

# Chedburgh Parish Council

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## MINUTES

of the Annual Meeting held at the Erskine Centre, Chevington Road, Chedburgh on  
**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Councillors: Cllr Michael Chester (Chair), Margaret Rickard, Teresa Landymore and Clare Varney.

**In attendance:** Maximilian Clay (Clerk to the Council);  
County Councillor Karen Soons (part);  
6 Members of the public.

### 15. Apologies

Cllr Pat Fisher and Cllr Alan Noyes tendered apologies which were received and were approved. (*Post hoc* note: Cllr Sam Parrett was absent from the meeting but the birth of Gus, just before midnight on the previous day, was announced on the 12th July.)

### 16. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations for which dispensations had not been duly authorised.

### 17. Minutes of the last meetings

a. The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017 were agreed to be a true record and the Chair was authorised to sign them as such.

### 18. Public Forum

Two representatives (one a parish councillor from Norfolk) of B4RN, a not-for-profit community broadband organisation. A 1000Mg fibre cable runs along the main road and they are looking to install a repeater station in this locality, Chedburgh is in the ideal position. If the village hall were to be used, for example a free 1000mg (upload and download) speed would be offered free. In getting the wires to the hall (or other base) other properties would have to support the installation (voluntary wayleaves etc) and any property on or near the route would be able to subscribe. It was resolved to form a working party, consisting of Cllr and Paul Varney, a representative of the Community Council and Clive Landymore, which would report back to the next meeting.

### 19. County Councillor's Report

Cllr Karen Soons' report had been circulated in advance. Highways matters were highlighted in particular and a general discussion about the shortcomings of the level of service ensued.

### 20. Decisions taken since the previous meeting

The Clerk reported that the slide on the play area had been repaired after considerable delay.

### 21. Clerk's Report

- a. To report progress on actions arising from prior meetings.
- i. County Council Road Repair Specification - A lengthy document had been obtained from the Highways Authority and is available (temporarily) on the parish website under Local Information - Highways.



- e. Ian Leggett's report (Village Handyman) was received. Amongst the matters discussed, it was agreed that:
  - The Clerk would raise the issue of drainage on The Green with the County Council as the problem is ongoing and causes cars to travel on the wrong side of the road.
  - The Clerk will write to the owner of The Lodge in Queens Lane to remind him of his obligations which, as landowner, include maintenance of both the ditch, which is filling up with debris and which will therefore cause flooding, and the overhanging tree branches causing problems to vehicles, especially in wet weather when the branches are weighed down further. It was noted that the owner had expressly forbidden the Village Handyman to attend to the ditch.
  - Mike Chester, who volunteered, would seal the gaps in the war memorial.
  - The Clerk will follow up the lack of maintenance of the ditch on the A143 adjoining Chedburgh Hall and MJL's grain store.
- f. Discussion about involvement in the Armistice anniversary beacons scheme was deferred to the September meeting.

**23. Responsible Finance Officer's Business**

- a. The Bank Reconciliation for Quarter 1 of 2017/18 was received and Council resolved to approve it; the reconciliation and relevant bank statement were signed by Cllr Landymore.
- b. The schedule of receipts was received.
- c. The schedule of payments was received and Council resolved to approve it.

**24. Councillors' reports and items for future agendas**

- a. There were no reports on meetings attended.
- b. There were no forthcoming meetings requiring representation of the Council.
- c. Items for future agendas.
- d. Cllr Chester reported that he has been asked to consider standing as Borough Councillor to succeed the late Angela Rushen and had been interviewed as part of a nomination process.

**The meeting closed at 9.13pm.**

Signed as a true record by authority of the Council:

..... Chair

..... Date