

CHAWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes

Monday 7th October 2024 07:00 PM

Chawton Village Hall

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

Also present: Sandra Humphrey (Clerk). County Councillor Neil Day, 1 x Member of the public (MOP).

24/19. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Jenny Perring.

24/20. Declarations

None were declared

24/21. Minutes of the meeting of 12th March 2024 and matters arising

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

24/22. Update from District Councillors

Cllr Neal Day ran through the written report that had been submitted (**Annex A**). He added that the council were awaiting new government targets on planning. He informed that there were still some District Councillor grants available.

24/23. Update on Lloyds Bank

The Clerk informed that this was in hand.

24/24. To Consider quotes and agree work for repair/replacements.

- A) Bridge in recreation ground** – it was discussed, and a decision was made that although the bridge does need to be replaced for a more long lasting one, for the time being that we would implement some temporary hand rails, maybe with some scaffold poles whilst options and further quotes were obtained for a new replacement. It was discussed that a replacement could cost 5 to 6k (maybe we could obtain some CIL funding for this) Cllr Williamson would like to see the Clerk and Chair put a plan together.

B) Bus Shelter Repair

Resolved that the quote from Cawton Construction be accepted and that they be asked to commence work forthwith. Clerk to action this.

Cllr Williamson was also concerned about the guttering and decorating of the bus shelter it was agreed that this would be looked into at a later date.

C) Cemetery Gate – discussed that this should be replaced as per last supply. Quote to be obtained. Also look at maybe staggered fencing with opening.

D) Benches – There is a problem with benches being moved, it was discussed that a better option maybe having them fixed on concrete, there are approximately 8 needing replacement. Quotes needed to look at options and cost. Maybe some grant funding from EHDC towards the costs.

24/25. New Website – The Clerk presented some options of suppliers for a new website and email addresses and will come back with recommendation on most suitable one.

24/26. Litter Picking Date

Resolved: Saturday 9th November was decided at 10 am at the Village Hall, to be put onto website, there will be coffee afterwards.

24/27. Redirection of mail to Village Hall – This was confirmed by Clerk.

24/28. Update on progress from Fullers re car part contract – The Chair confirmed that terms had been agreed in principle and that he would chase them up. He will get a meeting arranged within the next two weeks with a draft lease draw up which will include a 12-month rent free period. The lease will need to be registered which will incur a small fee.

24/29. Payments and receipts for the period 1 July to 30th September 2024 – These were approved with all in favour.

24/30. Spend over Budget – this was supplied to council to look at with a view to next year's budget.

24/31. Dates and Times of ordinary meeting to March 2025 – these were agreed to be the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm in The Village Hall (subject to change).

24/32. Matters to report

There are some highway issues in the village with yellow lines, and passing places being parked in. The carpark at the end of village is not being used. Could this perhaps be added to website.

It was suggested that it may be a good idea to meet with Jane Austin House regarding toilet facilities during the forthcoming anniversary celebrations.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Receipts and Payments 1/7/24 to 30/9/24

Payments

		Clerks Salary	
10/07/2024		(June)	320.00
10/07/2024		Lightatouch	250.00
10/07/2024		Geosphere (parish on line)	60.00
		Semrah	
11/07/2024	1815	Landscapes	908.40
13/07/2024		Bank Charges	5.00
		Clerks Salary	
05/08/2024		(July)	372.00
12/08/2024		Bank Charges	5.00
		Clerks Salary	
02/09/2024		(Aug)	346.00
02/09/2024	6495	Halc affiliation fee	293.00
		Semrah	
03/09/2024	1830	Landscapes	860.40
		Semrah	
04/09/2024	1845	Landscapes	908.40
12/09/2024		Bank Charges	5.00
20/09/2024		ICO membership	35.00

Receipts

06/09/2024		Interest recd	105.85
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Annex A

District Councillors Report Four Marks, Medstead and Chawton Monthly Report September-October 2024 Your Councillors

A reminder of our contact details, committees we sit on and other roles. Neal Day	Ilena Allsopp	Roland Richardson
Committees: Licensing, Assistant Portfolio Holder for Transformation.	Committees: Standards, cross-party Climate Liaison Panel.	Committees: Planning, Planning Policy, Licensing.
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Councillor community grants

We were delighted to receive an invitation from Medstead Village Hall to attend their first movie following some upgrades to their amenities. Earlier this year we were asked to provide a councillor grant to purchase a new large screen to enhance the experience when attending one of the movies. We approved the purchase of a large screen costing £1200 and having seen the new setup can confirm that Medstead Village Hall can offer a great movie experience.

Medstead Village Hall has also benefitted from new solar panels and a battery backup system. Funded by an EHDC grant this will provide substantial cost savings throughout the year and reduce the carbon footprint of this community facility. Please look on their notice board for future events.

Each year East Hants District Council approves a small amount of grant funding to each district councillor. We support local community projects and charities. If you know good local cause that could benefit from our help please contact us to discuss.

Councillor case work

Councillors receive a steady stream of request from residents asking for help and advice on a number of matters ranging from problems with missed bin collections to grass that hasn't been cut and a whole range of other issues.

Locally EHDC are faced with difficult decisions in regard to enforcing local planning and licensing decisions while encouraging local businesses. Much of this will go unseen but as councillors we are keen to be involved and seek resolution.

Smashing News

Please remember that EHDC will be removing the skip-sized bottle banks around the district.

Glass collections from households **will double** from every four weeks to fortnightly. This will be in line with the start of new bin calendars for October 2024 to September 2025. EHDC are happy to take more than one glass box from homes, and these can be purchased through our website.

As is the case with many councils in England, EHDC remain under increasing financial constraints. Despite the cost savings received from our move to Monterey House, EHDC will face difficult decisions, although at this point it is not planned to affect services.

Planning and Development

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. There is currently an open consultation (see www.gov.uk and search for NPPF) which will close at 11.45pm on Tuesday 24 September 2024. We await details of increased house building numbers for a district that has already had their figures challenged . 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 have received further multiple dwelling applications in the area. The current situation is that EHDC are in a position where not enough houses are scheduled to be delivered in the area to satisfy previous government targets. This means that it will be very difficult to defend new applications which will rectify the shortfall. The planning department continue to be under a lot of pressure at the moment.

In August a further 54 houses received approval to be built off Holland Drive Medstead. In addition, there is an application up to 70 dwellings on land west of Beechlands Road, Medstead. The need for both an adopted Neighbourhood Plan and a Local Plan is increasing.