



# NORTHCHAPEL PARISH COUNCIL

## DRAFT Minutes of a PRECEPT ONLY Meeting held at Northchapel Village Hall on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 8pm

**Present:** Councillors Mr Alex Baker, Mrs Lynda Bell (Chairman), Miss Laura Green, Mrs Sharon Holden, Mr Robert Moss, Mrs Daphne Trussler and Mr Stephen Wordsworth

**In attendance:** Mrs Helen Cruikshank, Parish Clerk  
There were no members of the public in attendance.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and welcomed Councillor Alex Baker to his first meeting

**83/17 Apologies for absence:** Apologies had been received from Councillors Gaye Jordan and Janis Glover.

**84/17 Declarations of Interest:** Councillor Laura Green declared an interest as secretary of the Sports Club.

**85/17 Minutes:** The Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017 were approved as a correct record and signed.

### **86/17 Grants and Donations 2017/18**

The figures for the current budget 2017/18 were examined at Appendix 2. All budgeted annual grants and donations previously agreed were approved as follows:

Northchapel Primary School £300  
Northchapel Village Hall £500  
Community Mini Bus Association (West Sussex) £100  
Rother Valley Together £100  
Petworth Over 60's Club £50  
Petworth Cottage Nursing Home £100  
Citizens Advice Bureau Waverley £100  
West Sussex Rural Mobile Youth Trust (Purple Bus) £1,000  
Haslemere Community First Responders £200

It was determined there was money available for the additional grant requests received. It was agreed £800 be donated to the Little Oaks pre-school for Forestry School and a grant be given to Home-Start Chichester who had helped two families in the village this financial year (amount yet to be confirmed). In addition, it was agreed to donate £250 to Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance. It was decided to include this as an annual donation going forward as it was felt this is an invaluable service to rural communities such as Northchapel.

Clerk had also received a letter from the Sports Club requesting help financially towards the next phase of the pavilion work or the exciting plans for 2018 for a multi-sports court. It was agreed to donate £500.

Furthermore it was agreed to financially support the Church's 300<sup>th</sup> year celebration and amount would be approved once events had been confirmed.

All donations and grants will be paid at January's meeting.

**87/17 Budget and Precept 2018/19**

The draft figures for 2018/19 were considered. Clerk to issue final figures at the next meeting for approval. It was agreed the precept would remain at £30,000 (less the grant from CDC).

**88/17 Date of next meeting**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 8pm

Following the North Chichester CLC meeting which Councillor Wordsworth had attended and spoken about the concerns regarding the safety and the traffic speed along the A283 Fisher Street junction, Chris Dye (WSCC Highways Area Manager) had visited the area and sent a very full reply which all Councillors had seen. It was agreed the speed data which WSCC Highways hold needed updating and a further plan of action will be discussed at the next full PC meeting in January.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35pm

**Signed .....**

**Date .....**