

CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 9th JULY 2012

PRESENT: Mr P Sibbald (Chairman) Mr G Brister, Mr D Broad, Miss L Gallagher, Mr J King and Mrs E Broad (Clerk).

APOLOGIES: Mr A Bell

ABSENT: Mr R Richmond

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Clerk reported that she had received a telephone call from Mrs Rosanne Dickenson who was concerned that the draft Minutes she had read on line did not record that PCSO Andrea Shutt agreed with Mrs Dickenson when she stated that the Chairman of the Parish Council agreed to undertake a local leaflet drop and place an item in the Hill and Valley informing residents of the recent Indiscreet Festival. As PCSO Shutt was not at the meeting where this was discussed and was only reporting third hand and as also the Chairman had already refuted these allegations, it was agreed not to amend the Minutes to record this. Therefore the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 11th June 2012 were agreed and signed as a true record.

OPEN SESSION FOR THE PUBLIC: Mr Milne asked for tolerance with regard to the recent Indiscreet Festival and also spoke about the parking at the bottom of Ballingers Hill where he asked for tolerance again as there had been some complaints recently and he did not wish for yellow lines to be installed in this area.

It was felt that yellow lines were not on the agenda but it was agreed to keep monitoring the situation. Mr Iain Robertson, who had recently moved into Mr Lewis's property, was also present and was welcomed.

MAIN MATTERS:

Communication between Parish Council and the Public:

a) The Parish Council Website: The new Website had now gone live and was up and running. The Clerk reported that she was having a problem linking up the email address on the new website to her usual Parish Council Hotmail address. Mr Broad reported that he had been working on this and had contacted Parish Websites Ltd regarding this and was awaiting a reply. Mr Iain Robertson offered to become the new Webmaster to look after the new site and was duly thanked. The Chairman would let Mr Robertson have the relevant information for accessing the site. The Clerk also reported that the battery in the Parish Council Laptop would no longer hold charge for very long and asked permission to obtain a new one for around £36.00, this was agreed.

Affordable Housing:

a) Neighbourhood Plan & Affordable Housing – Email from David Musgrave: Mr Musgrave had emailed following a meeting he had attended after the last meeting.

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After some discussion it was agreed that Mr Brister would draft a reply thanking him and confirming that the Parish Council's views on neighbourhood planning had not changed. An email had also

been received from the Chairman of Shipton Parish Council regarding Neighbourhood Plans. Mr Brister would also draft a reply to this.

MATTERS FOR UPDATING AND DISCUSSION:

Traffic in Village and Road Matters:

a) Fields Road and Community Speed Watch: Mr King reported on the recent meeting with Scott Macaulay Lowe from GCC Highways which he had attended along with Mr Poulton. The County Council Safety Audit Team were going to look at the possibility of removing White Lines. Mr Macaulay Lowe was going to look into the feasibility of beefing up the thestart of the speed limit possibly with gates, but he felt the possibility of extending the speed limit around the bend would not be beneficial. Mr King also reported that there was very little chance of the 40mph speed limit being reduced on Fields Road, as there are houses on only one side of the road, no School and no Post Office. With regard the Community Speed Watch, Mr King reported that they were having problems obtaining volunteers for this.

b) Grass Verge Cutting: The Clerk reported that complaints were still be received about the restricted visibility at the Chedworth Turning. Although some half hearted cutting had been done to the north this had not been wide enough and visibility was still seriously reduced. It was agreed to email GCC Highways again regarding this. Mr King reported that the verge cutting in the villages was due to start this week and will take up to 6 weeks to complete.

c) Broken Road Sign: Mr King reported that he had spoken to Mr Macaulay Lowe regarding this and he was going to pass it on to Paul Swift.

Mr King also reported that GCC Highways had to come back to complete the resurfacing which had never been finished in the Village because of the recent wet weather, but due to problems with safety of the surface, it may be later in the year.

Footpaths:

a) PROW Clearance – Email from Lois Eyre: This was noted.

b) Definitive Map Modification Order, Hills Farm: The Freedom of Information request had been answered and two orders have been dealt with in the past year but it was still unlikely that our application would be dealt with soon. It was agreed to continue following this up year on year. The Chairman reported that he had been contacted by the Footpath Warden, Mr Phil Coates, who had asked for permission to undertake works on the stile between the two Paddocks in the vicinity of the Playing Field. The Chairman had told him to go ahead.

Defibrillators:

a) The Third Defibrillator: The Chairman had the cabinet installed but was now awaiting an electrician to do the final wiring. The Chairman was thanked for installing the cabinet.

b) Insurance: the Clerk reported that Zurich had added the three defibrillators and cabinets to our policy at no extra charge.

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Items Arising from Email:

a) Fix First Time – Fiona McKenzie to attend September Meeting with Representative from GCC: This was noted.

b) CDC Housing Plan Consultation Extended to 25th July: Mr Brister agreed to attend the meeting on 19th July at Northleach.

The Playing Field:

a) Fence Rail: The Chairman had the replacement of the rail in hand.

b) Football: It was agreed to contact the football team and remind them that the £150.00 rental was to be paid in advance of the season and also ask them to give details of how many friendly matches and training sessions have been held. Mr King raised the problem of plastic tapes used to hold socks up being left lying on the field, it was agreed to ask the footballers to remove these as they are not biodegradable.

The Grass Keep Field:

a) Tenancy: The Clerk reported that she had not yet sent the email agreed at the last meeting to Mr Baker as she had not yet received clarification of the amount suggested by the professional valuer. Miss Gallagher had an email from the valuer to hand, which she apologised for not circulating, and he clarified that £25.00 per pony per week was the appropriate level of rental for this grass keep. After further discussion it was agreed to offer Mr Baker a further six month tenancy at the same rental of £154.00 on the expiry of the current one on 31st October, but to look to significantly increase the rent to the amount suggested by the valuer for a 364 day lease beginning on 2nd May 2013. It was agreed to write to Mr Baker to this effect.

b) Water Leak: The Clerk reported that there appeared to be a leak as it had been registering on the water meter. Joanne Leigh had replied that her plumber was not willing to repair the leak as it may involve digging and Mr Broad reported that the Village Hall plumber would also not be able to undertake any digging. The Chairman agreed to go and have a look.

c) Diggers Plot Tidy Up: In Mr Richmond's absence it was agreed to leave on the agenda.

Five Yearly Review of HLVTC Annual Ground Rent & Asset Valuation: The professional valuer had now taken into account that this was for ground rent only and suggested the sum of £200.00 was appropriate. It was proposed from The Chair and seconded by Mr Broad to ask for a rent of £200.00 per annum, agreed. This reflects the advice we have been given and also takes into account inflation and the fact that the rate will apply for the next five years.

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Village Sign: Mr King reported that the sign did not need permission from GCC Highways as it was sited on private ground, but he had spoken to Scott Macauley Lowe about the siting and he was going to check a few things and get back to him.

Provision of a Bus Shelter: Nothing further.

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Indiscreet Festival at Denfurlong: The organisers had been in contact with the Chairman. It was agreed to remove from the agenda at present until a meeting is arranged between interested parties.

Planning Training Meeting with Kevin Field CDC: This had been held on 2nd July. It was agreed to write and thank Mr Field for undertaking this. Five Councillors had attended and all had found it both useful and helpful.

Broadband Provision: Nothing further to report.

Cess Pool at the Seven Tuns: The Chairman reported that he had been asked by the landlord of the Seven Tuns to support his request to the owners to reconsider their plans to replace a failed septic tank with a cesspool, as this will need emptying frequently causing inconvenience to local residents. Councillors commented that this should have been taken account of in the original planning application, however it was agreed to ask Youngs Brewery to seriously consider repairing

the existing Septic Tank or installing a more environmentally friendly system such as a Klargesterpurification unit or similar. The Chairman agreed to obtain details of who to write to.

PLANNING:

Applications:

CD 9269/B Highfield – Demolition of Existing Bungalow & Replacement – No objection.
CD 3821/H Ashwell Lodge – Replacement Garage – No objection but ask that the roof be shingle.
12/02054/TCONR Manor Farm – Tree Works – No objection.
CD 6375/F The Old Bakery – Revision to Approved Application – No objection.
12/02381/TCONR The Old Farm – Tree Works – No objection.

Approval:

CD 4817/P Box Tree Cottage – Additional Information
CD 4029/P Salters Barn – Extension to Outbuilding
CD 7532/C Wookeys Tump – Amendments to Approved Application
12/02381/TCONR The Old Farm – Tree Works
12/02345/TCONR Glovers Cottage – Tree Works
12/02400/TCONR 2 The Rookery – Tree Works
12/02399/TCONR The Orchard – Tree Works – No Consultation

FINANCE:

1. Harry Stebbing Workshop (Village Sign) £2379.60, prop. P Sibbald, sec. J King
2. Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust Subscription £25.00, prop. P Sibbald, sec. L Gallagher.

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3. Bibury (P/F Mowing June) £182.40, prop. P Sibbald, sec. G Brister.
4. Parish Websites Ltd. £450.00, prop. P Sibbald, sec. D Broad.
5. Council in receipt of £9.49 Water Reimbursement from Mr Baker.

The Clerk reported that St Andrew's school had sent a cheque for £20.00 as a donation for their use of the Playing Field. The Clerk was asked to thank them for this.

The meeting concluded at 8.48 pm.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 13th August 2012 at 7.30 pm.

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