

# CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 22<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY 2018

PRESENT: Mrs R Jess (Chairman) Mr D Broad, Mr G Broad, Mr M Fulford, Mr I Morgan, Mr C Poulton, Mr I Robertson & Mrs E Broad (Clerk)

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018 were agreed and signed as a true record.

ALL OTHER MATTERS TO BE HELD OVER UNTIL THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2018:

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: The Chairman reminded Councillors of the need to declare interests as necessary.

To agree the purchase of two sets of replacement Defibrillator Pads: It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr Fulford to purchase two sets of replacement pads for the Xbox defibrillator as the date would expire before the next meeting, agreed. It was agreed to replace with two sets of pads as suggested by CHT when the date on the pads in the other defibrillators expired.

SETTING THE 2018/19 PRECEPT: The Chairman & Clerk had produced a draft budget which had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. It was agreed to take a new approach when setting the budget which should allow for more flexibility during the coming financial year. Instead of allocating sums to specific items, it was agreed to set aside money under general headings to cover such items as donations, dealing with verges and hedges and emergency planning. After some discussion a vote was taken on a suggestion by Mr Fulford to replace the dry stone wall, owned by the Parish Council, opposite Valley View. Mr Fulford proposed £3,000 be included in the budget, this was seconded by Mr Robertson and was agreed 4 votes for, 2 votes against and 1 abstention. Discussion also continued on making a donation towards the cutting of the churchyard and taking over the cutting of the grass verges from GCC. A letter had been received from the Village Hall Committee asking for a contribution of £12,000 per annum and also for £12,000 to complete the Wheelchair Accessible toilet. Mr D Broad and Mr Robertson then explained some aspects of this request to Councillors. Mr D Broad, Mr G Broad and Mr Robertson as trustees of the Village Hall then left the meeting. After some discussion it was agreed to include £8,500 in the budget for donations so the Parish Council will be able to help organisations, including the Village Hall, which make successful applications for help. Mr D Broad, Mr G Broad and Mr Robertson then rejoined the meeting. The Council heard that as a result of having underspent in the current year on a number of items and having received unexpected income from both the rent for the new phone pole and for providing electricity to the equipment, the end of year balance was considerably higher than it would usually be. It was felt that it was prudent to keep around £4,000 in balances. The following budget was then agreed:-

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**EXPENDITURE:**

**Parish Council Running Costs**

Village Hall Rent (L.G.A. 1972 S. 111)	250.00
Clerks Salary (L.G.A. 1972 S. 112)	2530.00
Insurance (L.G.A. 1972 S 111)	450.00
Telephone/Broadband (L.G.A. 1972 S. 111)	250.00
Chairman’s Allowance/Travel Expenses (L.G.A. 1972 Sch. 12)	100.00
Audit Fee (L.G.A. 1972 S. 111)	250.00
Stationery (L.G.A. 1972 S. 111)	150.00
I.T. Support/Website (L.G.A. 1972 S. 111)	50.00
Subscriptions (L.G.A. 1972 S. 111)	350.00
Parish Council Information (L.G.A. 1972 S. 111)	150.00

**Maintenance and Improvements to Parish Land and Assets**

Playing Field Grass Cut (L.G. (MP) A. 1976)	840.00
Playing Field (L.G. (MP) A. 1976)	200.00
Diggers Field (L.G. (MP) A. 1976)	350.00
Lower End Graveyard (L.G. (MP) A. 1976)	600.00
Fitness Equipment (L.G.A. 1972 S. 137)	50.00
Defibrillator & Xbox (L.G.A. 1972 S. 137)	500.00
Noticeboard (L.G.A. 1972 S. 111)	100.00
Replacement of PC wall opposite Valley View (H.A 1980 S. 96)	3000.00

**Verge and Hedge Cutting** (H.A. 1980 S. 96) 1000.00

**Emergency Planning**

Emergency Planning Store and Equipment (L.G.A. 1972 S. 137) 1000.00

**Community Funding and Donations to other Bodies**

Donations (L.G.A. 1972 S. 137 & L.G.A 1972 S. 133 for VH) 8500.00

20670.00

**ESTIMATED INCOME:**

Grass Keep	560.00
HVLTC Ground Rent	200.00
Playing Field Rental	100.00
Rent from Telelink	1000.00
Interest on Deposit Account	3.00

1863.00

Estimated Expenditure 20670.00

Less Estimated Income 1863.00

Less Money from Balances 8650.00

10157.00

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It was proposed by Mr Poulton and seconded from the Chair that the 2018/19 precept should be £10,157, agreed unanimously.

The meeting concluded at 9.55pm.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 7.30pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....