**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Chivelstone Parish Council held on Monday 19 June 2017 at 8-00pm in Chivelstone Parish Community Hall, East Prawle.**

Present:

The Chairman, Cllr. S Jeffery, Cllrs. C Lewis, RJ Tucker, R Partridge, RRJ Tucker, the clerk Ren Hill and two members of the public, Mrs B Jeffery and Mrs V Tucker.

1. Apologies for absence - Cllr. J Brazil
2. Minutes - to approve as a correct record and authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the last Annual Parish meeting held on 9 May 2016. Cllr. RRJ Tucker proposed they were correct and Cllr. Partridge seconded.
3. Matters arising - Winter toilet closure. Whilst the cost of keeping the toilets open was considered a worthwhile expenditure, ahead of any proposed 2017/18 closure we need to determine the exact level of cleaning included in the cost.
4. Chairman’s annual report was given by Cllr. S Jeffery.

This year has brought the night landing site to fruition. This has been made possible by Mrs V Tucker for the use of her field and providing the power supply. This has been funded by the HELP charity together with local fund raising and donations.

The public toilets have been kept open for a second winter funded by the Parish Council. Hopefully it is appreciated by the many walkers and visitors to the village during the winter months.

There was a good effort by Julian, Sandy and myself to remove the parrot weed from Moorwell pond. This is going to be an ongoing project.

This year’s TAP fund has been claimed and will go towards the adoption and upkeep of the old red phone boxes.

Planning has been quiet this year with no major projects for the parish.

Unfortunately, the state of the roads hasn't got any better and the lack of buddle hole clearing by the lengthsman is a problem we are trying to deal with but it seems in vain.

I would like to acknowledge the super job that Johnny Hutchings does on keeping the grass trimmed around the village green, church yard and verges.

Many thanks to Councillor Brazil for his monthly updates from SHDC and DCC. There have been many changes in the Parish Council this year with Tim Johnson stepping down as a councillor and chairman after 5 years. Sandy Bryson also stood down due to work and relocating to Wales. Our biggest bomb shell was Roger Tucker’s intention to retire from the clerk’s position after 10 years. After many recommendations from parishioners Ren Hill put herself forward to take up the role as parish clerk and we co-opted Roger back into the Council as his knowledge of parish affairs is invaluable.

So I would like to thank Tim and Sandy for their time spent on the Council and Roger for time served as clerk, and finally a big thank you to Ren and my fellow councillors for making my year as a slightly unconventional chairman easy.

1. Neighbourhood Beat report - no-one available.
2. Water leak - Several parishioners have brought the water leak at New Houses Hill to the attention of the Parish Council. The clerk contacted the water authority and has eventually been advised that work is scheduled to start on 6 November 2017, for two weeks, to cure the problem.
3. Finance report from the clerk. See appendix A
4. SHDC /DCC update from Cllr. Brazil - Cllr. Brazil sent his apologies.
5. Updates from parish organisations - updates were provided by the Hall and Prawle Point Lookout (available on [www.chivelstone.org.uk](http://www.chivelstone.org.uk)) and a verbal update on Chivelstone parish church was provided by the churchwarden, Mrs V Tucker, focusing on the restoration work required and the anticipated cost being in the region of £300,000.
6. Public discussion

Mrs B Jeffery thanked the clerk and councillors for all the extra work above their duties that they do for the parish.

It was suggested that a letter of thanks and a small gift be sent to John Hutchings in appreciation of his hard work. This was proposed by Cllr. Partridge and seconded by Cllr. RJ Tucker.

Cllr. Lewis noted that the footpaths in the parish were very dog friendly compared to other parishes. All agreed that whilst wooden posts are aesthetically more pleasing the current plastic post are more durable. AONB were offering money for footpath signage, are we aware if this is still the case?

Regarding the hedges along Lower Road, Cllr. Lewis was asked to speak to the Tripps to seek permission for Cllr. RRJ Tucker to cut the hedge.