

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
13 NOVEMBER 2013 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WELLS ROAD, CHILCOMPTON**

1. **Present:** Cllrs. Pike (Chairman), Aldridge, Foster, Mattick, Pickford, Stanford & Thwaites. MDCllr Carter. SCCllr Siggs.

Apologies: Cllrs. Bacik, Richardson-Aitken, Morgan, Maundrill & Gregory. PCSO Nikki Housley.

2. **Public Participation (open to anyone, whatever their age):** None.
3. **MDCllr Carter:** Inquired whether the PC was happy with the provision of polling stations in the village. The PC told her that so long as there were two in the village, that was satisfactory and would not want to see changed. The PC then gave her the background to the controversy concerning the Bungalow, Wells Road, in case she had some influence on the matter.
4. **SCCllr Siggs:** Reported that he had put forward road safety at Lynch Hill in the small improvement scheme. Also asked if there were any requests for the health and social well being budget, perhaps from the village hall or sports field. Reported that the Children's Centre will become a self-financing nursery, noting that children's centres were in principle unsustainable.
5. **Minutes of the Previous Ordinary Meeting:** 6(b) Should have included the sentence, The lights stay on when they are faulty so they can be identified. With this change the minutes were agreed as a true record and signed accordingly.
6. **Ongoing Matters:**
- a) 09/12 - Radstock Museum - Community history exhibition: Chilcompton to be included in the second exhibition in 2014. It was reported that the appeal for artefacts will go out will go out with the Church's Xmas cards. Cllr Pike had been in contact with the vicar about this and he thanked the church. Cllr Foster said that she had received items from the school and Wally Moon. Cllr Pickford reported that she had two responses. 07/12
 - b) 12/12 - More rural housing in Parsonage Lane: Clerk to contact Nina Richards for a meeting to discuss the scheme proposal either at the next planning meeting this month or alternatively the January planning meeting. Clerk to also ask for a look at the scheme proposal before the meeting.10/12
7. **Matters Arising:**
- a) **Traffic Safety at Lynch Hill:** Awaiting the extension of the 30mph speed limit westwards as well as a feasibility study into further safety measures. See item 4 above. 8/12
 - b) **Lights:** Clerk to inquire why it takes so long to repair the faulty lights. 7/12
 - c) **Planter:** The coal truck is in place, now just awaiting planting up. 8/12
 - d) **Community Speedwatch:** Cllr Stanford reported that the scheme went well in October but there are still a few problems in the exchange of the kit. 3/11
 - e) **Police Report:** 11/10 a break in to a garage at Fry's well, a chainsaw was taken. 28/10 a 2 car road traffic collision between MSN and chilcompton. 29/10 Report of a fight in Raglan close. 01/11 One vehicle collision in Church lane. 31/10 An Asda van hit the central barrier as he turned right from Chilcompton to Stratton on Fosse from Chilcompton. 05/11 flood on Parsonage lane.
 - f) **Gritting & New Bins:** The new grit bins are now in place and have been filled. The PC thanked everyone who had been involved in the exercise. Clerk to ask when the old bins will be filled.

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- g) **Pot holes:** Cllr Mattick reported a deep pot hole on Parsonage Lane, on the left hand side as you go up the hill. Clerk to notify SCC.
 - h) **Planning permission, Bungalow, Wells Road:** Following the letter from Matthew Williams justifying MDC's actions, the Clerk to write back inquiring why it was a 'permitted development'?
 - i) **Neighbourhood Plan:** The first draft, compiled by Cllr Thwaites, of the contribution to the Local Plan was discussed. It was decided that potential encroachment from BANES from the direction of the White Post should be included. Also, the Wagon, as well as the Redan, should be mentioned. Cllr Thwaites and Cllr Stanford to see Ian Bowen of MDC before Xmas. Thanks were given to Cllr Thwaites. Cllr Stanford reported that the Design Statement was ready to be completed.
 - j) **Litter:** The litter picking day was considered only a moderate success because of the lack of publicity. It was decided that the dates should be set in advance (chosen by the clerk) and made public on the website. Volunteer database should be given to the clerk who will warn the volunteers in advance.
 - k) **Village plan actions:** Youth club – meeting held the previous evening, but disappointing attendance. The PC decided that in principle, with a business plan in place, and with enough interest, they would support it. Neighbourhood watch – it was reported that there was little enthusiasm, though the coordinators may generate more. Clerk to minute that he is the contact to the website. Village Plan Actions sub com meeting to follow the planning meeting.
 - l) **War memorial wall:** This has been tidied up by Steve Davis who will bill the PC for materials. Plants to be pruned back on the side. Mr Davis will look at it again in the summer.
 - m) **Street railings:** Clerk reported that the repair had not been done after all, stronger materials were being waited for.
 - n) **Village hall development:** The PC have received a letter from the Chair of the Village Hall Management Committee expressing their objections to the plan and their disappointment at not being involved earlier. Cllr Pike said that in hindsight the Chair and Vice-Chair of the VHMC should have been invited to the October meeting. Clerk to write to the VHMC apologising on behalf of the PC.
 - o) **Standing Orders:** Clerk to write to SALC to get it in writing that there are no significant changes in the national guidelines.
- 8. Committee reports: The Old Rec –** Cllr Stanford reported that the painting needed in the Old Rec children's play area has not been done yet. Cllr Stanford offered to do it himself. **Sports Field –** Cllr Mattick reported that at a recent meeting the main concerns were maintenance and games cancelled because of the rain, the accounts are in good order and the AGM will take place on the 3/12.
- 9. Precept:** Because of the time – discussion and a decision on this was deferred to the following month.

10. Planning Applications:

- a) None.

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b) None.

11. Planning Decisions:

(a) 2013/1290 New dwelling off Carter’s Way. Approved with conditions.

(b) 2013/1790 Pruning of tree with TPO at 6 Downside Close. Approved with conditions.

(c) 2013/1005 Outline application for 50 dwellings off Broadway. Approved with conditions.

(d) 2013/1297 Conditions on conditions re Glebe Land. Split decision. Clerk to chase up an explanation.

(e) 2012/2418 Development at Sestri. Appeal dismissed.

12. Accounts:

753 – Rackvernal Old School Hall	- Repayment	-	20.00
754 – Chilcompton/Downside PCC	- Burial Grant	-	420.00
755 – M. Rigby	- reimbursements	-	11.00
756 – M. Rigby	- Clerk’s salary	-	240.39
757 – Post Office (HMRC)	- Clerk’s tax	-	60.00
758 – British Legion	- Wreath	-	18.00
759 – AJ & RC Brown	- Grass cutting	-	463.20
760 – Glasdon UK Ltd	- Grit bins	-	1160.62
761 – AJ &RC Brown	- Grass cutting	-	415.20
762 – Chilcompton VHMC	- Hall rental	-	65.00
			2873.41

13. Correspondence: Letter from Hi-Line re Western Power and cutting back trees in the Old Rec. Letter about SCC Highway Service Information Pack, which describes their tasks and limitations.

14. Any Other Business: Cllr Stanford observed that AES Europe (water/river/pond experts) are offering free consultancy site visits during November and the PC should take advantage re the Street ponds. Clerk to contact them. Cllr Stanford said he would be attending the planning seminar on 26/11. Cllr Stanford reported that he had attended the Local Choice conference last month which covered community car sharing schemes, dementia friendly communities and some interesting statistics. Cllr Stanford said that the dates of the police visits should be on the website. Cllr Pickford commented on how more footpath maps were needed. Cllr Foster reported that the bin by the church needed emptying. Clerk to contact. Cllr Foster reported that the drains had still not been cleared. Clerk to contact. Cllr Pike reported that the bus sign opposite Bennell was still hidden by plants. Clerk to contact.

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15. Date of next meeting: This was fixed for Wednesday 11th December 2013. Planning Meeting on Wednesday 27th November 2013.

16. Close: The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.48pm.

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