

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CHOPPINGTON PARISH COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 10 NOVEMBER 2015

Members present:

Cllr A Barrell
Cllr R Butler
Co-opted Mrs M Dudman
Cllr G Huntley
Cllr A Iley
Cllr Cllr P Munley

In attendance:

Mr D L Nicholson, Parish Clerk and Mrs A Brindley, Assistant Parish Clerk.

- CD&E 021/15 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- Apologies were received from Cllr J Foster (child care), Cllr W Ogilvie (leave of absence), and Cllr P Vaughan (work commitment). The meeting accepted that these were valid reasons for absence.
- CD&E 022/15 2. MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER REGISTERABLE PERSONAL INTEREST(S)**
- No declarations of disclosable pecuniary and other registerable personal interest(s) were made.
- CD&E 023/15 3. TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22 JULY 2015**
- The minutes were accepted as being a true record with the Chairman being authorised to sign as such.
- CD&E 024/15 4. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS ARISING**
- There were no matters arising
- CD&E 025/15 5. WORKS PROGRAMME AND SERVICE DEVELOPMENT FOR 2016/17**
- The Parish Clerk reported that quality standards had been met in most areas with some autumn planting being planned to improve several shrubbery beds. Grass cutting had been 'challenging' because of difficult weather at the start of the season compounded by staff sickness. In the

coming weeks a full survey of households will be undertaken with the results informing service developments and budget planning for 2016/17 and 2017/18.

The Parish Clerk confirmed that members will be able to view the planned locations for litter/dog bins early in the New Year.

Members considered the planned and expanded programme for winter works, noting that staffing would be increased by extending a seasonal contract and securing the additional resource of a specialist grade.

CD&E 026/15 6. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Members considered arrangements for the forthcoming meeting of the Residents Panel. It was felt important that the panel receive a report of the continuing financial pressures being faced by local authorities and the additional cuts in central grants and the consequent affect on principal authority services.

RESOLVED: Members agreed that the Residents Panel should guide future policy in connection to any service transfers.

Agenda, Part 2

Members considered Standing Order 46a, and resolved that in view of the special and confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be excluded and asked to withdraw.

CD&E 027/15 7. SECURING VULNERABLE PUBLIC SPACE

The Parish Clerk reported to members on measures taken and expenditure incurred to secure vulnerable public space.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.10

Chairman

Date