

CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 8th APRIL 2013

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

APOLOGIES: Mr G Brister, Mr P Sibbald

ABSENT: Mr A Bell

As both the Chairman and Vice Chairman were absent, it was proposed by Mr Broad and seconded by Mr Richmond that Miss Gallagher takes the Chair for the meeting, agreed. Miss Gallagher took the Chair.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 11th March 2013 were agreed and signed as a true record.

Mr King joined the meeting at this point.

OPEN SESSION FOR THE PUBLIC: Nothing was raised at this point.

MAIN MATTERS:

Communication between Parish Council and the Public:

a) The Parish Council Website: Mr King reported that so far only about 20 people had signed up on the Parish Council website to receive the email alerts. It was agreed to place an item in the Hill and Valley encouraging people to sign up and also explore how to get people to sign up with the larger village organisations. Mr Broad left the meeting at this point. Mr King reported that he had not received any further resumes for the website as yet. Mr King also reported that he had not yet removed the 9 businesses from the local directory yet. After some discussion the Chairman asked when Mr King would be able to do this and Mr King agreed to do his best to deal with it by the next meeting.

Affordable Housing:

- a) Update: Mr Brister had circulated several emails recently. It was agreed to display the three documents Mr Brister had revised since the last meeting on the website.
- b) S106 Agreements: Held over in Mr Brister's absence.

MATTERS FOR UPDATING AND DISCUSSION:

Traffic in Village and Road Matters:

a) Fields Road and Community Speed Watch: Mr King reported on an email that Mr Poulton had sent him. Four further volunteers for the Community Speed Watch had come forward and they were now awaiting for the training to be arranged. A

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further surveillance session on Fields Road was planned in the near future.

- b) Roadside Verge Management: An email had been received from Susie Moore explaining that it was too late this year to implement this for this year but suggested that this growing season be used to survey the roadside verges and their potential for enhancement. She also suggested involving the wider community for opinions and possible volunteer effort. Miss Gallagher agreed to contact Mrs Moore and ask her to write an item for the Hill and Valley regarding this.
- c) Slow sign on Hemplands Hill: This had still not been repainted since the road was resurfaced last year. The Clerk was asked to chase GCC Highways.

Footpaths:

- a) KCH 42 Old Pastures to Hemplands Hill: An email had been received from Philip Coates stating that the Wardens intended to clear the path tomorrow. Mr King agreed to place the information on the website.
- b) Footpath from Ballingers Row to the Stream: Mr Sibbald had emailed to say the footpath is just muddy and the stile is wobbly and he asked who the landowner was. After some discussion it was felt that Mr Malcolm Brown was possibly the landowner and if he was not he may know who is. The Clerk was asked to contact Mr Brown to clarify this.

Items Arising from Email:

- a) Community Heartbeat Trust Registration: Emails had been circulated between the Community Heartbeat Trust, Mr Sibbald and Mr Bell. The defibrillator pads were out of date and would cost around £25.00 per set to replace. It was agreed in Mr Sibbald and Mr Bell's absence to hold over until the next meeting. Mr King asked for it to be recorded in the minutes that the defibrillator at the Seven Tuns was still fully operational.
- b) Hedgeley Bottom Pond Project – Email from CHEG: An email had been received from CHEG stating that the pond project had met with some delay and asking if they could keep hold of the £500.00 donation given by the Parish Council for the time being, this was agreed.
- c) CDC Briefing Note – Local Plan for the Cotswolds: Mr King reported that Mr Brister had looked at this and had included notes in his affordable housing documents to be displayed on the website.

The Playing Field:

- a) Playing Field Hirers Agreement: GPFA had provided shorter suggested agreements. It was agreed to consider further next month.
- b) Entrances on to the Playing Field: Deferred in Mr Sibbald's absence.
- c) Fence along Fields Road – Estimates for Repairs: Three estimates had been received so far. Mr King felt that it may be that all of the fence did not need renewing. Mr Richmond reported that he had intended to walk around the fence with Mr Sibbald to see what was required. It was agreed that Mr Richmond and Mr Sibbald would walk around the fence and report to the next meeting.

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Grass Keep Field:

a) New Licence: The Clerk would chase up Mr Bell for the final version of the licence as it was required before the next meeting.

Provision of a Bus Shelter: Mr Sibbald had emailed to say he would be contacting Mr Richmond regarding this.

Items from Annual Parish Meeting:

a) Community Emergency Plan: This had been raised following Mr Milne's comments on snow provision at the Parish Meeting. Mr King reported that he was willing to look at this again and Mr Musgrave had also indicated he may be willing to get involved. Mr King agreed to draft an item for the Hill and Valley.

b) Flooding on the Airfield: Works to the drain and surrounding area had been undertaken recently by GCC Highways. It was agreed to ask Paul Swift at GCC Highways to clarify what work had been done.

PLANNING:

Applications:

CD 7554/H Longbarrow Farm – Change of use of Land to Equestrian/Menege & Extension to Dwelling – No objection.

CD 3013/1/D Cowslip Corner – Conservatory – No objection.

13/01178/TCONR West Meadow – Tree Works – No objection.

13/01157/TCONR Holywell – Tree Works – No objection.

Approval:

CD 0283/E Woodlands Farm – Agricultural Workers Dwelling & Revised Position

13/00579/TPO Farthings – Tree Works

CD 8256/1/D Greenhill Farm – Change of use of land to Equestrian & Riding Area

FINANCE:

1. Toby Baxter (Hedge Cutting) £204.60, prop. L Gallagher, sec. R Richmond.

2. Notice of Audit 17th June 2013

OTHER BUSINESS:

Items for the Hill and Valley: Mr King agreed to write items encouraging people to sign up on the website and on the possible Community Emergency Plan. Miss Gallagher would contact Mrs Moore inviting her to write an item about roadside verge maintenance.

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Content Recorded in the Minutes: The Chairman, Mr Sibbald, had asked for this item to be included on the agenda following Mr King's requested addition to the March minutes which had not been implemented. After some discussion Mr King proposed that in future when a vote is taken an extra sentence should be added to ensure the reasons for that decision are clear. This was not seconded. It was further proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr Richmond that the minutes should not be circulated in draft form in future and any alterations should be agreed when the minutes are confirmed at the start of a meeting, agreed two in favour and one against.

Mr King reported that Mr Aveline had recently attended a seminar on broadband provision with Mr Robertson and Major Bradford from Stowell Park.

He also reported that he had suggested to Sue Callard that she includes a copy of the Welcome to Chedworth leaflet when she visited newcomers to the village as part of FoStA initiative.

The meeting concluded at 8.28 pm.

NEXT MEETING: Annual Parish Council Meeting - Monday 13th May 2013 at 7.30 pm.

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