

CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 10th MARCH 2014

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

APOLOGIES: Miss L Gallagher and Mr R Richmond

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 10th February 2014 were agreed and signed as a true record with the following amendments. Page 2, Affordable Housing paragraph “adjacent to” was added. The Playing Field paragraph “s” was added to planing. Page 3, Grass Keep Field paragraph, “Mr” was changed to “Mrs Baker” “and Mr Richmond” was added.

OPEN SESSION FOR THE PUBLIC: Mr Tovey explained that we would soon be receiving a request from Mr Seymour for written confirmation of support to the Heritage Lottery fund for a bid for funding from Chedworth Remembers. The Chairman pledged the support of the Parish Council for this project.

MAIN MATTERS:

In view of the members of the public present who were interested in affordable housing it was agreed to bring this item forward on the agenda.

Affordable Housing:

- a) Visit by Chris Knibbs Severn Vale Housing Association: Chris Knibbs was due to come to this meeting but has not attended. No reason for his absence has been received.
- b) Update: Mr Brister gave a brief report on his understanding of the situation at present and referred to a note that he had prepared which would be put up on the website. Mr Brister was to attend a meeting of all interested parties later on this week and would report back as soon as possible. He pointed out that some of the commercial aspects may be confidential at this stage and he had been asked not to divulge those, this was approved by council. It was agreed to open the meeting to allow several members of the public to speak, which they did. Council then reconvened.

Communication between Parish Council and the Public:

- a) The Parish Council Website: Mr King raised the matter of the Parish Council email system being used to send out emails on behalf of other village organisations. This would be done as part of the second tier, not as emergency alerts, and only where the subject was of wide importance to the village, such as publicising the forthcoming Village Hall Race Night for example. After some discussion in which other Councillors expressed their opinion that this should not be done, Mr King proposed that the Parish Council email system be used to send out emails of more

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general interest to the village, this proposal did not have a seconder. The Parish Council Facebook page was raised again, but in Miss Gallagher's absence, it was agreed that Mr King would speak to Mr Robertson and Miss Gallagher to clarify the situation for the next meeting.

Mr King reminded Councillors Sibbald, Bell, Gallagher & Richmond that they had still not provided their resumes for the website.

MATTERS FOR UPDATING AND DISCUSSION:

Traffic in Village and Road Matters:

a) Fields Road and Community Speed Watch: Mr King reported that a meeting to discuss Fields Road and the resurfacing issue with GCC Highways and Cllr. Hodgkinson was to be held on Wednesday. Mr Broad raised the matter of GCC Highways gritting lorry which had been gritting along Cheap Street last Tuesday evening and was travelling too fast almost hitting a pedestrian. Mr Broad has reported this incident to GCC Highways but had not yet received a reply. He asked for this to be minuted.

b) Parking at Village Hall Cross Roads: The Chairman had received complaints about dangerous parking at the cross roads in the morning by people waiting for the school buses. It was agreed to include an item in the Hill and Valley News.

Footpaths:

a) Footpath from The Church to Tuns Hill: A reply had been received from Mike Barton GCC PROW stating that he was going to have a look at the path. The Chairman stated that Manor Farm had posted the same notices as the ones at Denfurlong advising of rights of way on their land. The Chairman also suggested chasing up GCC PROW regarding the Parish Council's application for a Definitive Map Modification Order which had been applied for in 2006. It was agreed that the Clerk would go ahead and do this.

Items Arising from Email & Correspondence:

a) Electoral Review of Cotswold - Draft Recommendations: Noted.

b) The Seven Tuns Retaining Wall Emails: A resident from Queen Street had raised the problem of retaining wall along Queen Street below the Seven Tuns. The wall which is a dry stone wall is the retaining wall for the Seven Tuns car park and has bulged alarmingly and several stones have fallen out into the carriageway. There is a large tree at the upper level and it appears that the roots are the cause of this bulging. The Chairman has already contacted the owners about this but it was agreed to write to Criterion Asset Management asking for confirmation that they had the matter in hand.

c) The Seven Tuns – Email from Peter Seymour: It was confirmed that a public meeting to discuss the Seven Tuns was to be held at the Village Hall on Thursday 13th March.

d) Funding for Health Benefits – Email from Mr Tovey: Mr Tovey's email suggested work to encourage walking around some of the village footpaths. Mr

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Brister agreed to email Paul Hodgkinson to see if this would come under the public health scheme he spoke about at the last meeting.

e) GCC Amey Presentation: Noted.

f) Rendcomb Airfield Airday Consultation: No objection.

The Playing Field:

a) Entrances on to the Playing Field: The Chairman reported that they were still awaiting the planings from GCC Highways.

b) Damaged Slip Rails between Playing Field and Village Hall: The Chairman reported that he had replaced the rail and was duly thanked.

Grass Keep Field:

a) Fencing: Nothing had been received from Philip Dickenson regarding the post and slip rails discussed at the last meeting. The Chairman would seek another quote for the next meeting.

b) Tenancy: The Clerk had supplied the information regarding the amount of notice required to advertise the tenancy. Although the licence states that 28 days notice in writing should be given if the owner wishes to terminate the licence, it was agreed at Mr and Mrs Baker's request in May 2013, to give them 3 months notice. Mr Bell asked if the Clerk would supply details of the income and expenditure on the Grass Keep Field over the past three years. It was agreed to further consider at the next meeting.

Winter Emergency Plan: Mr King gave a brief update including a proposal to cover more fully the water supply interruption scenario, incorporating the lessons learnt from the recent occurrence when the Plan is reviewed later in the year. He also reported that he was still awaiting responses from some of the volunteer Gritter Operators regarding their vehicle insurance situation when using their own vehicles to tow the gritter.

Playground Developments: Mr Brister had circulated some information. It was agreed to include an item in the Hill and Valley and also there would be a report at the Parish Meeting.

Litter Pick: Mr Broad had arranged for CDC to supply the bags, gloves and for the rubbish to be collected. It was agreed for it to be held on the 12th April from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon subject to hall availability. Mr King agreed to contact the Area Wardens to see if they would be prepared to help in their areas. It was agreed to ask the WI to help with tea and biscuits, the Chairman would contact Emma Isaac regarding this. It was agreed that the Parish Council would cover the cost of the teas and the hire of the Village Hall.

PLANNING:

Applications:

CD 4171/1/A 6 The Rookery – Extension and Alterations – Mr Sibbald declared an interest and did not take part in discussions. It was agreed to object on grounds of

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adverse effect on the street scene as outlined in the email from Mr Bell, and to write and inform the applicant in accordance with our agreed policy.

14/00637/TCONR Old Bakery – Tree Works

14/00784/TCONR Hills Farm – Tree Works

CD 7554/J Longbarrow Farm – Removal of Condition 2 of Planning

Permission 05/01706/FUL - It was agreed to object on grounds that the original reason for this condition still applied & that there was no evidence that it has adversely affected the sale of the property as outlined in the email from Mr Bell, and to write and inform the applicant in accordance with our agreed policy.

Approval:

14/06672/COMPLY Highfield – Compliance of Condition in 13/05075/FUL
Planning Permission – No consultation

13/05252/CLOPUD Old Bakery – Certificate of Lawful Use for Removal of
External Steps and Enlargement of Hardstanding – No consultation.

It was suggested that in view of the increase in the number of applications now being received, to invite Kevin Field from CDC to come along and give some planning training as he had done previously. The Clerk would invite Mr Field to attend a meeting.

FINANCE:

1. Clerks Quarterly Salary £574.00, prop. P Sibbald, sec. J King
2. Clerks Quarterly Mileage £9.65, prop. G Brister, sec A Bell
3. Community Heartbeat Trust (Replacement Pads) £28.00, prop. P Sibbald, sec. D Broad (Mr Bell reported that he would chase the other items - signs & bulbs - ordered for the e-xbox)
4. Glos. Association of Parish and Town Councils Membership £171.48 – It was agreed not to subscribe.

OTHER BUSINESS:

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

Annual Parish Meeting – Monday 17th March 2014: The Clerk had invited the Village Charities to give reports to the meeting and the statutory notices had been displayed.

The meeting concluded at 9.25 pm.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 14th April 2014 at 7.30 pm.

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