

## **MINUTES OF THE CHRISHALL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Held on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 7.30pm in the  
South Hall, New Village Hall, Crawley End, Chrishall.**

PRESENT: Cllr Stephen Foote (chairman), Cllr Ian Pitfield, Cllr Jane Holloway, Cllr John Kay, Cllr Sheena Lashko, Cllr Guy Rackham, Cllr Tracey Slade.

Clerk: Belinda Irons

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19.64 Apologies for absence: Cllr David Thomas

19.65 Other absences: Members absent without offering apologies: none.

19.66 Declaration of Members Interests:

(disclosable pecuniary/pecuniary/non-pecuniary, personal)

Members declaring an interest are not entitled to vote on a resolution.

Members with a declarable interest will leave the room when the item is resolved.

Cllr Jane Holloway: Sawkins Cottage: resident of Broad Green.

Cllr John Kay: Village Hall Committee: PC representative:  
Declarable interest

Cllr Guy Rackham: Village Hall Committee Chairman:  
Declarable interest

Sawkins Cottage: resident of Broad Green

Personal friend of applicant. Personal  
declarable interest.

Cllr Ian Pitfield Sawkins Cottage: declarable pecuniary  
interest

19.67 Public Discussion: limited to 15 minutes

Grievance: a member of the public requested information on the grievance and suggested a parishioner sit on the grievance sub-committee. The Chairman commented that the issue was private at this stage, and the Council's agreed Grievance Procedure did not allow for a member of the public to sit on an HR committee'

Public attendance at PC meetings: A member of the public commented that the Parish Council may wish to note the level of public interest in the activities of the Parish Council and consider its future actions.

Sawkins Cottage planning application: a member of the public asked why a Councillor who voted against planning applications on Mill Causeway and other sites outside the development envelope has submitted a planning application which fulfils the objections he supported? The member of public further commented that the application is being closely watched by local landowners with road frontage. Other Councillors have been put in a difficult position through the submission of this planning application and the credibility of the Parish Council was called into question.

19.68                      Planning:                      Cllr Holloway

UTT/19/0748/HHF                      62 High Street  
Formation of a new access driveway and associated landscape to the existing house  
Planning application: *The Parish Council commented this was a highways issue but did not agree to object.*

UTT/19/0743/HHF                      Chrishall Church Of England Primary School  
Palmers Lane  
Variation of condition 1 of UTT/15/1275/FUL - to allow extension of period of use of temporary classroom for a further 3 years.  
*Comment: that the Council would support this variation but any further application would be objected to, with the recommendation that the temporary classroom be removed at the end of three years.*

*Cllr Pitfield left the meeting at 7.45pm*

UTT/19/0659/FUL                      Sawkins Cottage, Broad Green  
Erection of detached three bedroom property including new vehicular crossover and compound for ground mounted solar panels  
Planning application  
*Objection: outside the development area for Chrishall, out of keeping with properties in Broad Green, urbanisation of the street scene, poor infrastructure, school oversubscribed.*

*Cllr Pitfield rejoined the meeting at 7.55pm*

**PROPOSAL: That due to the confidential nature of the next item, members of the public will be excluded from the meeting.** PROPOSED: Cllr Foote, seconded Cllr Rackham. AGREED AND RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY.

*Members of the public left the meeting at 8.00pm*

19.69 Grievance against Chrishall Parish Council: submitted by the Clerk to the Chairman on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> March by email.

- i) Formation of an HR committee to consider the grievance brought by the Clerk against Chrishall Parish Council.
- ii) Date of meeting to consider the grievance which must provide sufficient time to enable the Clerk's Trade union representative to attend
- iii) Date of conclusion of investigation

Following discussion and motion shown below, the Clerk left the meeting as some Councillors did not believe the employee should be present when an HR committee was formed.

**PROPOSAL: That the Clerk remain in the room and continue to minute the meeting.** PROPOSED: Cllr Foote, seconded Cllr Holloway. AGREED: Cllr Slade. AGAINST: Cllrs Rackham, Pitfield and Kay. ABSTAIN: Cllr Lashko. MOTION NOT CARRIED.

The Clerk was advised of the composition of the sub-committee on her return to the meeting at 8.20pm

Further questions to the Clerk:

Submission of Declaration of Interests forms and Councillor Acceptance form signature. The Clerk advised these need to be signed in the presence of the Clerk and Declarations need to be returned to UDC

Appointment of Chairman and proxy voting: Proxy voting was not permitted but a Chairman could be proposed and voted upon in his absence provided a signed and witnessed declaration of acceptance was presented to the meeting.

19.70 Date of next Parish Council Meeting: Tuesday

Local Government Election: 2<sup>nd</sup> May  
Declaration of Members Interests to UDC by 4<sup>th</sup> June

2019:

14<sup>th</sup> May (APM & APCM), 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 1<sup>st</sup>  
October, 5<sup>th</sup> November.

*Meeting closed at 8.32pm*