

Chelbridge Parish Council

Minutes

2nd December 2020

Venue: Video Conference

Present: Cllrs Boundy, Gillbard, Grant, Squires (DCC & MDDC)

I. Apologies

Cllr Wainwright (MDDC) Clements, Cowell (difficulty logging in)

II. Approval of minutes

The minutes of 21st October were approved and will be signed at a later date.

III. Public Forum

There were no members of the public present.

IV. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

V. Reports from Cllr Squires

Volumes of work across the Highways teams remains really high, and the recent wet weather has seen a significant number of problems on the network. Our gully cleaning policy is under scrutiny as we experience a combination of leaf fall and an extended period of wet weather.

With the recent lockdown, traffic flows on our A road network have again fallen, during the week by about 30% and at weekends by about 40%, compared to the equivalent week in 2019. With schools remaining open the morning peak flows are virtually unchanged; the main changes are during the daytime and evening periods.

VI. Clerk's Report

As agreed at the last meeting, a Zoom annual licence has been paid and will expire on 24th October 2021.

A funding request has been received from Citizens Advice for next financial year; there are 17 Crediton and Tiverton based advisers and in 2019-20 2,218 Mid Devon residents accessed their services.

On Monday 7th December Cllr John Hart, leader of Devon County Council, will be giving a Zoom presentation on the budget. I will be attending and will provide some brief notes on the key points.

VII. Finance

The following payments were **approved**: Parish Magazine Printing £36, Zoom annual subscription £90.98, printing and postage £94.50 and HMRC £29.80. The statement of accounts and budget monitoring report were reviewed.

The budget for 2021/22 was considered and **approved** with the precept request set at the same as last year, £2,000.

VIII. Broadband Provision

Unfortunately there was no official update available for the meeting, however Cllr Squires believed Airband might be able to provide fibre to the premises in Nomansland and agreed to attempt to get some further information.

IX. Wind Turbine

The community group now intend to send their leaflet out in the new year.

X. Defibrillator

The new owners of the Thelbridge Cross Inn have expressed an interest in having a defibrillator at their premises. Whilst this has been discussed previously, the lack of fund-raising opportunities during the pandemic halted progress. Cllr Squires can provide c£250 from her funds, but the British Heart Foundation grants are not currently being awarded due to the pandemic. When grants become available again, it can only be used for the defibrillator and not the cabinet. A contribution of £600 from other sources is required.

Alternatively the South West Ambulance Service offer a four year loan agreement which includes replacement pads, batteries, training and welfare support for anyone that used the defibrillator. An updated briefing on options to be provided by the Clerk for the next meeting.

XI. Road Warden Scheme

Further to the parish newsletter, we have three volunteers who will undergo the training provided by Devon County Council Highways. It is required to enter into a formal agreement, it was **resolved** to sign the agreement. The Clerk to check the parish council's level of insurance cover for the volunteers.

XII. Planning

There have been no new planning applications.

XIII. Items for Future Agenda

Defibrillator
Road warden scheme

XIV. Future Meeting Dates

27th January 2021

The meeting closed at 20:30

Signed: *W. H. 13 Sunday*..... (Chairman) Date *29th Jan 2021*