

CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 14th OCTOBER 2013

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

APOLOGIES: Mr R Richmond

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 9th September 2013 were agreed and signed as a true record

Mr Brister joined the meeting at this point.

OPEN SESSION FOR THE PUBLIC: Mrs Rosanne Dickenson raised the problem of dog owners allowing their dogs to foul on land owned by her family. She asked if the Parish Council would consider providing bins around the farm trail area. After some discussion, it was agreed that providing bins was not the responsibility of the Parish Council on privately owned land, even though the owner had allowed a permissive path. She also mentioned the problem of dogs frightening their cattle. Mrs Dickenson was advised to consider putting up appropriate warning notices. It was also suggested reprinting the recent items on dog owners responsibilities in the Hill and Valley.

MAIN MATTERS:

Communication between Parish Council and the Public:

a) The Parish Council Website: Mr King reported that he & Mr Robertson had revisited the idea of a centralised village email system & that Mr Robertson was going to run a combined trial for the Chedworth Society and the Horticultural Society. This would probably be based on the Chedworth Village website rather than the Parish Council one. Mr Bell suggested a piece of software that might help.

Affordable Housing:

a) Update: Mr Brister reported that our agreement to consider selling the land had been notified to Cirencester Housing Society who were now in the process of drawing up some plans for the site by the Village Hall and would possibly be able to present them to the Parish Council at the November meeting.

b) CDC Housing Allocation Consultation: Mr Brister reported that he had look at the document and felt that nothing in it directly affected us. It was agreed not to comment.

c) CDC Review of Section 157 Housing Act 1985 Consultation: Mr Broad gave a brief report to raise awareness but it was felt there was no need to comment further.

Mr King raised the matter of the Localism Conference which Mr Bell had circulated details of by email. It was agreed that no one would attend.

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MATTERS FOR UPDATING AND DISCUSSION:

Traffic in Village and Road Matters:

- a) Fields Road and Community Speed Watch: Mr King reported that GCC Highways had agreed to go along with not repainting the white lines in the centre of Fields Road at the moment so the effect with and without white lines can be established. Another speed check with the black box would be undertaken soon. The slow signs had been repainted on Fields Road and also on Hemplands Hill.
- b) Japanese Knotweed at the top of Tuns Hill: Nothing further had been heard from GCC Highways. After some discussion, it was agreed to obtain a quote from Mr Neil Farnsworth for treating the problem and also write to GCC Highways asking them to cover the cost of this work
- c) Airfield Road Flooding – Email from Mr Seymour: The road had been flooding again and Mr Seymour’s email had been passed to GCC Highways. After some discussion it was felt that although the road still floods the water disperses quickly. It was agreed to ask GCC Highways to provide permanent signs advising of flooding in the area.
- d) Cutting Back of Tree Branches on BT Phone Lines: Mr Brister reported that he felt that nothing could be done about this, it was agreed to remove from the agenda.

Footpaths:

- a) KCH 64 Footpath at Highfield House – Email from Mr Dowling: Mr Broad reported that he had spoken with Mr Dowling on the telephone since the email had been received and he felt that Mr Dowling would not be proceeding any further at present. He had re-emphasised to him that the Parish Council are not against the proposed footpath change but have simply suggested a more effective way of implementing it.
It was agreed to remove from the agenda.
- b) Public Rights of Way Inclusion Within New Highways Contract April 2014: Concern was expressed that the PROW resources may be diverted into the Highways Maintenance budget. It was agreed to raise this with County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson.

Items Arising from Email:

- a) CDC Meeting with Parish and District Councils - November 2013: Mr Brister may attend the meeting at Moreton in Marsh on the 18th November.
- b) CDC District Electoral Review – Email: Noted.
- c) CDC Community Emergency Plan – Updated Information – Email: Mr King reported that anything relevant had been incorporated into the Chedworth plan.
- d) Village Hall Bins – Email from Ros Marsden on behalf of the Village Hall: A larger bin was required at the recycling site and the request for this had to come from the Parish Council. Mr Broad declared an interest and left the room while this item was discussed. It was agreed to go ahead and request this.
- e) Cotswolds Conservation Board Update: Mr Bell reported on a letter regarding future funding which should have been sent out to Parish Councils. The Clerk confirmed that this had not yet been received. Mr Bell would chase this up.

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The Playing Field:

- a) Entrances on to the Playing Field: As nothing further had been heard about the request for planings from Mr Swift at GCC Highways, it was agreed to ask County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson to follow this up.
- b) Use of Football Pitch by Chedworth Cavaliers FC: The Clerk reported that the playing field hire cheque had still not been received. Mr King reported that he was aware that funding had been received by the club from CHOC and Pete Heaps. It was agreed to write and demand payment within 14 days or else the club will not be allowed to use the playing field.
- c) Parking for Cotswold Voluntary Wardens Conference: This had been allowed at the Village Hall end of the playing field without any problems.
- d) Tree Planting in Memory of the late Rosemary Bauer – Email: Mr Sibbald agreed to place a peg to mark the area where the tree should be planted. Miss Gallagher agreed to contact Hillary Bauer to inform her.
An email advising of the broken fence rail between the play area and the playing field had been received from Ros Marsden on behalf of the Village Hall. Mr Sibbald also agreed to look at this.

Grass Keep Field:

- a) Fencing – Estimate for Repairs: Mr Sibbald was still waiting to meet with Philip Dickenson. It was agreed to consider further at the next meeting.

Winter Emergency Plan: Mr King had circulated a suggested leaflet to be distributed with the Hill and Valley. After some consideration it was felt the leaflet was too long. Mr King agreed to address this. It was also suggested gaining a sponsor for the leaflet to help with the cost. The Chairman thanked Mr King and his team.

Broadband: As there was nothing further at the moment it was agreed to remove from the agenda.

The Seven Tuns: A new tenant had recently taken over temporarily. As there was nothing further, it was agreed to remove from the agenda.

Playground Developments: In hand with Mr Brister.

New BT Telegraph Pole at Bleakmoor: Concern had been expressed by several parishioners that the pole had appeared in a dangerous position on the side of the road recently. Mr King had been in touch with the company who installed the post and they were sure that there had been a pole in the same position before. After some discussion it was agreed that no one could recall if this had been the case or not so it was felt there was nothing further that could be done. Mr King agreed to contact some of the concerned residents and explain the position.

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Drivers and Horses: The Chairman had been contacted by Kerry Maxwell who has been having problems with drivers when riding her horse in the vicinity of Fields Road and requested that signs be erected. After some discussion, it was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Miss Gallagher to ask GCC Highways to erect permanent awareness of horses signs on Fields Road, agreed with one against.

PLANNING:

CD 6173/A Absolams Orchard – Extension and Alterations – It was agreed to reply that the Parish Council is concerned that the proposed parking space will affect the street scene by the removal of a section of the wall and hedge which is such an important feature of this part of the Conservation Area.

CD 6173/B Absolams Orchard – Conservation Area Consent – Same comment as above.

CD 0501/B Peel House – Erection of Lean-to above Garage - Mr Sibbald declared an interest and took no part in the discussion. No objection

13/03986/TCONR Farm House, Fossebridge - Tree Works

13/04019/TCONR The Oxbyre – Tree Works

Approval:

13/03708/TCONR Iolanthe – Tree Works

CD 3420 Winstor House – Extension and Alterations

13/04000/TCONR Box Tree Cottage – Tree Works (No consultation)

13/03986/TCONR Farm House, Fossebridge - Tree Works (it was noted that this related to the item from the last meeting – Overgrown Hedge/Trees at Fossebridge)

13/04019/TCONR The Oxbyre – Tree Works

FINANCE:

1. Chedworth Village Hall Rental £151.20, prop. J King, sec. P Sibbald.
2. Chedworth Village Hall Annual Cupboard Fee £52.00, prop. P Sibbald, sec. J King.
3. Bibury (P/F Grass Cut September) £93.60, prop. P Sibbald, sec. J King.
4. Zurich Municipal Insurance £459.88, prop. J King, sec. P Sibbald. (it was noted that this included the QDJ picture & the line marker).
5. Viking (Copier Paper, Ink, Memory Stick) £51.22, prop. P Sibbald, sec. D Broad.
6. Council in receipt of £1571.00 Part Precept from CDC
7. It was agreed to make the following Donations:-
 - a) PCC, Cutting of Churchyard and Hill and Valley News £230.00 , prop. J King, sec. L Gallagher. (increased from £215 last year).
 - b) Cirencester Citizens Advice Bureau £100.00, prop. G Brister, sec. P Sibbald.

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OTHER BUSINESS:

Hill and Valley News: Several items were identified to be included.

The Parish Council Laptop: The Clerk reported that the battery, purchased last year for the Parish Council Laptop, was not holding charge for very long. It was agreed to go ahead and purchase another battery for the time being and consider the purchase of a new laptop when doing the precept.

The meeting concluded at 9.05 pm.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 11th November 2013 at 7.30 pm.

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