

CHALDON HERRING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 31 July 2024 at 7.30 pm

CHALDON HERRING VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors Bruce Guthrie, Paul Harvey, Steve Talbot, Joanne Selfe, Dave Clarke, James Ostler and C Councillor Baker

Apologies from Councillor Watkins and C Councillor Beddow

Public speaking time : none

Declarations of Interest: There were none

Sign acceptance forms. Cllr Clarke was welcomed to the Council – he will need to sign relevant papers – **c/f to next meeting**

Dorset Councillors' Report

There will be more road resurfacing on major roads in the autumn. Holes in roads will be addressed after this by another team.

There is a drive at County level to give Parish Councils a stronger voice in local planning matters.

Winfrith Council is looking at flooding issues. Much of the water comes from the Chaldon valley and recent rain has affected properties outside the official floodplain.

Planning and treeworks. **C Councillor Baker will ask for all applications and notifications to be forwarded to BG and JS for the time being**

Minutes of the last meeting: agreed and signed by the Chair

Matters Arising:

- d) approve Code of Conduct
- e) approve Standing Orders
- f) adopt revised Financial Regulations

from previous meeting to be carried forward until papers are returned by former Clerk.

To remain on the agenda until completed.

Matters Ongoing:

- a) The provision of a defibrillator – JS reported an email conversation with Bid Whittet, who was stressing the urgency. JS has assured her the matter is being urgently addressed. BG and Tom Brachi have discussed location at The Sailor's Return. Tom is happy to locate it there, will discuss with the electrician and report back. Need to resolve how to access code via 999. All villagers to be advised of procedure once established. **BG**
- b) Provision of a stone bench. JS reported an email exchange with a parishioner regarding its location, maintenance and upkeep. On hold until paperwork recovered.
- c) Recruitment of new clerk – ongoing **BG/JS**
- d) BG will ask former clerk for return of the PC laptop.

Payment to Stand-in Minute Clerk

BG proposed that JS be paid a nominal sum for each meeting and additional out of pocket expenses (printing etc.) Council agreed.

Date of next meeting

11 September at 7 pm (time decided by a vote.) **Please note time**

Confidential meeting

BG read out the following:

I propose that due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted that the press and public are excluded from the meeting under s.1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960.

This was seconded by JS and carried unanimously.

There being no members of the press or public present, the meeting proceeded.

Councillors discussed and approved a series of actions relating to their former employee.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm