

## **Minutes of the Annual meeting of Chedzoy Parish Council held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022 in the village hall at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** - Cllrs. Marion Dethier, Brian Gale, Simon Howes (Chairman) and Rodney Young.

Also present: - Cllr. Andy Dingwall (SCC).

In attendance: - The Clerk (Chris Fry) and two members of the public.

**1. Apologies:** - Cllr. Russell Harmes. Cllr. Diogo Rodrigues (SCC).

**2. To minute a quorum is present** – (a quorum is three councillors).

**3. Election of Chair and completion of the Acceptance of Office.**

The Chairman (Simon Howes) stood down and the Clerk took the chair temporarily. Proposals for Chair were requested. Marion Dethier was proposed by Rodney Young and seconded by Simon Howes. There were no other nominations. All in favour. Marion duly took the Chair and completed her Declaration and Acceptance of Office.

**4. Co-option to fill two vacancies on the Parish Council.**

The Clerk explained that five nominations had been received by the deadline, and so those five (Marion Dethier, Brian Gale, Russell Harmes, Simon Howes and Rodney Young) duly became councillors on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022. For a period following elections, co-option is allowed (without the need to advertise) to fill vacant places on the council. Two ladies have indicated their agreement to be co-opted, and both qualify as they resided in the village.

Mary Clothier was proposed by Brian Gale and seconded by Marion Dethier and unanimously approved.

Karen Medland was proposed by Simon Howes and seconded by Brian Gale and unanimously approved.

**5. Election of Vice-Chair (no separate declaration required).**

Proposals were called for. Simon Howes was proposed by Marion Dethier and seconded by Rodney Young. There were no other nominations. All in favour.

**6. Election of Footpath Officer.**

Ian Medland has indicated his agreement to continue in post, if desired. He was proposed by Simon Howes and seconded by Rodney Young. All in favour.

Keeping the footpath network clear of undergrowth, particularly in the growing season, is far too much work for one person and Ian has said he could do with some help.

The Clerk was asked to appeal via the village Facebook page for a volunteer/s.

Simon Howes expressed the appreciation of the whole Parish Council for Ian's hard work.

**7. Election of Webmaster.**

John Paige has indicated his willingness to continue in post, if so desired. He was proposed by Marion Dethier and seconded by Brian Gale. All in favour.

The Parish Council expressed its appreciation for all John's hard work over the years.

(A sub-committee made up of Marion Dethier, Rodney Young and John Paige) is currently looking into the up-grading of the website).

**8. Election of two representatives on the village hall committee.**

Marion Dethier and Rodney Young were elected to be the Parish Council's representatives on the hall committee, with Mary Clothier held in reserve as necessary.

**9. Completion of new councillors' necessary documentation following the local elections.**

The seven councillors duly completed the necessary documentation.

**There being no other business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.50 pm.**