

CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 10th DECEMBER 2012

PRESENT: Mr D Broad, Miss L Gallagher, Mr J King, Mr R Richmond and Mrs E Broad (Clerk).

APOLOGIES: Mr P Sibbald, Mr G Brister and Mr A Bell.

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman, it was proposed by Mr King and seconded by Mr Broad that Miss Gallagher takes the Chair, agreed unanimously. Miss Gallagher took the Chair for the meeting.

Mr Richmond joined the meeting at this point.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th November 2012 were agreed and signed as a true record.

OPEN SESSION FOR THE PUBLIC: Mr Catton spoke about the remaining CLT funding from the Venturesome Trust and asked if the Parish Council wished him to ask for a further extension before the funding had to be repaid. Mr Catton explained about the funding and how much needed to be repaid. Mr Catton asked if the Parish Council wished him to ask for a further extension then they should put the request in writing to him via email. Mr Catton also asked if the accommodation for older residents be left on the agenda along with the affordable housing. When Council reconvened it was agreed to formally ask Mr Catton in writing to request a further six month extension on the CLT funding. Mr Broad was also asked to put Mr Catton's quoted figures on the CLT funding in an email.

MAIN MATTERS:

Communication between Parish Council and the Public:

- a) The Parish Council Website: Mr King reported that it was all set up and appeared to be working well.
- b) Email Security: Mr King reported that PC.net are currently setting up an email account for councillors@chedworth-pc.org.uk.

Affordable Housing:

- a) Further Email from Martin Hutchings: Martin Hutchings had emailed explaining how CDC might deal with issues raised at the last meeting regarding occupation and local connections. He also offered to set up a meeting with a provider of affordable housing such as Cirencester Housing Society. It was agreed to invite Cirencester Housing Society to come and talk to the Parish Council. It was also agreed to ask Mr Brister to make contact with both landowners of the potential sites to keep them informed on progress.
- b) S106 Agreements: In Mr Brister's absence it was agreed to hold over until the next meeting.

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MATTERS FOR UPDATING AND DISCUSSION:

Traffic in Village and Road Matters:

- a) Fields Road and Community Speed Watch: Nothing further to report.
- b) Gritting and Salt Bins: Several emails had been received from Parishioners asking for grit and grit bins in response to the item in the Hill and Valley. It was agreed to minute that the Chairman, Mr Sibbald, was dealing with this at present. Mr Broad reported that a man in a white pick up truck had been observed on several occasions gritting by hand the area between Glebe House and the Old Railway Bridge in Cheap Street. It was agreed to email Mr Grzelinski and ask if he knew anything about this as it would be more sensible to use the Parish Council gritter. Miss Gallagher asked if the gritter donated to the PC by Mr Simon Clark on behalf of Cavendish Green and which was currently in her garden, was needed as a reserve. It was agreed to ask the Chairman, Mr Sibbald, to collect it and store it at Manor Farm if it was required.
- c) Verges in Queen Street – Email from Alex Davenport Jones: Some vegetation had been cut back by The Seven Tuns but it had been suggested that the Brewery were responsible for the cutting back of vegetation below The Seven Tuns. The Chairman had asked the Clerk to write to the Brewery regarding this, which had been done, and we were awaiting a reply.
- d) Airfield Road Flooding: The road had been badly flooded since the last meeting causing difficulties for road users. On being alerted to the problem, the PC had acted quickly and cohesively, both by contacting the relevant authorities and attendance at the scene by Mr Sibblad and by Mr Broad. GCC Highways had been contacted along with County Councillors Fiona McKenzie who had finally got the drain cleared by the County Council. Warnings about the flood had been posted on the website and Twitter. It was agreed to keep the item on the agenda for the Chairman, Mr Sibbald, to report back to the next meeting.
- e) Helping Keep Footpaths Clear in Snow: Mr King reported that he had been contacted by the Village Agent, Cynthia Laird, asking if prevision could be made for clearing footpaths for elderly residents in snow, in particular a pensioner couple from Valley View. It was felt that this would have to be done on a neighbourly basis as the PC do not have the resources or funds to take on this type of task Mr King would reply to Cynthia Laid about this and try to set something up with one of their neighbours.

Footpaths:

- a) KCH 42 Old Pastures to Hemplands Hill: The clearance was in hand with the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens. It was not clear who owned the land as it lies between the walls of the properties on either side but it had been discussed with the two neighbours.

Defibrillators:

- a) Defibrillator Checks: In the absence of the Chairman, it was agreed to hold over until the next meeting.
- b) eXbox Power/Lights: In the absence of Mr Bell, it was agreed to hold over until the next meeting.

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Items Arising from Email:

- a) Gloucestershire Waste Core Strategy: Mr King raised the matter of the large proposed incinerator in Gloucester which there was objections to. It was agreed to ask Mr Bell to look at the strategy particularly regarding the proposed incinerator.
- b) GCC Review of Gloucestershire Statement of Community Involvement: Noted.
- c) Rural Watch: Emailed reports of incidents were now being received although nothing regarding Chedworth had come in to date. A Crime Prevention Leaflet had been received from CDC and put on the website as a news item.
- d) CDC Presentation to Town and Parish Councils Email: Noted. Mr Brister had attended the meeting in Moreton in Marsh to represent the Parish Council and had reported there was nothing of major significance to discuss.
- e) Where you Live – Email from Joanne Leigh: The notification of the event on flooding had been received too late for anyone to attend. Mr Richmond reported that he had spoken to Joanne Leigh and nothing of relevance to Chedworth had been raised.
- f) Broadband Preferred Bidder Announcement: Noted.
- g) Centenary of WW1 – Email from Peter Seymour: It was agreed to support this project in principle and say that should they require any funding in future, the Parish Council will give the request due consideration.
- h) GCC P & T Newsletter: The relevant part about the new Mobile Library Service had been posted on the website.

The Playing Field:

- a) Playing Field Hirers Agreement: Miss Gallagher had circulated the document again and it was agreed to discuss further at the next meeting.
- b) Use by Cirencester Athletic Club, 7th April 2013: A special resolution signed by Mr King and Miss Gallagher asking for the matter to be reconsider again was received by the Clerk before meeting commenced. After further consideration it was proposed by Mr King and seconded by Miss Gallagher to allow the use of the area behind the far goal post and down the side away from the road for parking, provided the playing surface in cordoned off. The fee will be £100.00, agreed.
- c) Entrances on to the Playing Field: In the absence of the Chairman, it was agreed to consider further at the next meeting.
- d) Hedge Cutting to Playing Field: Mr Richmond had obtained a quote of £320.00 for a days work to cut all of the hedges in the vicinity of the Parish Council owned land at he Village Hall. If it did not take that long this would be reflected in the price. It was proposed by Miss Gallagher and seconded by Mr Richmond to accept this quotation, agreed. Mr Richmond agreed to arrange this.
- e) Registering Playing Field as a Village Green: In Mr Bell's absence, it was agreed to consider further at the next meeting.

The Grass Keep Field:

- a) Diggers Plot Tidy Up: Mr Richmond reported that the mound had been removed in August. It was agreed to remove this item from the agenda.

Provision of a Bus Shelter: Mr King reported that unfortunately Mr Bearcroft had decided not to continue with this project. Mr Broad reported that based on a

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Queenbury Arum Shelter the cost would be in the region of £6.500 which he felt was excessive, also no grants were available for bus shelters but funding was available for Teen Shelters, but he felt it was not viable. Mr King asked Mr Broad to put his findings down in writing so that the project could be properly reviewed.

Saplings & Jubilee Oak – Email from Joanne Leigh: Mr Bell had emailed Miss Leigh as agreed, but she had now informed the Council that she had given the saplings to a charity. Mr King had then spoken to her and ascertained that they had first of all been offered to CHEG who had not responded and also that the Jubilee Oak had been donated to the same charity, the Butterfly Trust. It was agreed to remove this item from the agenda.

Members Interest Forms: The Clerk would get Mr Richmond's completed form, which she had received this evening, to CDC as soon as possible.

Cotswold Division Autumn Open Day – 21st November at Northleach: In the absence of the Chairman, it was agreed to hold over until the next meeting.

Electoral Review of CDC Meeting on the 20th November at CDC: Mr King reported that he had been unable to attend due to illness, but he had asked CDC to send copies of any handouts from the meeting. Mr Broad reported that CDC Councillors had attended a similar meeting and that there was very little of interest to Parish Councils.

PLANNING:

Applications:

CD 8256/1/D Greenhill Farm – Change of use of land to Equestrian & Riding Area - No objection.

Approval:

CD 7291/B Listercombe Cottage – Demolition & Replacement of Existing Building and Erection of Detached Garage
12/04728/TCONR Calveshill House – Tree Works
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12/04758/TCONR Buttress House – Tree Works
12/05003/TCONR Elm Villa – Tree Works (No Consultation)
12/04861/TCONR 61/62 Ballingers Row – Tree Works (No Consultation)

FINANCE:

1. Clerks Quarterly Salary £555.50, prop. J King, sec. R Richmond.
2. Clerks Quarterly Mileage £9.65, prop. J King, sec. R Richmond
3. SLCC Membership £75.00, prop. J King, sec. R Richmond.

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4. Council in receipt of £161.78 Grass Keep Rental and Part Water Reimbursement from Mr Baker.
5. Council in receipt of £7.79 Part Water Reimbursement from HVLTC
6. The 2013/14 Precept – Possible Budget Consultation Meeting: Mr King had suggested this be considered as it was being done in other parishes, but he felt it was too late to do this for this year as it would need to be advertised. It was agreed to consider this seriously another year and the Clerk was asked to include on the agenda earlier in the year. CDC had emailed to inform the Council that the precept was being funded differently for 2013/14 and asked for an estimated figure to be submitted before the 31st December 2012, with the actual figure needing to be submitted by the beginning of February 2013. It was agreed to submit an estimated figure for 2013/14 of £7,000.

Miss Gallagher thanked the Councillors present and the Clerk. The meeting concluded at 8.45 pm.

NEXT MEETING: (Precept Meeting) Monday 14th January 2013 at 7.30 pm.

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