

CHALDON HERRING PARISH COUNCIL

AGM Thursday 23 May 2024 at 7pm

CHALDON HERRING VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors Bruce Guthrie, Paul Harvey, Terry Watkins, James Ostler, Steve Talbot, Joanne Selfe (newly elected)

DC Councillors: Laura Beddow and Mike Baker,

Public: Rosie Johnson; Jeremy Selfe; Chair of W Lulworth PC.

No apologies presented

Minutes of the last meeting to be addressed after the AGM

Open Forum: There was general discussion regarding the lack of communication from Parish Council to the community. It was proposed that draft minutes be circulated to Councillors, posted on the noticeboard and the website within 2 weeks of the meeting, allowing time for the Chair to check them first with the clerk for accuracy. An outline to be sent to the Parish News.

The clerk announced her decision to resign at the end of the meeting.

Election of Chair: After a vote Bruce Guthrie was duly elected.

Election of Vice-Chair : Steve Talbot was elected

Declarations of Interest: There were none

Minutes of the last meeting: agreed

Dorset Councillors' Report: Laura confirmed that as communication had been poor, she had been unaware that the Council was functioning, so had not been able or invited to report. In future she and Mike would do so. This report will be circulated to Parishioners with PC Report. Mike (Lib Dem) is the new Councillor elected in place of Peter Wharf. He and Laura are working well together.

Matters Arising:

- a) David Clarke was proposed by Steve Talbot to take the last seat on the PC. Seconded by Bruce Guthrie.
To be invited to the next meeting (BG and ST)
- b) Councillor representatives for roles – it was agreed that matters regarding Planning, Footpaths, Highways and DAPTC would be discussed collectively.
- c) Councillors noted the Register of Interest electronic submission process
- d)) **To be carried forward to next meeting (Clerk)**
- e)) **Ditto**
- f)) **Ditto**

From previous meeting – discussion regarding the cost to the PC of the lease for God's Pocket from the Lulworth estate and its upkeep. The state of the 'Old Smithy' as a village eyesore was brought up. The matter is closed as it had been agreed at the last meeting and the lease renewal is in hand.

Matters Ongoing:

- a) Provision of a defibrillator, to be installed at the Pub. Clerk had ordered it last week. There was some dismay expressed by a Councillor at the delay. At this point the Clerk formally handed in her resignation **and** left the meeting. WLPC Chair also left the meeting.

b) Provision of a stone bench. It has been ordered. There was discussion regarding its location around the Five Marys; final position to be agreed with the Sealey family. **BG to agree final position of the Bench with the Sealey family.**

BG to ask former Clerk for an update when they meet for her to hand over papers, chequebook, passwords etc (BG). Afternote: she has offered to put an ad in the DAPTC for a clerk.

Jeremy Selfe and Rosie Johnson left the meeting.

c) Council agreed that the offer of trees to parishioners should be abandoned.

Feedback from meetings – None

Financial / Procedure

- a) Payment for website to Terry Newberry – approved unanimously. **To be paid once chequebook acquired from former Clerk**
- b) **BG to clarify present financial situation after discussion with former Clerk**
- c) Councillors approved the insurance renewal with present insurer.
- d) **BG to clarify after discussion with former Clerk and present the budget and accounts**

Planning

Nothing to report

Tree Works and Applications

Nothing to report

Transport and Highways

Road closures noted as per the Agenda

Training

None taken

Correspondence

None

Items for Information

It was noted that the former Clerk had the PC laptop. **BG to discuss at his meeting with her.**

Agenda Items for next Meeting

All Councillors to seek new Clerk and report on progress. Joanne Selfe to ask Jonathan Moore (Winfrith Clerk) and to discuss an ad on the DAPTC website, Mike Baker to ask their Clerk, Steve Talbot to ask his sister in law (Clerk of several PCs)

Date of Next Meeting

12 June 7pm