

EAST CHINNOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the East Chinnock Parish Council meeting held on Monday 4th February, 2019 starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present Chairman Cllr. Paul Taylor
 Councillors Dr John Cox, Mike Bussell, Dave Tuck, Tom Wicks and Debbie Taylor
 Officer Maureen Randell
 Ward Councillors Mark Keating (part of meeting) and Ric Pallister (part of meeting)

Public Question Time: Anthony Vaughan, the prospective Liberal Democrat candidate for the District Council was in attendance as an observer. There were no members of the public present.

- 18/19** **Apologies for absence:** Apologies had been received from Cllr Reeves.
- 19/19** **Declarations of Interest and to receive any written requests for DPI dispensation:** none
- 20/19** **Minutes of the last meeting:** Cllr Bussell proposed and Cllr Cox seconded the motion that the minutes, having previously been circulated, be signed by the Chairman as a true record of the January meeting.
- 21/19** **Matters arising:** i) The clerk said that she was still chasing Greenslade Taylor Hunt regarding the renewal of the play area lease. ii) Cllr Paul Taylor had circulated a detailed quote for the Speed Indication Device. He was endeavouring to obtain additional quotations. Cllr Keating asked what the council proposed to do with regard to the Chapter 8 Regulations training required to install the device. Cllr Wicks said that he was qualified to comply with the New Roads and Street Works Act of 1991 which covered that.
- 22/19** **District Councillor's Report:** i) Cllr Pallister said that he was pursuing the replacement of the bin in the layby with a larger bin as the current one was constantly overflowing. ii) He reported that he had asked that the planning application for Carter's Lane be taken to committee. It had been refused over two years ago as the Landscape Officer had stated that the development would have a detrimental effect on the setting of the listed church. There had been no policy changes in the interim so he considered that the decision should be the same. The design had been improved but the previous refusal had not been on design grounds. iii) He reported that Transformation was settling down, although there was still the odd hiccup.
- 23/19** **County Councillor's Report:** i) Cllr Keating said that he was campaigning for the gritting of the A3066 from the A30 to the Misterton crossroads to be re-instated. ii) He said that he had spoken to the department about the gulley by the church as it was full. iii) He reported that the drainage work in Carters Lane was due to start imminently.
 The Councillor Reports for January and February contained the following points of interest:
 a) The improvement in the County finances meant that the planned consultation on the subsidised bus routes had been shelved for the time-being. b) Anyone interested in planting trees in the new Somerset Wood which will be a memorial to the World War One fallen should contact Alan Hall at alanhall@westmonkton.net. c) The County had approved plans to upgrade the M5 junction 25 roundabout. d) Somerset Day would be on Saturday 11th May. Full details were available at www.somersetday.com e) Mental Health problems affected around one in four people. More information was available from the Rethink mental illness advice hotline on 0300 5000 927 or Mind In Somerset's Yeovil office on 01935 474875 f) The new SCC volunteer web address is <https://volunteering.somerset.gov.uk/> where people can find opportunities that allow them to make a difference. g) Additional funding would improve the facilities and places for children on the Autistic Spectrum at Preston School and Oaklands Autistic Base, both in Yeovil. h) For information on education, health and social care for children with Special Educational Needs visit www.choices.somerset.gov.uk/025/local-offer/
- 24/19** **Planning Applications:** i) It was noted that Planning Application No. 18/03794/HOU for demolition of a conservatory and erection of a single storey extension to the rear of 457, Weston Street had been granted. ii) Planning Application No. 18/04034/FUL for a detached 2 storey house on land opposite 30, Orchardleigh was discussed and the councillors agreed that there were no grounds to object to the application and the clerk was asked to write accordingly to the Planning Officer.
- 25/19** **Clerk's report and correspondence:** i) The clerk said that she had received a letter from

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the Seyfrieds thanking the council for their good wishes for their retirement. Cllr Cox said that unfortunately Dick Seyfried had passed away a few days previously. The other councillors were all sorry to hear that news and expressed their condolences for the family. ii) Following Julie Jewell's message regarding her impending retirement from the village website the clerk said that she had consulted with the chairman and bought a mini orchid in a ceramic pot and a card in appreciation of all their work over the years. An email of thanks had been received from the Jewells iii) The clerk reported that she would be attending a workshop at SSDC on 28th February about the elections which are due in May. iv) A request had been received from Yeovil Shopmobility for a donation. The clerk said that the current policy had been to only donate to the Citizens Advice Bureau. It was agreed that whilst this was a worthwhile cause the current financial situation meant that the council would not be able to consider donations to other bodies and the clerk was asked to write to them accordingly.v) Nick Weber had phoned to say that he had got the mower out for Cllr Wicks and there appeared to be something wrong with the drive. He had put it on the ramps and had a look but he couldn't detect the problem so he had taken it to Crewkerne Horticultural who had repaired it at a cost of £38.42. The clerk said that she had added this to the payment list. vi) As agreed at last month's meeting the clerk reported that she had been in contact with the person who did some promotional material for the Entertainments Committee to see if he would be interested in taking over the village website when Julie Jewell stood down. He had replied that he could not take it on as he was very busy workwise and a new baby was imminent so he would not have any spare time. It was agreed that the website contained a lot of useful information and it would be a shame if no-one could be found to take it on. Cllr Paul Taylor said he would put an appeal in The Chimes. Mr Vaughan suggested that Yeovil College IT department could be approached as they may be interested in working on it as a student project. vii) The clerk said that she had been advised that the Housing Needs Survey conducted as part of the Village Plan was not in the format needed for it to be included in the SSDC Rural Housing Action Plan 2019/20. Cllr Bussell said that he had looked at their form and thought that it was unlikely that sufficient people would complete it if it was circulated so it was agreed to leave it for the time being. viii) The Speedwatch Report from Mr Jackson for January had been circulated. Ten and a half hours were undertaken some of which were during the two weeks of the National Speed Campaign which resulted in increased attendances by the Police and Speed Enforcement Officers. The numbers of speeders exceeding 30 mph through the village was the lowest recorded at 1.8% which may have been due to the police presence. Twenty-five drivers were above the prosecutable speed limit with the highest speed recorded at 45mph. ix) The clerk said that the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations were usually reviewed before the financial year end and this would be on next month's agenda. She had no recommendations for changes and asked that the councillors review the documents and let her know if they thought anything should be amended.

- 26/19 Finance:** i) It was noted that the Precept paperwork had been submitted.
- 27/19 Payments:** the following payments were presented and approval was proposed by Cllr Cox and seconded by Cllr Debbie Taylor:- i) SSDC £76.31 for Chimes printing ii) M Randell £22.49 for Home office allowance and expenses. iii) Nick Weber £38.42 for reimbursement of mower repairs.
- 28/19 Entertainment's Committee:** Cllr Taylor said that the Entertainments Committee had met on 15th January to discuss future events. They were proposing to have a quiz night in the village hall in the spring and the usual music night in either June or July. They were considering a return appearance of Bertie's Big Band and perhaps a hog roast. The bonfire would be on 5th November as usual.
- 29/19 Parish Ranger Report:** Cllr Cox said that the ranger was due on 12th February and asked if there were any other tasks to be added to the usual ones. Cllr Paul Taylor said that the grips up Cleeve's Track needed digging out. Cllr Cox said that this had been mentioned previously but he had been unable to find them. Cllr Taylor said that he knew where they were and would mark the position before the ranger's visit. Cllr Bussell said that the pavement edge needed weeding by the church and Cllr Taylor added that the weeds at the rear of the garages in Carters Lane also needed attention.
- 30/19 Highways:** The clerk reported that the large trench down the side of East Chinnock Hill had been repaired. Cllr Reeve had emailed from his holiday to say that there was nothing else to

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report.

31/19 Play Area Report: Cllr Wicks said that he was preparing the grass cutting rota but had been unable to contact one of the previous volunteers. Cllrs Tuck and Taylor said that they would be happy to fill any gaps.

32/19 Rights of Way Report: i) Cllr Bussell said that he was updating the map of the public footpaths in the area. During his review of the status of the paths he had discovered that Back Lane at the top of College was not listed as a public footpath. It was suggested that it might be classed as a highway as it was a lane. It was a well-used walkway so he felt that the status needed to be clarified and said that he would investigate further. ii) He said that the sign at the Stump Stone was now completely broken. Cllr Paul Taylor said that a sign was needed there as he had recently had to direct someone who was lost. Cllr Bussell said he would ask Cllr Reeve on his return to speak to his highways contacts.

33/19 Items of Report: Cllr Taylor suggested that the new councillor might like to attend one of the courses for new councillors and the clerk agreed to check when the next one was scheduled. No-one had anything else to report

34/19 Next Meeting: will be on Monday 4th March, 2019

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm

Signed (Chair) Date.....

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