

ST MARTHA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Extra-ordinary Meeting held on Monday 5th October 2015 at 7.00pm in The St Thomas' Church Room, Chilworth

Present:

Cllr Mrs. P. Allen	Cllr. D. Bunting
Cllr. M. Lunnon (Vice Chairman)	Cllr. J. Peake
Cllr. C. Seabrook	Cllr. The Rev. S. Sokolowski (Chairman)

15/95 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All Councillors present

15/96 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interest were made.

15/97 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following two applications were discussed and the AGREED corporate response to Guildford Borough Council was:

15/P/01626 – The Charcoal House, Blacksmith Lane Chilworth GU4 8NQ –
Recommend **REFUSE** for the following reasons:

- Loss of local employment.
- Parking is inadequate; there is no provision for families with two cars, visitors and trades people.
- Loss of privacy for neighbouring properties via the windows in the living area.
- It would not result in the provision of much needed small dwellings.

15/T/00195 – Sycamore, Blacksmith Lane, Chilworth GU4 8NQ (tree application) –
Recommend **APPROVE**

15/98 FINANCIAL

The Clerk presented a schedule of cheques for Councillors' consideration, approval and confirmation.

RESOLVED to approve cheques totalling £1,836.16 (+ VAT totalling £109.33) as attached to record Minutes.

The Clerk reported that the grant (£220.00) from Guildford Borough Council for replacing the bench at the end of Halfpenny Close had now been received.

15/99 CHILWORTH COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW Stage 2 Consultation

The Clerk reminded Councillors that a draft letter had been previously circulated to Councillors for comments. **RESOLVED** – to send the response to John Armstrong (GBC Democratic Services Officer).

15/100 NEW VILLAGE BENCH IN HALFPENNY CLOSE

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It was **AGREED** that the wording on the brass plaque should read: 'Provided by St Martha Parish Council'.

15/101 BUS SHELTER IN CHILWORTH

A discussion took place with regard to the progress with altering the height to comply with the restrictions as discussed with Surrey County Council (Minutes No: 15/85).

The Clerk reported on a quote from Paul Puttock:

- To carefully raise newly constructed bus shelter using forks either end and acro's to support. Insert 200m 100m-block feet under to raise to correct height lower shelter onto feet. Fit anchor straps at corner points and supply and fit skirts all round to cover gap. Total: £3,000.00. The quote includes all plant labour and materials.
- The Clerk reported on the quote from the original contractor:
Materials for the roof: £773.53
Material for the structure: £746.68
Labour on both roof and structure: £1,320.00
Total £2,840.21

Cllr Peake reported that the Parish Council "ordered a new bus shelter like-for-like".

Cllr Bunting reported on a discussion with a local builder who suggested that it was the responsibility of the builder to comply with height restrictions.

Cllr Mrs Allen reported that the Parish Council has a moral obligation to the parishioners to comply with the height restrictions.

It was **AGREED** to write to the original contractor stating the shelter does not conform to highway regulations, and give him the opportunity to rectify the situation.

15/102 GUNPOWDER MILLS

A discussion took place with regard to the arrangements for the Annual meeting on 11/11/15. The Clerk was asked to invite Councillors Billington, Wright and Taylor to the meeting.

The Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Date of next meeting Thursday 12th November 2015