

ST MARTHA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of St Martha Parish Council held on 29th September 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in St Thomas' Church Room

Present:

Councillors:

Cllr G. Brown, Cllr Mrs. C. Price, Cllr Jean-Pierre Pugh (Chairman) and Cllr Mrs. Tantram
Shalford Parish Cllr Adrian Cansell
County Cllr Bob Hughes
Borough Cllr Diana Jones

Three members of the Public

In attendance: Parish Clerk - Anne Tait

AGENDA

21/127 To accept apologies and reason for absence in accordance with the LGA 1972, Sch 1 para 40. Apologies and reason for absence were received from: Parish Councillors Mrs Allen and Cllr Peake. Apologies were accepted.

21/128 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs) - by Councillors on any of the agenda items below in accordance with The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012. (SI 2012 No. 1464) None were given.

21/129 Declaration of Non-Pecuniary Interests None were given.

21/130 Minutes

RESOLVED: It was proposed by Cllr Brown, seconded by Cllr Mrs. Price that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on 19th August 2021 and the Extra-Ordinary Meeting held on 9th September 2021 were APPROVED. The Chairman signed as correct records.

21/131 Public Participation Session

It was reported that the plants and soil in the trough by Chilworth Railway station, both need replacing. Cllr Mrs Price offered help to Rosemary Lemon. The Clerk will send out a request for donations of plants.

21/132 Reports

Parish Clerk

- a) Information on the Rudgwick Parish Council's Traffic Calming Working Group: The Rudgwick Parish Council Newsletter (on their website) gives further information on the traffic calming scheme operated by Rudgwick PC. The app referred to at the last PC meeting, was developed by an individual – not a member of the traffic calming scheme. Rudgwick Parish Clerk has offered to contact the person who developed the app and ask permission for their contact details to be forwarded – to St Martha PC. It was suggested that this information should be shared with Shalford Parish Council.
- b) **Parish Councillors:** Cllr Mrs Tantram reported that due to technical issues, the application to Nationally List 'The Bungalow', has meant that the completion of the form has been delayed.

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c) **Borough Councillor's Report:**

- Cllr Diana Jones reported that the new wider, safer Walnut Bridge was lifted into place across the River Wey on 21/09/21. Work continues to improve access from Walnut Tree Close and the railway station to Guildford town centre. The new bridge is expected to be open to the public from early November, with the river towpath fully reopening in mid-November.
- The proposed new Hydrogen plant at Igas in Albury has stated that it would produce grey hydrogen – made from fossil fuels without carbon capture and storage (CCS). It would, the Company said, provide a clean source of fuel and heat for homes, transport and industry. Guildford Borough Council have received 180 objections with concerns about pollution for near neighbours.
- The launch of Albury Climate Change Environment Group (ACE), is on 16/10/21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Cricket Pavilion. There will be a discussion about 'unity' for local, emergency climate action and a perfect opportunity for residents to share thoughts and ideas and finally be part of the solution.

d) **Surrey County Councillor's Report:**

- Cllr Bob Hughes also reported that as a Cabinet Member a key issue is the carbon capture at the proposed new Hydrogen plant in Albury.

Shalford Parish Councillors have AGREED to request a new name for their Parish Council – the proposal is 'Shalford Peasmarsh and Chilworth Community Council'. The request has now to be agreed by Guildford Borough Council.

21/133 The Gunpowder Mills

• **The GBC Heritage Open Day Event on 19/09/21:**

Cllr Mrs Price reported on the event and the tours. Thirty-one people were given a tour by the guides - Hugh Anscombe, Andrew Norris and John Peake.

• **West Lodge:**

Cllrs Pugh and Mrs Allen gave an update regarding the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) application. It was noted that at this stage the Parish Council's application to the HLF has not proved successful, but the Engagement Team have sent positive feedback as to how we can improve the application. When we have spoken and taken advice from the Engagement Team, Cllrs will consider reapplying.

Cllr Hughes reported that he had previous experience of HLF applications and found that the feedback was very helpful.

RESOLVED: Cllr Pugh to draft a letter for the Clerk to send to Claire Morris at Guildford Borough Council, copy to Tim Anderson and Chilworth2gether.

- Cllr Mrs Price and Hughes gave an update on the 'Your Fund Surrey' grant application. The 'Your Fund Surrey' Team have advised that the time between submission and the award of funding varies greatly according to many factors, including the scale of the project and how advanced the idea is. Your Fund Surrey has no deadlines to ensure that we can accommodate projects at all stages of development, but this also means that we are unable to offer a general sense of timescale. We are currently in the process of sifting applications, and we will be in touch as soon as possible if we need any further information from you. We are delighted by the response to the fund, but due to its popularity we are taking a little longer than expected to reply to all applicants.

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- **RESOLVED:** To distribute to all residents of Chilworth a Parish Questionnaire eliciting responses re West Lodge with the programme flyer for the Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Gunpowder Mills event on 17/11/21. The questionnaire will also be available to complete through the website.

21/134 Planning

(a) To **RECEIVE** and **NOTE** the outcome of applications previously reported:

- **21/P/00610 Birkfield, Blacksmith Lane, Chilworth, GU4 8NF** - Proposed first floor side extension. **GBC REFUSED on 10/09/21.**
- **21/P/01634: Farley, 32 Roseacre Gardens, Chilworth, GU4 8PY** – New porch structure to front elevation, single storey extension to rear elevation with associated decking area and changes to rear fenestration. **GBC APPROVED on 25/09/21.**

(b) To **DISCUSS AND AGREE** a response to GBC on the following application:

- **21/T/00240: Chilworth Old Mill, Blacksmith Lane, Chilworth GU4 8NL** – Proposed pollarding of 3 x Ash trees.

RESOLVED: *The Parish Council recommend that GBC APPROVE the plans as submitted.*

21/135 Highways and Rights of Way

The Clerk reported that no reply had been received from Richard Parker regarding the letter requesting a site meeting with Cllrs to discuss sightlines along the Dorking Road.

RESOLVED: Cllr Mrs Tantram agreed to visit the various points along the Dorking Road with poor sight lines (previously discussed with Jason Lewis on 24/08/21) to assess the amount of clearance that has been carried out, and forward it to the Clerk to send to Jason - as an update of the situation.

21/136 Financial

RESOLVED:

- (a) The Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) had prepared the bank reconciliation for August 2021 in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations. Copies of which had been issued electronically to all Members in advance of the meeting.

RESOLVED: Cllr Mrs Price checked and signed the bank statements and bank reconciliation as correct and matching.

- (b) **RESOLVED:** It was proposed by Cllr Brown and seconded by Cllr Pugh that the schedule of payments presented by the Clerk are APPROVED. Appendix one of these Minutes.

21/137 Items for the Next Meeting

- The wooden snail in the Gunpowder Mills Estate
- An update on West Lodge

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

DATE OF THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: 28th October 2021