

# CHITTLEHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

## **Minutes of the meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at The Methodist Hall, Chittlehampton.**

**Those present:** Councillor Mr M Ives, (Chairman), Councillors, Mr T Kirby, Mr H Hooper, Mrs A Davies, Mrs M Edwards, Mr C Timberlake, Mr P Bradbury, Mrs P Shallcross, Mrs R Rawle, Mrs S Rowe, Mr R Edgell, Mr W White and Mrs R Warren (Clerk)

Mr Colin Savage, Rural Housing Enabler, attended the meeting.

**Apologies:** Councillor Ian Waldron.

**No response:** 0

Members of the public: 0

Agree and sign the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of the 11<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

Mr Colin Savage spoke about the changes to regulations regarding Affordable Housing. There are different options available but the biggest problem is finding a location to build on that is acceptable to planners.

### **MATTERS ARISING**

**Highway Matters:** The Police said they would monitor the speed of vehicles driving through the Village. Cllr Mrs A Davies is going to find out about flashing speed signs and if one would be suitable for the Village. The flooding by Coombe Farm will be reported. The damage to the steps in front of Rackmead have been reported. It has been reported that the lanes from Cobbaton via East Stowford to Furze were very muddy and the hedges were being destroyed by the large farm vehicles using the route. Mrs Warren to contact Richard Sables, Highways, to report the muddy and dangerous conditions.

**Police:** PC Lansdell has forwarded the new monthly report. There were no relevant local issues. A copy of the report is in Chittlechatter and on the Parish Council website. South Molton Police Station now has a Facebook page. This can be found by typing, South Molton Police, into the space bar.

### **Playing Field:**

The wood chip has been laid over membrane, and maintenance repairs have been carried out on some of the play equipment. It was decided to top up the woodchip every year rather than waiting to replace it all and having such a big job to do.

**North Devon and Torridge Local Plan:** No news.

**Eastacott Cross:** Nick Russell from Historic England is arranging to meet the Highways Department to arrange repairs.

**Umberleigh Railway Bridge:** A warning sign has been put up showing an adult and a child. It is small and not on the same side as traffic going over the bridge. It is not ideal but we have been told that is all we are able to have at this time.

**The Square:** Cllr Edwards has arranged for someone to tidy the top beds in the Square and we are still waiting for the work to be carried out. It was agreed to replace the large pots in the Square as three are now broken. The film company who used the square have agreed to pay for two of the pots.

**Affordable Housing:** Mr Colin Savage will look for sites that would be suitable.

**Lerwell Beech Tree:** We are awaiting the response to the planning application.

**Correspondence:** A letter was received from Citizens Advice asking for a donation. It was agreed to make a donation of £50.00.

**Finance:**

The Budget for 2018/19 was discussed and agreed.

**Payments made:** £ 420.00 Playquest. Play equipment inspection.  
£ 195.00 Mr J Lane. Ecological Report, Lerwell.  
£ 1359.60 AHS Ltd. Woodchip.

**Any other Business:**

The film company who used the Square have donated £500.00 to the Village. This will be used for the work the Parish Council are having done in the square and for two of the plant pots. Mrs Warren contacted South West Water regarding the breather pipe opposite Ashleigh Villas. They visited the site and made sure it was all safe.

The meeting ended at 8.50 pm. The next meeting will be at 7.30 pm on the 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018 in the Methodist Hall, Chittlehampton.