



Chidham & Hambrook Parish Council

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MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Due to the continuing pandemic lockdown situation and following a recent change in legislation, Parish Council meetings are permitted to be held remotely. You are therefore requested to attend a Zoom meeting of the Parish Council on **Thursday 1 April 2021 at 7:30pm**. Members of the public are welcome to attend this virtual meeting (proceedings may be recorded).

MEMBERS: Cllr P MacDougall (Chairman), Cllr J Towers (Vice-Chair), Cllr C Archer, Cllr P Bolton, Cllr S Bramwell Smith, Cllr B Garrett, Cllr R Gowlett, Cllr G Hyde, Cllr R Perri and Cllr J Sheppard

Signed: **B Jones, Clerk and RFO**

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for absence**
2. **Declaration of interests**
- 2.1 To receive declarations of interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 in respect of members and in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 in respect of officers. To consider any Dispensation Requests received by the Clerk not previously considered.
3. **Minutes**
To approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4 March 2021– *attached*.
4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes (if not on the agenda for discussion)**
5. **Public Open Forum**
Members of the public are invited to raise matters or to ask questions. *Standing order: The period of time designated for public participation at a Council in accordance with standing order 3(e) above shall not exceed (15) minutes unless directed by the chairman of the Council. Subject to standing order 3(f) above, a member of the public shall not speak for more than (3) minutes.*
6. **Receive Reports**
 - 6.1 Parish Council Chair
 - 6.2 District Councillors
 - 6.3 County Councillor
 - 6.4 Clerk & RFO – report to be *circulated*
7. **Committee Minutes & Reports**
 - 7.1 **Planning Committee**
To consider the minutes of a meeting held on 18 March 2021 *attached*.
 - 7.2 **Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group**
 - 7.3 **Public Open Spaces Advisory Committee (POSAC)**
To consider the minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2021 – to be *circulated*.
 - 7.4 **Annual Parish Meeting (Cllr P MacDougall)**
 - 7.5 **Review of CIL projects**
To consider and review the Council's list of projects identified for CIL funding – *circulated separately*.

- 7.6 **Feedback of meeting with District Councillors (Cllr P MacDougall)**
- 7.7 **Parish Newsletter**
- 7.8 **Motion to West Sussex County Council (WSCC) in respect of Children's Centres across the County**
Cllr J Sheppard has submitted the following motion:
That Chidham & Hambrook Parish Council call on West Sussex County Council to halt the proposed closure of 32 out of 43 Family and Children's Centres across the Country. Park Road Family Centre in Southbourne, which our residents use, would be closed under this proposal. That would leave many families having to access the only Centre in Chichester, which is nowhere near either a bus route or train service.
There is extensive research to show that children and family centres improve outcomes for young children and their families, reduce inequalities between families, improve parenting skills, child and family health and life chances.
At present these are accessible, non-stigmatising and peer supported settings that are more acceptable for many families. Local centres enable families to support and learn from each other. Fathers, too often left out of the picture, are more likely to attend a local centre. They are a lifeline to so many families and will be even more needed when pandemic restrictions are lifted and the true level of emotional harm to children and families is apparent. We feel it is premature to close these centres and lose them forever before the true extent of the pandemic's impact has been assessed with a resultant increase in social problems in communities costing more money in the long term.
Alternative financial solutions should be sought before taking such a drastic and irretrievable step.
- 7.9 **Chichester District Association of Local Councils (CDALC)**
To consider the revised Constitution of CDALC and submit comments to the CDALC Clerk as appropriate – *circulated separately*.
- 7.10 **Preparing for the possible return to face-to-face meetings**
To consider the Village Hall information relating to hall hire during Covid-19 and the Council's Covid-19 Risk Assessment - *circulated separately*. To agree the Risk Assessment and agree to sign the Conditions of Hire during Covid-19.
8. **Finance and Governance**
- 8.1 To authorise invoices for payment – *attached*
- 8.2 To note Direct Debit/Standing Order payments made – *attached*
- 8.3 To acknowledge receipt of credits paid to the Council's bank accounts –*attached*
- 8.4 **CHPC Grants**
To consider a grant to Chidham Village Hall (application *attached*) in the sum of £470.46 in respect of their annual TV licence and Broadband for the period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022.
9. **Meeting Dates**
Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group – Monday 12 April 2021
Planning Committee – Thursday 15 April 2021 7:30pm
Finance Committee – Tuesday 27 April 2021
Annual Parish Meeting (with residents) – Thursday 29 April 2021
Parish Council (with Annual Parish Council Meeting) – Thursday 6 May 2021 7:30pm
10. **Items for the next meeting**
11. **Any Other Business**
Meeting to conclude by 9pm (*Standing Order 3(w): A Council meeting should not normally exceed a period of (2) hours*).

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meeting. You are encouraged to let the Parish Clerk know in advance if you wish to record or film. Mobile devices should be switched to silent for the duration of the meeting.