeting

119. Matters arising from the minutes

- Speed issues in the village. Feedback from survey done by PCSO. Mrs Lee said that two villagers had signed the form at the village shop, but no-one had signed the form at the pub. We await feedback from the PCSO
- Minute 100. Costs of Mountain Ash from Mr Harris. This matter is still outstanding
- Minute 100. Traffic survey along the Hollow. This matter is still outstanding
- Minute 101. Parish Plan – further to the article in the Chimes Mr Sinclair has not had a rush of volunteers although Lucy Pickersgill did volunteer during the meeting. Due to personal work load Mr

Sinclair will not be able to further this until the New Year. It was suggested that he contact Andrew Gillespie for advice and support, and look at the Community Council website for assistance.

- Minute 102. Second dog bin – Mr Pallister has contacted the person on identifying the location.
- Minute 102. Removal of tyres from top of Hollow. Still outstanding
- Minute 114. Notice board – Mr Harris was unable to find a better material for the boards. Mrs Early will sort out a block for people to stand on.

120. Clerks Report and Correspondence

- **Play Area Report** - Further to the report, it was noted that the timber uprights of the tyre tower are loose. This will be monitored. Pat O'Donnell will lubricate the shackles on the swings. The seat on the rocking rocket will be put back soon by Mr Sinclair. The loose goal post will be monitored
- **East Chinnock Church** - The church clock needs work doing on it. As it is a village memorial clock the Church asked if we would like to contribute to the costs. Subject to the Feofees being in agreement, it was proposed and seconded that the Parish Council pay half of the costs.(total costs are £425 + vat)
- **Yeovil Freewheelers** - Request for donation – review at the end of the financial year
- **Review of Somerset's Waste Management strategy workshop** – No Councillors wished to attend
- **Pavement on the bend outside Yews Farm** – as this is getting overgrown with overhanging trees and brambles, it is forcing pedestrians towards the road. The Clerk was asked to write to the landowner and ask him to clear it
- **WI Tree** Mrs Merchant confirmed that the WI will pay for their own tree guard

The following items were circulated to and read by the Councillors

- Joint Area West Committee meeting
- South Somerset bus timetable
- NHS Foundation trust – full consultation document
- SSDC Standards Committee meeting minutes
- Hall Funding

121. District Councillor's Report

Nothing to report

122. County Councillor's Report

Not present

123. Finance

Nothing to report

124. Payments

The following costs were proposed and agreed for payment

- Annual Fee for premises licence £70
- Churchyard £400
- P O'Donnell, motor fuel £14
- A Roberts, Fireworks £398

125. Planning Applications

Mrs Kemp left the room.

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BW&L Kemp

449 Weston Street

Change of use of premises from ancillary residential accommodation to mixed use as osteopathic practice and ancillary residential accommodation

There were no objections to this application.

Mrs Kemp returned to the meeting

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Mr and Mrs F Hogarty

The Old Rectory, Weston Street

Alterations to former Coach House

There were no objections to this application

126. Planning Decisions

None received

127. Parish Lengthsman Report and Update

The bank has been skimmed and looks much better. The weeds still need to be done along Hyde Park, and there was a question over whether the grips had been done.

128. Potholes and General Maintenance Report and Update

Nothing currently to report

129. Play Area Report and Update

Mr Harris was asked to roller the playing field

Mr Jones is sorting out netting for the gate to prevent badgers coming into the field.

130. Rights of Way Report and Update

Mr Murdoch informed the meeting that the stile on the corner of Mrs Balmford field has now been replaced. There has been no further action regarding the footpath diversions as recently reported.

131. Village Newsletter

Nothing further

132 Entertainments Committee

There will be a Bonfire Night extravaganza on the 5th November

133. Items to Report

Nothing further

134. Next Meeting

Monday 7th December 2009 at 7.45pm

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting.

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Minutes of the East Chinnock Parish Council Meeting that was held on Monday 7th December 2009 at 7.45pm in the Village Hall.

Present

Chairman	Mr J Churchill
Vice Chair	~
Councillors	Mrs L Kemp, Mr M Jones, Mrs M Merchant, Mr A Harris Mrs P O'Donnell
District Councillor	~
County Councillor	~
Officer	Mrs H Early

During public questions a parishioner said that he had put his milk money out late at night and it had been stolen. The Clerk was asked to put this matter into the Chinnock Chimes to warn people that there may be a thief about.

135. Apologies for absence

R Pallister
C Bakewell
A Sinclair

136. Declarations of interest

None

137. Minutes of the last meeting

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

138. Matters arising from the minutes

- **Community Speed Watch Programme.** The PCSO met with approximately 12 parishioners on Sunday 22nd November. There have been about 6 volunteers. Jeremy Churchill will be the official village Co-ordinator and Andy Sinclair the Communicator. The speed watch takes about an hour a time and is carried out during good weather and good light. There are three possible locations: lay-by at end of village, lay-by at top of village or outside the village hall. The site has to be approved by the police. There was a request to do it at the top of Chinnock Hollow, but this is on hold until more volunteers come forward. There will be a training session for all volunteers. Jeremy Churchill will be writing an article for the Chimes as more volunteers are needed – the more we get, the less work for individuals. So if anyone is interested then please contact Jeremy Churchill or Andy Sinclair.
- **Cost of Mountain Ash** – These will be about £21 each for 6-8ft. Andy Harris is still chasing up costs for the tree surrounds. The Parish Council approved the costs of the replacement trees.

- **Traffic Survey along Chinnock Hollow** - The raw data has now been received. The types of vehicle survey was carried out on the 15 September and the speed survey was carried out 3-20 November. Mr Churchill will circulate the data to the Parish Council and Mrs Carter. The next step is for Mr Churchill to meet with Colin Fletcher from Highways to determine what the data is saying, and what possible next steps there are
- **Second Dog Bin** – The location at the end of Carters Lane has finally been approved for emptying. The Clerk was asked to order the bin and arrange for the Lengthsman to install it.
- **Removal of tyres from top of Hollow.** Clerk to remind Mr Pallister
- **Rocking Rockette Seat** – a concern was raised that if we fixed the seat ourselves that this may affect our insurance. It was therefore agreed that we thank Mr Sinclair for trying to fix it himself but that the Clerk order a replacement from the manufactures directly. This was proposed and seconded, with all in favour.
- **Salt Bin** – The Council have provided each parish with 10 bags of salt for the roads during the winter. The Lengthsman has taken delivery of ours. After much discussion it was decided that the cost of a salt bin was too excessive. Mr Harris will leave 2 bags of salt at the bottom of Chinnock Hollow for residents to use as they see fit. If anyone else in the village feels that their roads require a bag of salt then please contact the Clerk. The Clerk was also asked to put this into the Chimes

139. Clerks Report and Correspondence

- **Crewkerne Cluster Meeting** – no Councillors wished to attend
- **SID Continuation** – in order to continue for another year, the cost will be £100. Mrs Bakewell has said that she is willing to fund this for another year if we wish to continue. It was proposed, seconded and all were in favour to continue. The Clerk is to contact Mrs Bakewell.
- **Flood Awareness Workshop** – Marianne Merchant will attend the workshop on the 20th January
- **Brownies request for donation** – a trip is planned for next year and they are requesting a donation. As there are 7 Brownies in the village, it was felt that this should be supported. It was proposed, seconded and all in favour of a donation of £100
- **Parish Priorities** – SSDC asked the Parish Council to rate their priorities from a list. Mrs Merchant made a proposal which was agreed by all Councillors. A copy is available from the Clerk for information.
- The following items were circulated to and read by the Councillors
 - Christmas & New Year recycling & Refuse collections
 - Double white lines
 - South Somerset News
 - The Playing Field
 - Standards Committee
 - Avon and Somerset Police newsletter
 - Joint Area Committee – West Meeting
 - Clerks and Councils Direct
 - SSDC Organisation structure

140. District Councillor's Report

Not present

141. County Councillor's Report

Not present

142. Finance

£70 has been received from Feofees to cover the cost of the Premises Licence

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated the expenditure and income for East Chinnock Parish Council to date. In summary:

- Total income of @£5300 (which includes income from the Entertainments Committee)
- Expenditure to date is @£3200
- Future expenditure of @£2000

It was felt appropriate to maintain the precept as it was last year.

It was proposed and seconded and all were in favour of requesting a precept of £4500. The Clerk is to complete the relevant paperwork.

143. Payments

None

144. Planning Applications

None received

145. Planning Decisions

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Mr P Pippard

Land OS 8449 Barrows Hill, East Chinnock

Erection of a general purpose agricultural building

Permission granted

146. Parish Lengthsman Report and Update

The Lengthsman has delivered 10 bags of salt to the village hall. Mr Murdoch said this could be stored in the shed.

The grips have been cleared at the top of Cleaves. The play area has been strimmed. It was asked if he could clear the drains at the end of Carters Lane.

147. Potholes and General Maintenance Report and Update

A large hole in the road opposite the Post Office

It appears that the gulleys and ditches along Westways need to be cleared out, and a tree in the stream needs to be taken away. The Clerk will see if she can contact someone to do this.

148. Play Area Report and Update

Nothing to report

149. Rights of Way Report and Update

From April next year the clearing of footpaths will revert back to County Council ownership. We await to see if the current standards are maintained

Mr Murdoch has been contacted by the West Chinnock Rights of Way representative regarding the unusable gate on the path near Barrows Dairy Farm. The West Chinnock Representative is going to contact the landowner directly to resolve the issue

150. Village Newsletter

Nothing further

151. Entertainments Committee

Due to the poor weather, there was a loss of @£150

152. Items to Report

Street light at the bottom of Weston Street is out again. Clerk to sort out

A discussion was held about possible locations for allotments. Before going any further the Clerk was asked to contact Chris Langford to see what position we are in.

153. Next Meeting

Monday 4th January 2010 at 7.45pm

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting