

# ST MARTHA PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of an Extra-ordinary Meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at 7.00pm in The St Thomas' Church Room, Chilworth

Present:

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

In attendance – Parish Clerk – Anne Tait  
9 Members of the public  
Councillor Bill Birkett (Shalford Parish Council)

### **PUBLIC SESSION**

The public were invited to address the Council prior to the Council meeting:

A parishioner asked why the results of the Chilworth Community Governance Review had not been published on the notice boards, or on the Parish Website. The Clerk replied that the Parish Council was awaiting a Public Statement of Notification from Guildford Borough Council, which had not yet been received.

### **15/119 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

All Councillors present

### **15/120 CO-OPTION OF A NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR**

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Richard Good to the table as a new Parish Councillor. Mr. Good signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined other Councillors at the table.

### **15/121 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

Cllr Sokolowski declared that she was a member of the St Thomas's Parochial Church Council.

### **15/122 FINANCIAL**

- a) **RESOLVED to approve** cheques totalling £1,311.26 as attached to record Minutes.
- b) The Clerk reported on the figures for 15/16. This included each budget head, the current figure in each budget head and the projected figure for each budget head in 16/17. Councillors considered these budget heads and set a figure against each. **RESOLVED that the final figures and Precept for 16/17 would be confirmed at the next meeting of the Parish Council on 14/01/16.**
- c) The Clerk reported on an application offered from the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) through the Sussex and Surrey Association of Local Councils (SSALC) to apply for funding to comply with the Transparency Code. **RESOLVED for this Council to apply for funding.**

### **15/123 CHILWORTH COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW**

The Chairman reported on the outcome of the Stage 2 Consultation, which was noted. GBC's Public Statement of Notification:

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*At its meeting on 9 December 2015, the Guildford Borough Council has decided not to give effect to those recommendations for the following reason:*

*The Council believes that the current community governance for the Chilworth area is reflective of the identities of the community it serves and is effective and convenient.*

Councillor Bill Birkett (Shalford PC) reported that Shalford Parish Council will be considering a change of name, to avoid confusion with the church/ecclesiastical Parish Boundaries which are different. The word "Parish" might be replaced by the word "community", or "local", or similar. This would show that Shalford and St Martha were not church-driven bodies.

He suggested that the Councillors from St Martha may also consider a revision in line with Shalford. He reported that Shalford PC would create a system, which is more transparent, and demonstrates that the precept collected in Chilworth is spent in Chilworth. He affirmed the continuance of attendance by Parish Councillors at the other's meetings.

### **15/124 PLANNING MATTERS**

The Clerk reported on the outcome of planning application:

- **15/P/01948** - Annexe Lockner Farm House – GBC Approved on 08/12/15.  
On the proposal from Cllr Peake that this Council apply for Listing on this property, due to the historic nature of the building - built in 1726.  
**RESOLVED it was AGREED to proceed with a request for listing - if the cost is less than £100.**

### **15/125 WEST LODGE, BLACKSMITHS LANE, CHILWORTH**

Councillors discussed the DRAFT response to Guildford Borough Council with regard to the potential disposal.

**RESOLVED for the Clerk to send the AGREED letter to Ms Marieke van der Reijden Asset Development Manager, GBC Development Directorate**

The Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

**Date of next meeting Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2016**