CHAWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes

Wednesday 11th December 2024 07:30 PM

Chawton Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Philip Pascoe (Chair), Ilena Allsopp (Vice Chair), Malcolm Williamson, Giacomo Gatti, Jenny Perring

Also present: Sandra Humphrey (Clerk). One Member of public (MOP)

**24/52. Apologies for Absence**

There were none.

**24/53**. **Declarations**

None were declared

**24/54. Jane Austen Celebrations Discussion**

Lizzie from JA House attended the meeting to inform the council on the forthcoming events, she advised that although it will be a busy year they will not be going back to unrestricted un-booked visitors this will help to control the flow of visitors. This also is better for visitor experience. There will also not be any group visits between July and August and possibly September. And no coaches. There will be 5 mini festivals Jan, May, July, Sept, Dec with a max capacity of around 20. The Chair suggested that Jane Austen House put parking details onto their website.

Lizzie was thanked for her attendance by the council and left the meeting at 19.53

**24/55. Chairs Announcement –** nothing to announce

**24/56. Meeting Adjourned for members of the public to speak –** MOP asked about how the existing Cil money was going to be spent and was informed that the Bridge, benches and car park works will use this up.

**24/57. Update from District Councillors**

The written report that had been submitted and can be seen at **(Annex A).**

**24/58. Minutes of the meeting of 12th November 2024 and matters arising**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the Council Meeting of 12th November 2024 be approved as an accurate record. No matters were raised.

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**24/59. Progress updates**

1. **Bridge –** Carpenter has started work on replacement rails/paint/clean/anti slip strips. Should be finished end December.
2. **Bus Shelter –** This is now repaired and usable again. Long term will need painting and guttering attended to.
3. **Cemetery Gates –** nothing to report.
4. **Benches –** Decision was made to source wooden benches on concrete bases and use some of the CIL money for this. Clerk to investigate suppliers.

**24/60. Website update –** The Clerk reported that this was all going ahead.

**24/61. Fuller Car Park Update –** The Chair informed that the lease is being looked at and January was looking possible to secure the lease. Hedges are being looked at with view to trimming back.

**24/62. Payments and receipts for the period 9th November to 6th December 2024 –** These were approved with all in favour.

**24/63. Budget –** Although there is a need to resurface the playground at a cost of around £25k The Precept was agreed to be set at £19690 again which is no increase from previous year with all in favour. Cllr Allsop will investigate grants for future playgrounds works.

**24/64. Matters to report**

None to report.

The meeting closed at 8.41 pm

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| 15/11/24 |  | Semrah Landscapes | | 942.56 |  |
| 12/11/24 |  | Bank Charges | | 5.00 |  |
| 2/12/24 |  | Clerks Salary & mobile bill (Nov) | | 356.46 |  |
| 3/12/24 |  | Monkton Joinery | | 1000 |  |
| 4/12/24 |  | Monkton Joinery | | 565.40 |  |
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| 06/12/2024 | 117.04 | Interest recd | |  |  |

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**Annex A**

**District Councillors Report**

**Four Marks, Medstead and Chawton**

**Monthly Report Dec-Jan 2024/25**

**Your Councillors**

A reminder of our contact details**,** committees we sit on and other roles.

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| Neal Day | Ilena Allsopp | Roland Richardson |
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**Seasons Greetings**

As the year comes to a close we wish the residents of Four Marks, Medstead and Chawton a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year

**Ongoing Casework**

We continue to receive our regular casework from residents on a variety of subjects.  
We publicise our contact details and are available to assist with anything related to East Hants District Council and the services they provide.  
We regularly attend the 3 parish councils of Medstead , Four Marks and Chawton to stay engaged .

**Planning and Development**

The application 58788/003 for up to 95 houses to the rear of Longbourn Way, Medstead (reduced from 112) was granted outline planning permission subject to several improvements to the roadway and paths along Longbourn Way and Lymington Bottom Rd to improve visibility, access and pedestrian safety.

We still await the new governments approach to planning and the implications for East Hampshire and The South Downs National Park which covers 57% of the district. The decision is imminent . Once the new targets are published we will be in a better position to understand how planning in East Hampshire will be managed for the future. In the meantime, we continue to receive further applications from developers who are aware of the shortfall in East Hants housing land supply that was identified during the Gladman appeal.

**Asset Based Community Development (ABCD)**

A new empowering approach to community development is being launched allowing council-owned assets to be devolved to local communities.   
Asset-based Community Development (ABCD) looks at ways organisations can take control of council assets to help empower and support their local communities.  
Assets are not only resources like community buildings and open spaces but also local volunteer groups, residents’ associations and individuals who contribute to community togetherness.