Minutes of the meetings of Chivelstone Parish Council, held on Monday 5 February 2024.

**Attendees** – Cllrs S Jeffery, RJ Tucker, C Lewis, RRJ Tucker, R Partridge, A Johnston, J Brazil, B Jeffery and the Clerk.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** none
2. **Declaration of interest** – Cllr Lewis – item 7, Cllrs Tucker – item 11 a).
3. **Minutes –** minutes of the Council meeting 8 January 2024 were authorised and signed.
4. **Matters arising from the minutes of 8 January 2024**
   1. Registering common land – Need to evidence the pond being used, for at least 20 years by a significant number of local inhabitants, in a recreational way. Carry forward.
   2. Replacement benches and **c.** play park repairs will be carried out once the weather improves.
   4. Town Hill noticeboard –Replacement backing in hand (74.5cm wide x 55cm high). One at Ford needs oiling and South Allington board needs attention.
   5. Village pond – Remedial work has been carried out – thank you to those involved.
   6. Update on alcohol license for village hall – CPCH committee are looking into this.
5. **Matters for the Chairman’s discretion -** see item 11
6. **Cllr. J. Brazil (SHDC & DCC)** – SHDC – increase of 2.99% to Council Tax, rubbish collections appear to be running smoothly, brown bin scheme collections have re-commenced after Christmas break. DCC – increase of 5% to Council Tax (3% plus 2% for adult social care), Devolution proposal is going out for consultation, there is money for potholes but there is a capacity issue with the workforce, although there are inefficiencies eg. closing roads and not doing the potholes at the same time.
7. **Planning** – **4005/23/HHO** – no comment.
8. **Enforcements** were discussed
9. **Finance:**

Accounts Instant Access £ 2,729.98

Number one £ 7,925.89

* 1. Paid in Car parking box Jan £ 23.62
  2. Paid out Public toilets (winter) £ 1,438.80

Clerk’s salary (Dec/Jan) £ 300.00

Cllr Jeffery proposed that CPC finances be noted and payments made, seconded by Cllr RRJ Tucker.

1. **Correspondence –** all correspondence forwarded to Councillors. Cllrs noted the decision made on the caravans at Christmas Parks.
2. **Matters at the Chairman’s discretion, or to be put to the next meeting**

* Mud on Road by Secular Retreat – what are a farmer’s legal responsibilities? Clerk to contact SWW as they organised the contractor.
* The remainder of Coronation cups will be given to Hall as sales have covered cost.
* Life on the Edge conservation project has been granted £2.2m from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

1. **Public Participation** – Brenda Jeffery was pleased to note that there was only one recycling bin on Broad Road now, aren’t farmers supposed to clear up after themselves and why didn’t the contractors put up Mud on the Road signs – and there are potholes everywhere, where does our Council Tax go? (Potholes are subject to strict criteria). When will we get notification of next years brown bin collection costs? JB to find out.
2. **Next meeting** 4 March 2024

Sean Jeffery, Chair, Chivelstone Parish Council:------------------------------------------------------------

Ren Hill, Clerk, Chivelstone Parish Council:------------------------------------------------------------------

Date 04.03.2024