

# CHAWTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Council Meeting Minutes

### Minutes

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024 07:30 PM

Chawton Village Hall

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

Also present: Sandra Humphrey (Clerk).

#### **24/33. Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Jenny Perring not present

#### **24/34. Declarations**

None were declared

#### **24/35. Chairs Announcement – nothing to announce**

#### **24/36. Meeting Adjourned for members of the public to speak – no members present**

#### **24/37. Update from District Councillors**

Cllr Allsopp briefly summed up that January will see things start up again. The council were still awaiting on the new government for planning numbers. Glass collections were now twice a month and that all centre bins for recycling had been removed. The written report that had been submitted can be seen at **(Annex A)**.

#### **24/38. Minutes of the meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024 and matters arising**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the Council Meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024 be approved as an accurate record. No matters were raised.

#### **24/39. Retrospective planning Application**

***Part retrospective – Change of use of land for the formation of 3no. Gypsy/Traveller pitches, comprising the siting of 1 mobile home, 1 touring caravan, and 1 dayroom for each pitch, alongside the formation of new access, bin store, cycle store and shared amenity area, construction of sound proof fencing***

***Site Address: Land east of Lumbray Farm Cottages, Selborne Road, Selborne, Alton***

There are concerns that there is a highways issue whereby the access to site comes straight onto a 60-mph road which also has a bad junction where there are frequent accidents. This is a semi-rural site with over development. Hedges have been removed and pedestrian access is dangerous. Also, there is and have been flooding issues.

**Resolved:** The council will reply with objection to this application.

#### **24/40. Update on Lloyds Bank**

The Clerk confirmed that this was progressing.

#### **24/41. Footpath to School overhanging branches**

Trimming these could be done together with tree survey around Jan/Feb time.

#### **24/42. Dead end sign for parking**

This free parking site seems to get missed by visitors and better signage needed.

With the Jane Austin celebrations coming next year it was agreed to invite the house and museum to the next parish meeting to discuss preparations and any parking issues.

#### **24/43.**

- A) Bridge in recreation ground** – After further investigation to the underneath of the bridge it appears that it is still in good condition and repairs rather than replacement be carried out.

**Resolved:** To accept the quote for £3,500 for the repairs to be carried out this will be carried out during the first week of December.

- B) Bus Shelter Repair** – This has been actioned and we are awaiting the builder to commence the repair.
- C) Cemetery Gate** – Clerk was asked to find who replaced this last time and contact them, so a decision can be made.
- D) Benches** – It was felt that concrete bases would be a good option in the long term for new benches to sit on and timber benches would be preferred. Further quotes to be obtained. Clerk will investigate these.

#### **24/44. New Website** – after the recommendation from the clerk.

**Resolved:** We will go with Aubergine for the new website and Cloudy IT for a new laptop and .gov emails. It was also suggested we approach EHDC for a grant towards these costs.

**24/45. Update on progress from Fullers re car park contract** – The Chair confirmed that a lease had been drawn up and property lawyer looking over it. This could be agreed before Christmas. We will have 12 months rent free, but will have to make the area clearer, hedges and bushes need trimming back and some fencing needs attention especially filling in the gap into the playground. These works have been quoted at £750. Other work will cost around £5k

**Resolved:** That these works be actioned forthwith.

**24/46. Litter Picking Date**

**Resolved:** Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January was decided at 9.30 am at the Village Hall, to be put onto website, there will be coffee afterwards.

**24/47. Redirection of mail to Village Hall** – This was confirmed by Clerk.

**24/48. Payments and receipts for the period 1 July to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024** – These were approved with all in favour.

**24/49. Spend over Budget** – this was supplied to council to look at with a view to next year's budget.

**24/50. 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).

**24/51. 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](http://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.