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Cholderton Village Meeting Extended Spending Powers

Dear Sirs,

Cholderton parish does not have a parish council and the Parish Meeting therefore only has limited powers to provide services to its residents. Cholderton Parish Meeting has been made aware of the provisions in Section 109 Local Government Act 1972, which allow Wiltshire Council, as principal authority, to confer on a parish meeting any of the functions of a parish council.

At its meeting on the 3rd of April 2019 Cholderton Parish Meeting agreed to request Wiltshire Council to confer on it the following functions and powers of a parish council, for the reasons set out below.

Section 133. Local Government Act 1972 - Provision of Parish and Community Buildings.

Cholderton has a Village Meeting Hall dedicated to the village in perpetuity by Henry Stephens in 1912. The hall is used for Village Meeting business and various social and council business events throughout the year. The building was in a very sorry state after years of neglect and thanks to a small but dedicated band of volunteers is now in a good state of repair. The funds raised by the village hall go almost exclusively into maintenance and repair of the building. We would like to assist them by contributing funds to cover their regular payments such as insurance and electricity bills.

Section 274A Highways Act 1980 – Contributions to Traffic Calming

The A338 on the Wiltshire/Hampshire border cuts through the village of Cholderton and sees a medium to high traffic flow at peak times. Despite the majority of the village being in a 30mph zone and regular Speed Watch patrols there are still problems with speeding drivers. The number of children in the village has increased substantially in recent years and with the addition of a playpark in the village centre, the risk of an accident has increased. It is our ambition to install traffic calming measures in the form of village gates and/or active illuminated warning signs. The Speed watch scheme has been effective but also needs additional funding to cover administration costs incurred by the scheme's organiser. The Parish wish to work with the Highways Authority to enable such measures to proceed and would wish to have the power to contribute to the costs of traffic calming schemes where appropriate.

Sections 5 & 6 Litter Act 1983

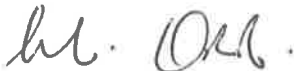
Cholderton currently has no litter bins. As a community we have regular litter collections but would like to encourage visitors and residents of the village to dispose of their litter in a responsible manner. As Wiltshire council no longer supply bins we would like to remedy this situation and obtain our own. We have confirmed these will be emptied by the regular bin collection.

Section 137 Local Government Act 1972 Power of local authorities to incur expenditure for certain purposes not otherwise authorised.

The Parish Meeting would wish to undertake additional traffic calming and litter collection functions, not covered by the specific statutory powers above, as well as other measures for the benefit of the inhabitants of the area, including the installation of a defibrillator and the adoption of dementia friendly measures. It would therefore wish to be able to use the powers available to parish councils in s.137 to spend money on such matters which are in the interests of the inhabitants of the area but for which there is no specific statutory power.

On behalf of the Parish Meeting, I should be grateful if Wiltshire Council would consider exercising its powers in s.109 Local Government Act 1972 to confer the above functions on Cholderton Parish Meeting.

Yours Sincerely,



Myra Orr



Adrian Jones