

CHART SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11th October 2021 commencing 8.45pm at Chart Sutton Village Hall, Chart Hill Road, Chart Sutton.

Present: Peter Forknall (chairman), Paul Ward, Mike Fitzgerald, Steven Waring, Robert Sagrott, Chris Webb, Michelle Forknall (minutes), Nigel Poulter and David Harris (parishioners) Steve Munford (Borough Councillor)

1. **Apologies-** Val Underdown
2. **Filming of Meetings-** None received
3. **Councillor Declarations-** Mike Fitzgerald and Peter Forknall item 15.4 on the agenda.
4. **Requests for Dispensation-** None Received
5. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th September 2021-** No matters arising so the Chairman signed these as an accurate record of the meeting.
6. **Police Matters-** PCSO had nothing to report. Peter Forknall had received an email from the Warden about a Covid Scam circulating. Nothing further to report.
7. **Climate Change & Biodiversity-** Mike Fitzgerald had received a booklet from DEFRA entitled Ways to Tackle Climate Change for Councils and Parish Councils. The clerk to order copies for the Parish Councillors please.
8. **Three Year Strategy-** Peter Forknall had not heard back from the Trust as per last meeting so would chase them up.
Mike Fitzgerald reported that details of the Queens Jubilee celebrations had been in the parish newsletter, but no responses received.
Chris Webb and Robert Sagrott continue to walk the parish footpaths and highlight any issues found.
9. **Vegetation-** Mike Fitzgerald raised that the Parish Council might like to take some responsibility for areas of the Parish that needed tidying up with regards vegetation etc. The Clerk had contacted Golding Homes who agreed to clear the vegetation at the bus stop/footpath.

10. Queens Canopy Project- The meeting agreed that the Parish would like to get involved with this. Cllr Munford and Steven Waring have details of the website where the parish can order up to 980 trees to be planted in the parish. An article was to be placed in the newsletter asking for individuals to plant trees for the Canopy project. The Clerk is asked to contact Sutton Valence Prep School to see whether they would like to be involved with planting trees at the school.

11. Back Lane Speeding- The meeting agreed that the Highways Improvement Plan for the Parish should be updated to include the speeding on Back Lane so when the next meeting with Highways takes place, it can be included on the agenda. Clerk to do this please.

12. Local Plan Review- Cllr Munford gave the meeting a briefing on the Regulation 19 consultation.

13. Village Litter Picker- The meeting agreed that Samuel Whitehead should take on the role of village litter picker.

14.1- County & Borough Councillors Report- See item 12. Nothing further to report.

14.2- Chairman's report- The Chairman raised that the road at Forge Lane is breaking up and asked that the Clerk to contact Highways please.

14.3- Individual Councillors Report-

Steven Waring- Removed metal poles from old noticeboard position (Chart Hill Road). The Village Litter Pick will take place on 16th October 2021. Grafty Green parish council had been in touch about how to set up a community shop.

Chris Webb- Attended the Zoom Maidstone KALC meeting: PCSOs redeployment has been deferred; a suggestion was made that under the Model Code of Conduct that any breach of Statutory Law by Councillors that they should be named and shamed; Chart Sutton are the only Council asking to receive Planning Application Drawings in paper format as opposed to viewing paperless online. Chris had reported fly tipping in Green Lane but yet to be cleared. Part of Green Lane and Forsham Lane have been resurfaced. Further to it being raised at the September meeting, Highways have been out to look at the leaking pond and investigations continue. The church took part in an Apple Fair at Headcorn and raised £200.

Paul Ward- reiterated that Highways had been in touch with him about the pond leak and water on the road.

Mike Fitzgerald- Had attended the Citizens Advice AGM and they thanked the Parish for the kind donation. An update on the bus service will be circulated when it arrives. Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal event to be held on the Village Green on 30th October.

14.4- Clerks Report- No report submitted.

15. Finance

15.1- Budget Monitoring to 30th September 2021- Noted and agreed.

15.2- To Note Income Received Since last meeting- This was run through and agreed.

15.3- To Approve Payments Already Made- Agreed. Proposed by Chris Webb, seconded by Steven Waring.

15.4- To resolve to make Payments as presented for signature- Agreed. Proposed by Steven Waring and seconded by Paul Ward.

15.5- To resolve to approve the HSBC Bank Mandate Amendment Form- all agreed and approved.

16. Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 8th November at Chart Sutton Village Hall.