

Draft of Minutes
Meeting of Chelwood Parish Council, 14th Jan 2014, 7:00 p.m.

Present Mr P Sherborne (chair), Mr G Joyner, Mr P Jones, Mrs C Beecroft (clerk)
Cllr J Sparks

Apologies Ms J Glynn, Mr P Harrison (vice-chair)

Public Submissions – none

1. Matters Arising not covered in agenda

- Minutes of previous meeting signed as true record.
- October meeting cancelled as planned Placemaking Plan talk was considered not relevant to Chelwood as it is swept over by Green Belt policy.
- Vegetation on Chelwood Roundabout has been cut back.
- Dog fouling signs have been put in place along Barn Lane.

1. Drainage

Mr P Harrison wished to raise the following points in his absence:

The drains on East Chelwood bridge were completely blocked on several occasions over Xmas and it was due to the chairman who cleared them that traffic was able to pass.

Gullies just the east of EAST Chelwood bridge have been blocked for several years despite my emailing BANES several times.

The A368 at West Harptree was virtually impassable as the road was covered by at least 6 inches deep water for much of last week. This is NOT acceptable for an A class road.

Copy of comments were given to Cllr Sparks.

2. Broadband

Wansdyke Telecom will come to an open village meeting to discuss their plans for fast broadband. Date still to be arranged.

3. World War 1 Centenary

No plans initiated by the parish council. See what may be proposed by other groups.

4. Connecting Communities

Two area Action Groups one for Keynsham and another for Chew Valley will be created. They will meet to discuss local issues. A wider forum meeting will bring together representatives from both areas to discuss topics of wider concern for the whole of the Keynsham and Chew Valley. Chelwood will be part of the Keynsham group.

5. Documentation Review

The Internal Audit Terms of Reference document was reviewed, no changes required.

6. Appoint Internal Auditor

Mr S Meale will conduct the internal audit for audit 2014/15.

7. Finance

- Hall Rental

Payment until financial year end April 2014 is £100 + £20

- Previous Balance:

£1796.69

- Expenditure:

Village Hall Rent (ch no.124)

£100

Placemaking Plan Meeting (ch no.124)

£20

- Current Balance: £1676.69
- Budget
 - £490 is allocated to printing the parish plan, £200 to insurance and £140 to hall rental.
- Precept
 - Having considered the budget for 2014/15 it was agreed to set the precept at £350.

8. Register of Members Interests

Parish Councillors were reminded to update details.

9. Correspondence - circulated

- Interagency newsletter
- New Rights of Way Officer – Sheila Petherbridge
- Chelwood Bridge Rotary Club – community award
- Garden Party nominations ALCA

10. Any Other Business

The Parish Council is most concerned to hear of two episodes of vandalism at Pensford Post Office since it was taken over by Mr and Mrs Patel in December.

Mr Patel has brought this to the attention of Chelwood PC and also the fact that the one of the acts took place while his wife and children were upstairs and he was not there. In addition the thefts and damage caused have resulted in personal loss to the Patels running to many thousands of pounds.

Chelwood Parish Council fully endorses the memo which has been circulated by Pensford PC about these outrageous episodes and Ms J Glynn will write a letter of support to Mr and Mrs Pate on behalf of Chelwood PC.

11. Date of Next Scheduled Meeting: **Tuesday 8th April 2014 at 7:30pm**

If you have an item for the agenda contact P Sherborne or C Beecroft by 29th March.