



**Chailey Parish Council**  
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**Minutes**

**A meeting of the of the Full Council was held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at St Peter's Church, Chailey Green.**

**Present:** Chair: Cllr. K. Jordan  
Cllrs. S.Avery, N.Belcher, E.Berry, M Cornwall, M.Evans, M.Lethem, J.Millam, P.Olbrich, R.Penfold.

**Public present:** Cllr Matthew Milligan, John Smith Friends of Windmill Chair, Chris Fisher Friends Windmill Secretary

**In attendance:** Ms D King, Clerk

**22/039.Apologies for absence:** Cllr. J. Tregenza.

**22/040.Declarations of interest:** None.

**22/041.Questions/comments from members of the public:**

Cllr Milligan reported that ESCC had set a budget of £750,000 for small scale road safety projects with a £40,000 limit of an individual bid. Entire funding available no feasibility or match funding required. **To discuss at next meeting.**

**22/042.Items considered as a matter of urgency:**

- Chailey Commons Meeting had taken place which it is hoped has helped clarify responsibilities of parties.
- The Council have been asked to sign the Chailey Commons Higher Tier Countryside Stewardship Form enabling ESCC to apply for this funding as the current funding will expire this year. Proposed Cllr Berry, seconded Cllr Avery. All in favour.
- The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> May in The Village Hall. Speakers to be invited and Agenda to be agreed at the Full Council Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

**22/043.To agree the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022.**

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting were agreed as being true and accurate. Proposed by Cllr Cornwall, seconded by Cllr Lethem. All in favour.

**22/044.To receive and if thought fit approve the financial reports for February 2022.**

The financial report for February 2022 was agreed as being true and accurate. Cllr Evans **proposed** to accept the financial report for February, seconded by Cllr Belcher. All in favour.

The Clerk reported that training on the financial software package had taken place and a date for the internal auditor to attend had been arranged.

#### **22/045.Cllr Evans presented quotes received for painting Chailey Windmill**

Cllr Evans introduced Mr Smith and Mr Fisher as representatives from the Friends of Windmill. Mr Smith introduced the quotes that had been received from 3 contractors. A report had been circulated to Cllrs. with the agenda.

Quotes received Alex Nash £78,138 + VAT

Alan Harwood £49,500 + VAT

Sankeys £58,270 +VAT

The figures have been reviewed by the Friends of Windmill and Cllr Evans

It was agreed not to pursue the Alex Nash quote as it is significantly higher than the others. The recommended quote was Sankeys. They have worked on the windmill in the past and are proposing to work on scaffolding rather than from a cherry picker as proposed by Alan Harwood.

After discussion it was confirmed that Sankeys were able to start work in May/June. The works are expected to take 10 weeks including 3 weeks for erecting and dismantling scaffolding. Access to nearby properties would be maintained.

Given that the last time the Windmill was painted it did not last the 12-15 years that is expected Cllrs questioned why it would be different this time and whether a surveyor should have been employed. It was noted that James Tasker a retired engineer and Windmill owner had advised the Friends of Windmill the paint specified to be used is a higher specification. It was noted that if scaffolding was used then with the agreement of the contractor regular inspection of the work could be carried out. Last time the works were carried out was in the Autumn, this time work would take place in the summer months.

The Friends of Windmill reported that they were to engage a fundraiser and it was hoped that funds would be raised against the cost of the works. It was agreed that there were sufficient funds within the CIL monies to cover the cost of works.

**It was proposed that the Council accept the quote received from Sankeys be accepted. Proposed Cllr Avery Seconded Cllr Lethem Agreed with one abstention.** Cllr Cornwall. The Clerk to inform contractors of the decision.

#### **22/046.Cllr Evans and Cllr Berry to raise the re-positioning of the telephone kiosk presently situated by the former Swan Public House – Council to discuss Highways comments on why kiosk should not be moved to layby opposite Mill Lane.**

Cllr Berry and Cllr Evans were unhappy with ESCC Highways decision that the telephone kiosk could not be moved to the layby near the Mill Road junction. It was felt that the Council should challenge the decision. County Cllr Milligan offered to assist if required. Cllr Evans informed the meeting that the SLR meetings had been reduced in number to 2 a year and that at present there was no date for the next meeting.

The Council were agreed that the site proposed was the best site in the Parish to move the telephone kiosk to and asked the Clerk to go back to ESCC and challenge their decision.

**22/047. Cllr Lethem to raise email received from Nick Beaumont, Chair of Plumpton Parish Council on latest developments with the Eton project.**

Cllr Lethem reported that Wealden Parish Councils had worked together to produce a joint argument against using the standard methodology. Mr Beaumont Chair of Plumpton Parish Council had contacted to suggest that Lewes District Cllrs. present a similar challenge. It was **agreed** that CPC should progress with this. Clerk to respond to Mr Beaumont.

**22/048. Councillors Evans, Avery and Olbrich to report to Council on their recent visit to Toad Hall on the issue of land encroachment and access to Toad Hall and to seek a solution from the Council on the long, outstanding issues.**

Cllrs. Evans, Avery and Olbrich had visited the site again and agreed the boundary with Mr. Simpson see minute 22/031. Once the ground had been backfilled a final visit would take place to agree the boundary.

With regards to the easement over right of way the Council felt that there were outstanding questions with regards to the position of the other buildings using the lane for access and ensuring equal treatment of all users.

The Clerk was asked to investigate further and liaise with Cllr. Olbrich on existing easements and land ownership. **Item to be discussed at next month's FC meeting.**

**22/049. Cllr Olbrich to report on The Platinum Jubilee Playground at Roeheath.**

Cllr Olbrich updated the Council on the position with regards to the installation of the play equipment at the Rowheath Playground. Following the start of installation of works local residents complained about lack of consultation with regards to the playground. Cllr Olbrich had attempted to visit each resident the weekend before the works began. Work was halted and a meeting was held with residents, Clerk and some Cllrs to hear their concerns. Work was further effected as underground cables were found and a survey was required before equipment could be installed.

The Committee noted the residents concerns and the following was resolved. That the consultation regarding the siting of play equipment on Rowheath was not of the usual standard. This was in part due to Covid 19 and the inability to hold the usual Annual Parish Meeting where this would have been discussed. That there was an aspiration in the Neighbourhood Development Plan to increase provision for young people in the Parish. That following the meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022 with residents the Council agrees to alter the siting of some of the pieces of play equipment.

The Full Council felt that as the play equipment had been bought it should be installed in full. The Trim Trail units, the Ladder Walk and the Chin Ups should be installed within the wooded area.

Chailey Parish Council will investigate maintenance of the car park and track leading to it. Chailey Parish Council will look to install an additional litter bin and liaise with Lewes District Council with regards to collection. Chailey Parish Council will inform local police of the installation of new play equipment at Rowheath and request the area be added to their patrol.

The Clerk to write to residents to inform them of the decision of the Council. **Cllr. Penfold proposed to accept the above resolution Seconded Cllr Evans. Agreed.**

**22/050.Clerk to confirm that Chailey Parish Village Hall is open to bookings for all, following COVID 19 restrictions on bookings.**

The Clerk reported that the COVID 19 restrictions on bookings for the village hall w been lifted. For Cllrs. information the car park lights are being changed. They will be on movement sensors and are downlighters.

**22/051.To re-consider, after viewing Mr Bone’s Tenancy Agreement, the quote received for removal of moles on land leased from the Parish Council.**

Cllr. Belcher noted that mole activity appeared greater than usual this year and that Mr Bone’s land is particularly bad. The Council having reviewed the tenancy agreement were not responsible for mole removal. It is for Mr Bone to remove them if he wishes. It was suggested that harrowing the land may reduce mole activity. It was agreed to inform Mr Bone that the Council will not be paying for mole removal. **Proposed Cllr Cornwall Seconded Cllr Millam Agreed**

**22/052.Cllr Jordan to propose a sub-committee to consider locations for electric vehicle charging points.**

Introducing the subject, Cllr. Jordan said that by about 2040, virtually all vehicles on the road would be electric. In a spread-out village like Chailey, there will be a need for public charging points. Because the Parish Council does not own any suitable sites for public charging points, these will need to be located on privately owned land. It is not too early to begin to identify possible locations. He therefore proposed to include this subject on the Agenda of the Annual Parish Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> May with a view to suggesting the establishment of a Steering Group, including Parish Councillors and villagers with expertise and interest in the subject, to take the project forward.

**22/053.Verbal reports from Councillors on their area(s) of responsibility and/or on their involvement with village organisations.**

- Cllr. Olbrich reported that an agreement has been signed with the Sports Club in relation to maintenance of the grass pitches minute 22/032. The Sports Club had been informed that they were unable to hire the hall out for functions as it raised issues with regards to VAT. The cricket club reported sticking doors Cllr Millam to investigate.

Cllrs. were again concerned that the users of the Sports Club and Club were not liaising with each other.

- Cllr. Jordan was thanked for the drinks party held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2022 and for organising the leaving gift and flowers for the exiting Clerk, Bettina Newell and the flowers to welcome the new Clerk, Debbie King

**22/054.To note and consider any implications arising from the Council’s duty under section 17(1) of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. None**

**22/055.Confidential information:** None.

**22/056.Next Full Council meeting: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm at St Peter’s Church, Chailey Green.**

**Signed:**  
**Chair**

**Date:**

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