

CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 9th SEPTEMBER 2013

PRESENT: Mr G Brister (Vice Chairman in the Chair) Mr A Bell, Mr D Broad, Mr J King and Mrs E Broad (Clerk)
Mr Paul Hodgkinson, County Councillor

APOLOGIES: Mr P Sibbald, Miss L Gallagher, Mr R Richmond

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 12th August 2013 were agreed and signed as a true record.

OPEN SESSION FOR THE PUBLIC: Councillor Hodgkinson spoke about Broadband and reported how he had asked a question regarding this at a recent County Council meeting. He agreed to keep the Parish Council updated with any further information he may receive. He also spoke of an increase in the Highways budget so any problems with pot holes etc. should be passed on via him if necessary.

It was agreed to bring the following item forward on the agenda.

ChEG Update: It was agreed to open the meeting to allow Mrs Susis Moore and Mr Hugh Blackwell to speak. Mr Blackwell spoke about the recent ChEG Alternative Energy Open Day which was quite successful and Mrs Moore spoke about the stream and highway verges. They also said that the ChEG website was work in progress. When Council reconvened, the Chairman thanked both for attending.

MAIN MATTERS:

Communication between Parish Council and the Public:

a) The Parish Council Website: Mr King gave a brief update.

Affordable Housing:

a) Letter from Chris Knibbs, Cirencester Housing Society: Mr Brister had been chasing this up and reported that the Quarry site was not feasible but Cirencester Housing Society were interested in exploring the site by the Village Hall further. A letter from Chris Knibbs had been received asking if the Parish Council would be interested in allowing part of its land opposite Valley View to be used to facilitate a small development of around 4 or 5 properties. After some discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council were willing to consider the use of the land and invite Cirencester Housing Society to come and talk.

b) CDC Housing Allocation Consultation: Mr Brister had this in hand.

MATTERS FOR UPDATING AND DISCUSSION:

Traffic in Village and Road Matters:

a) Fields Road and Community Speed Watch: Mr King reported that Highways

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had just finished surface dressing Fields Road and discussions were being held as to whether to replace the white lines in the middle of the road or whether to adopt a different approach. Mr King also gave the results of the recent black box speed recording on Fields Road which showed that speeds had slightly decreased since the last check two years ago. The black box was due to be installed again later in the year. It was agreed that Mr King should ask Highways to delay the re-painting of white lines so that the impact of their removal could be monitored. It was also suggested that an item should be included in the Hill & Valley explaining this – to be drafted by Mr King.

b) Japanese Knotweed at the top of Tuns Hill: As nothing had still been done, the Clerk had been asked to research how many times this had been raised with GCC Highways. The matter had been raised with them four times since 2008. Cllr. Hodgkinson offered to take this up with GCC Highways and was duly thanked.

c) Trees at top of Hawks Lane – Email from GCC Highways: An email reply had been received stating that the trees would be subject to a proper tree inspection.

d) Cutting Back of Tree Branches on BT Phone Lines: BT had replied that it was the responsibility of the landowners to cut back the vegetation on their land. Mr Brister agreed to look into this further as he did not think it was correct.

e) Overgrown Hedge/Trees at Fossebridge: A complaint had been received about the overgrown hedge from the Old Farmhouse which was causing problems for large vehicles on the road to Yanworth. Mr King had spoken with the landowner and the hedge would be cut back.

Footpaths: An email had been received from Mike Barton at GCC PROW asking for the Parish Council's views on the minor footpath diversion at Highfield House. It was agreed to reply referring to Mr Broad's email to Mr Dowling from the last meeting suggesting the better course of action would be through a planning application at CDC.

Items Arising from Email:

a) GCC Draft Local Developer Guide: Mr Brister would look at this document.

The Playing Field:

a) Entrances on to the Playing Field: In hand with Mr Sibbald.

b) Use of Football Pitch by Chedworth Cavaliers FC: The Clerk reported that the £200.00 rent was still outstanding. Mr King reported that he understood that the money would be paid when the pledged money from the Golf Day was received. The Line Marker had been purchased. Mr King had enquired about adding it to the insurance and it would cost an extra £3.00 from renewal. It was agreed to go ahead and include this. Mr King had provided a lock for the shed and Mr Broad agreed to mark the machine when doing the Village Hall tables.

Grass Keep Field:

a) Fencing – Estimate for Repairs: Mr Sibbald had this in hand. He also had the replacement of a fence rail between the Playing Field and the Play Area in hand.

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Community Emergency Plan: Mr King gave a brief report referring to the draft plan that had been emailed round. He thanked Councillors for their support, and for their comments which would be incorporated. It was agreed to include an item in the Hill & Valley about the recruitment of Area Wardens - Mr King to draft. The intention is to complete the plan ready for implementation this winter, Mr King hoped to have the final version available for either the October or November meeting.

Broadband: Dealt with earlier on the agenda.

Insurance: Mr King reported that the Village Sign Picture had now been acquired, displayed in the Village Hall and had been added to the insurance policy, this would cost an extra £5.00 per year from renewal.

The Seven Tuns:

a) Nomination for inclusion on Asset of Community Value Register: CDC had approved the addition to the Asset of Community Value Register. Mr Broad was thanked for his work in achieving this. It was agreed to include an item in the Hill and Valley regarding this.

Playground Developments: In hand with Mr Brister.

Fence at The Hemplands: After some discussion it was felt this was not a matter for the Parish Council. Mr Brister agreed to send an email to Miss Gallagher explaining the decision.

Dog Fouling: Mr Bell reported that this was becoming a problem again. It was agreed to include an item in the Hill and Valley regarding this.

PLANNING:

13/03764/TCONR Springfield, Calves Hill – Tree Works – No comment.

13/03708/TCONR Iolanthe – Tree Works – No comment.

13/03644/TCONR 6 The Rookery – Tree Works – No comment.

Approval:

CD 1971/H Seven Tuns – Installation of Sewage Treatment Plant

CD 4817/R Box Tree Cottage – Retention of Dry Stone Wall Retrospective

13/02810/COMPLY Highfield, Fields Road, Demolition of Existing Dwelling and Replacement Dwelling (No Consultation)

13/03644/TCONR 6 The Rookery – Tree Works

13/03764/TCONR Springfield, Calves Hill – Tree Works

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FINANCE:

1. Clerks Quarterly Salary £574.00, prop. A Bell, sec J King
2. Clerks Quarterly Mileage £9.65, J King, sec. A Bell
3. Bibury (P/F Grass Cut August) £140.40, prop. J King, sec A Bell
4. Maxwell Amenity Ltd (Line Marker) £346.80, prop. A Bell, sec J King
5. GRCC (Subscription) £25.00, prop. J King, sec. G Brister
6. Council in receipt of £150.00 CHOC Donation towards the Line Marker – It was agreed to write to thank CHOC for the donation.
7. Council in receipt of £45.00 Playing Field Rental 2012/13 from Chedworth Village Hall
8. Council in receipt of £11.15 Part Water Reimbursement from Mr Baker
9. 2012/13 Audit Completed – The Clerk reported that the Audit had been completed. No points and been raised and the statutory notice had been posted. Because the turnover for the year was below the limit no fee was payable this year. The Chairman thanked the Clerk for her work.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Hill and Valley News: Several items had been identified to be included – Mr Brister to coordinate these.

The meeting concluded at 9.12 pm.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 14th October 2013 at 7.30 pm.

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