

DRAFT/UNADOPTED

MINUTES OF THE CHRISHALL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Held on Tuesday, 21st November 2017 at 8.00pm in the
South Hall, New Village Hall, Crawley End, Chrishall.**

PRESENT: Cllr Derek Ailes (chairman), Cllr Jane Holloway Cllr Steven Parish,
Cllr Stephen Foote, Cllr Tracey Slade, Cllr Ian Pitfield,
Clerk: Belinda Irons

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17.183 Apologies for absence: Cllr David Thomas

17.184 Other absences: Members absent without offering apologies:
Cllr John Kay

17.185 Declaration of Members Interests:
(disclosable pecuniary/pecuniary/non-pecuniary)
None.

17.186 Parish Councillor Vacancy:
Prospective Parish Councillors for co-option: discussion:

Cllr Ailes commented that two very strong candidates had submitted their applications but there was currently only one vacancy for Parish Councillor.

He advised the meeting that, having sought advice, the Parish Council can appoint an Advisory Committee, and that with Parish Council agreement, the unsuccessful candidate would be offered the opportunity to head up such an Advisory Committee until such time as a Parish Councillor vacancy arose when they would be considered should there be another co-option opportunity.

The Advisory Committee can work on behalf of the Parish Council in any area the Parish Council has within its remit. The Parish Council would direct the Advisory Committee on the areas it would wish to progress, but would leave the management of such a task to the Committee itself.

PROPOSAL: That Chrishall Parish Council herewith agree the formation of the Chrishall Parish Advisory Committee in accordance with the with the Local Government Act 1972 to work on issues within the remit of Chrishall Parish Council and under the direction of Chrishall Parish Council, with

Chairman's signature..... 2nd January 2018

immediate effect. PROPOSED: Cllr Ailes, seconded Cllr Pitfield. AGREED AND RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Chairman distributed an anonymous voting ballot to each Councillor present. Once the vote was made, the Clerk collected the folded ballot papers, and counted the votes. There was a majority vote in favour of Mrs Sheena Lashko.

- 17.187 **PROPOSAL: That Chrishall Parish Council herewith appoint through the co-option process Mrs Sheena Lashko with immediate effect.** PROPOSED Cllr Ailes, seconded Cllr Slade. AGREED AND RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Clerk will write formally to Cllr Lashko to advise of her appointment. The Chairman will speak with the other candidate to offer the position on the Advisory Committee.

- 17.188 Urgent matters :
Robert Reed Hall: a number of issues have been raised with the primary school relating to repairs to the property which are being addressed as a matter of urgency.

Hedges & trees: Clarification was made that the enforcing body for highway boundary hedges, ditches and trees is with Essex County Council. Chrishall Parish Council can informally request landowners take action on any issues that may be cause for concern. The tree officer at Uttlesford District Council is Mr Ben Smeedon, who can be contacted to inspect any trees considered to be dangerous.

- 17.189 Budget & Precept update:
The Chairman and the Clerk have scrutinised the budget and accounts, and the recommendation is a 2% increase on the previous year's precept which is in line with the Uttlesford District Council increase. The budget and precept will be ratified at the January 2018 meeting.

- 17.190 Date of next Parish Council Meeting: Tuesday
2nd January, 6th February, 6th March, 3rd April, 1st May, 5th June, 3rd July
4th September, 2nd October, 6th November

Annual Parish Meeting: 22nd May
2018: