

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Chalford Parish Council held on Thursday, 16 May 2024 at the France Lynch Church Rooms at 6.00 pm. in accordance with notice given.

In the Chair: Councillor Trinder

Present: Councillors Beioley, Funnell, Gardiner, Morris-Wyatt, Oakley, Samaroo, Wood

In Attendance: The Clerk

AMC1.5.24 APOLOGIES - Cllrs Lee, Pearson, Roberts, D Taylor, L Taylor

AMC2.5.24 ELECTION OF CHAIR

Cllr Samaroo proposed Cllr Trinder as Chair, this was seconded by Cllr Funnell and unanimously agreed. There were no other nominations.

AMC3.5.24 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Cllr Beioley proposed Cllr Pearson as Vice Chair, this was seconded by Cllr Wood, there was one abstention.

AMC4.5.24 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Cllr Trinder signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, and the Clerk countersigned it.

AGM5.5.24 MINUTES OF THE 2023 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

The Minutes of 4th May 2023 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Oakley, this was seconded by Cllr Morris-Wyatt, there was one abstention.

AMC6.5.24 CLERK'S REPORT - attached.

Old Neighbourhood Planning Application: This planning application was refused by SDC. Cllr Trinder advised that the Community Benefit Society Group have again contacted Stroud District Council to ask them to consider using their Compulsory Purchase powers.

Boundary Commission response: A copy of the additional response from the LGBC was circulated to all members prior to the meeting. Their response is disappointing. Cllr Trinder confirmed that unless the current proposal to split the Parish is challenged by an MP when the final recommendations are placed before Parliament it will proceed as planned. The Clerk has informed the local District Cllrs and County Cllr Turner who are in support of the PC's position. The local MP's office has been contacted to request a meeting with Siobhan Ballie to discuss this further and request she makes local concerns known when the recommendations are considered by Parliament.

Cllr Morris-Wyatt asked if a Lord could object. If so, we have a Lord who lives in the Parish and he can be contacted. **ACTION: Cllr Morris-Wyatt**

AMC7.5.24 REGISTER OF MEMBER'S INTERESTS

Members interest forms have been completed recently following elections. Therefore, there were no changes to be made.

AMC8.5.24 ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The following was agreed:

Works: Cllrs Funnell, Gardiner, Oakley, Samaroo, D Taylor, L Taylor, Wood.
Finance and Management: Cllrs Beioley, Gardiner, Morris-Wyatt, Oakley, Roberts, Trinder, Wood
Plans Assessment: Cllrs Beioley, Lee, Morris-Wyatt, Pearson, L Taylor, Trinder

Cllr Morris-Wyatt proposed, "**Committee membership is agreed as above.**". This was seconded by Cllr Samaroo and unanimously agreed.

AMC9.5.24 FRITH YOUTH CENTRE TRUSTEES

The Councillors representing the Council as Trustees are Cllrs Beioley, Oakley, Pearson, Roberts, L Taylor and Wood. Cllr Roberts is also a member of the Management Committee.

AMC10.5.24 WORKING GROUPS REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr Trinder explained that she felt a review of each Working Group was needed to ensure that there isn't any duplication and to clarify the role and responsibility of each group. The review would be delegated to the Finance and Management Committee and referred to Full Council for approval. Cllr Beioley proposed "**we accept Group membership as per the attached document and delegate a review of each Group's remit to the F&M Committee**" This was seconded by Cllr Wood and unanimously agreed.

ACTION: Clerk/Deputy Clerk

AMC11.5.24 TERMS OF REFERENCE

Cllr Morris-Wyatt proposed "**all Committees should carry out a review of their Terms of Reference at their next meeting**" This was seconded by Cllr Wood and unanimously agreed. **ACTION: Clerk/Deputy Clerk/Assistant Clerk**

AMC12.5.24 STANDING ORDERS/FINANCIAL REGULATIONS/POLICIES/PROCEDURES

Cllr Wood proposed "**a review of standing orders, financial regulations, policies and procedures to be delegated to the Finance and Management Committee**" This was seconded by Cllr Samaroo and unanimously agreed. **ACTION: Clerk/Deputy Clerk**

A full review of the PC's insurance cover will be undertaken in June/July to meet a renewal date of end of July. **ACTION: Deputy Clerk/F&M**

AMC13.5.24 LAND INVENTORY – Cllr Gardiner proposed "**a review of the land inventory to be delegated to the Finance and Management Committee**" This was seconded by Cllr Morris-Wyatt and unanimously agreed. **ACTION: Clerk**

AMC14.5.24 GENERAL MATTERS

County Cllr Chloe Turner advised members that she had submitted questions to GCC regarding Highways concerns; specifically, the poor drainage since the A419 was resurfaced; whether a review of this work been undertaken as planned; and also regarding the poor condition of Old Neighbourhood. Cllr Turner shares the PC's frustrations and advised that a petition is often successful in such circumstances as, if there are a certain number of signatures, there is a mechanism for the petition organiser to formally present prior to discussion by councillors. Cllr Turner will give further information about this once GCC have answered her questions.

District Cllr Watson has also submitted questions, as have two residents. Cllr Trinder advised that the PC will be submitting their questions in readiness for the June GCC meeting in order to keep the pressure on.

The new signage directing larger vehicles to use Toadsmoor Road rather than Old Neighbourhood should be installed soon. Cllr Turner is due to meet with the Local Highways Manager so she will enquire about this again and report back.

Recently elected District Cllr James Boyle was in attendance, Cllr Trinder welcomed him, and Cllr Boyle introduced himself giving members a bit of background about his interests and what he is keen to get involved with.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 6.32pm.