

# ST MARTHA PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of an Extra-ordinary Meeting held on  
1<sup>st</sup> December 2014  
at 7.30pm in St Thomas Church Rooms, Chilworth

Present:

Cllr. Mrs. C. Browning	Cllr. M. Lunnon (Vice Chairman)
Cllr. J. Peake	Cllr. C. Seabrook

In attendance: Anne Tait Parish Clerk  
Twenty-six members of the public

**14/126 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**TO RECEIVE** and accept any apologies for absence from St Martha Parish Councillors.  
Cllrs D. Bunting and The Rev. S. Sokolowski.

**14/127 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

Cllr Peake declared a non-pecuniary interest in any items relating to Chilworth C of E School, as he is a Governor.

**14/128 PARISH COUNCIL BOUNDARY REVIEW**– Draft Terms of Reference

Cllr Lunnon opened the meeting and explained the purpose of the meeting. Questions were taken from the floor by Cllrs Lunnon and Peake. Cllr Peake reported that the following proposed response had been considered and written by St Martha Parish Councillors.

*Historically, Chilworth was the small area around the Percy Arms Inn, Chilworth Manor, St Martha's Church and the station. St Martha Parish Council, established in 1895, covered only this area. The area with now a much bigger population, which was known as Shalford Hamlet, came under Shalford Parish Council.*

*A previous boundary review was carried out several decades ago. At that time St. Martha Parish Council, with the support of residents, was in favour of forming a single Council for the whole village of Chilworth. On that occasion significant support was not forthcoming from the Shalford Hamlet section and no action resulted.*

*Chilworth village now comprises both of these areas, forming a single cohesive community; fully demonstrated in recent years by the actions of Chilworth Missive and Chilworth2gether. These action groups have gained very wide support, evidenced by the fund raising for Mill Wheels at each road entrance to the village and the very well attended annual Duck Race.*

*It is, by common sense alone; obvious that Chilworth should have a single Parish Council. This is supported by the consequent arising financial efficiency. Currently St. Martha Parish Council spends nearly two-thirds of its £12,000 annual precept for its Clerk. This is to manage two bus shelters, a War Memorial and little else. A poor use of public funds.*

*So now, in this new century, let common sense prevail; although the decision must be taken by the residents of Chilworth village, not by the two involved Parish Councils.*

**RESOLVED that the Clerk should send the above response to John Armstrong, Democratic Services Officer at Guildford Borough Council.**

Cllr Lunnon thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting at  
7.55 p.m.