

CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 8th SEPTEMBER 2014

THIS MEETING WAS PRECEDED BY A CONSULTATION MEETING WITH RESIDENTS FROM THE NEAREST HOUSES TO THE PROPOSED AFFORDABLE HOUSING SITE OPPOSITE VALLEY VIEW

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

APOLOGIES: Mr A Bell, Mr R Richmond

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 11th August 2014 were agreed and signed as a true record.

It was agreed to bring item 1.2 and 2.6 forward on the agenda.

Affordable Housing: It was noted that the 28 members of the public present at the prior consultation meeting had voted unanimously, on a show of hands, against the idea of using the land opposite Valley View for affordable housing, both the Parish Council owned land as proposed in the memorandum of 12/8/14 and the Nigel Woodhouse owned land as per the indicative sketch of 5/9/14. Mr Brister gave a brief update of his recent talks, since the last Parish Council meeting, with Mr Woodhouse who had drawn up the indicative sketch looked at during the consultation meeting. It was felt that some thought now needed to be put into presenting the plans to the wider village. Mr Brister undertook to circulate notes from the consultation meeting to Councillors. Mr Brister also tabled the suggestion put forward recently by Mr Catton to use the Parish Council owned land behind and/or adjacent to the Diggers site. This was considered to be rather controversial and not possible as it had been ruled out previously.

Broadband Speeds:

a) Formation of a Sub-Committee - from last meeting: The Clerk had undertaken some research and copied her findings to Councillors. She had established that the sub-committee of the Parish Council formed at the last meeting does not meet the criteria required by the legislation. However, if it was reconstituted or renamed as a “working party” formed to look at the Broadband issue and to report back to the Parish Council this would be quite appropriate. A working party cannot make any decisions on behalf of the Council but this should not be a problem as its remit is to pursue the provision of fast Broadband which already has the full support of the Parish Council. It was agreed to rename the group formed at the last meeting as a “working party” with Mr Bell as the Parish Council lead. It was agreed to open the meeting to allow Members of the public to speak. Councillor Hodgkinson reported that he had arranged a public meeting at the Village Hall on 2nd October where representatives from GCC, Fastershire and BT would be present. Mr Robertson reported the current response to the on line survey, he also reported that no costs had been incurred so far.

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OPEN SESSION FOR THE PUBLIC: Councillor Hodgkinson briefly reported on the repair of some of the pot holes in the village & the A417 loop at the Air Balloon.

Greenhill Farm – Presentation of Plans by the Owners Representative: Mr Paul Oakley presented the paper plans on behalf of the new owners of the Tweedledum and Tweedledee site. The Chairman thanked Mr Oakley. The planning application was awaited from CDC for consultation.

MAIN MATTERS:

Communication between Parish Council and the Public: Nothing further.

MATTERS FOR UPDATING AND DISCUSSION:

Traffic in Village and Road Matters:

a) Fields Road and Community Speed Watch: Mr King reported on an email he had circulated previously which stated that the Fields Road group had decided not to pursue the Community Speed Watch signs at the moment, because of the difficulty of getting GCC Highways approval. Also Fields Road had now been resurfaced, albeit partially; it is assumed that Highways have only done the bits that needed re-doing. Mr King reported that the Police are visiting the school next week to commence work on their “Kiddie Cops” and that he would be attending.

d) Grit Bin Lids: In hand.

c) Rainwater Damage/Blocked Drains on Pancake Hill: The Chairman would meet with Paul Swift regarding this.

d) Blocked Drains/Water Management Gadbridge Bottom: The Chairman would meet with Paul Swift regarding this.

e) Overgrown State of the Tuns Hill Triangle & Roadside Verges: The Chairman would contact Paul Swift and arrange to drive around the village with him and look at these items.

Mr Broad raised the matter of excessive water run-off from Horses Ash Lane which residents had been in touch with GCC Highways about, but nothing had been sent directly to the Parish Council. Mr Broad agreed to copy Councillor Hodgkinson the correspondence he had received on this.

Footpaths: Nothing further.

Items Arising from Email & Correspondence:

a) GCC Parish Winter Insurance Guidance: Noted and Mr King would incorporate into the Winter Plan as appropriate.

The Playing Field:

a) Continued Use of Football Pitch Email from Chedworth Cavaliers FC: It was noted that the £200.00 rental had been received. The key had not been received yet.

b) Fence Repairs & Broken Slip Rail: The Chairman reported that he would have two further quotes by the next meeting. Mr Richmond had agreed to remove the existing fence.

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Noticeboards:

a) Well Hill Refurbishment: In hand.

Winter Emergency Plan Review: Mr King reported on the progress so far. He has contacted all the Area Wardens and other people involved to ask for comments & confirmation that they are willing to continue. Several suggestions are being considered including: a) a more comprehensive section on water supply interruption, b) possible use of the Farm Shop to assist in collecting prescriptions and post, c) possible use of volunteer 4x4 vehicles, d) extending the Plan to become an all-embracing Community Resilience Plan covering other possible, but less likely, emergency situations such as major fire, evacuation, pandemic health threat, building collapse etc (both the County & District Councils encourage this).

Direction Sign for School: Mr King reported that a temporary sign had been purchased for £25.00 by the school and the Village Hall have agreed that it can be sited at the Village Hall cross roads to be displayed when an event is on. It had also been suggested that a further sign would be useful at the junction at the top of School Hill. It was proposed by Mr King and seconded by Mr Broad to donate £50.00 to the school to pay for these two signs, agreed.

Clarification of Conflict of Interests: Miss Gallagher was concerned about the declaration on interests at Parish Council. The Clerk had obtained some of the relevant information from CDC on this as the rules which had been changed recently and circulated it prior to the meeting. Miss Gallagher borrowed some of the Clerk's information books to research the matter further.

PLANNING:

14/03453/TCONR Iolanthe – Tree Works

4/03489/TCONR Kimberley Cottage – Tree Works

CD 4174/A Perran House – Extension – No Objection

CD 9269/D Highfield, Fields Road – Demolition of Dwelling & Erection of Two Dwellings – Further Details – Object as before.

CD 5776/B Bleakmoor Cottage – Two Storey Extension & Windows – Further Details – No objection as previously.

CD 9422/A Old Village Stores – Garage (Revised Scheme) – No objection

14/03856/TCONR Rookery Cottage – Tree Works

Approval:

14/034011/TCONR Chelbo House – Tree Works (no consultation)

14/03169/TCONR Buttress House – Tree Works

CD 4171/1/B 6 The Rookery – Extension and Alterations (Revised Scheme)

14/02221/CLOPUD Land at Greenhill Farm – Certificate of Lawful Use

14/03313/TCONR Silver Spring – Tree Works

14/03200/COMPLY Cromwell Hse-Compliance with Condition 5 (no consultation)

CD 9439 Weavers Cottage – Extensions

14/03792/COMPLY Whitegates – Compliance with Conditions (no consultation)

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Refusal:

CD 4950/A Grange Cottage – Extension & Garage

FINANCE:

1. Clerks Quarterly Salary £585.00, prop. L Gallagher, sec. G Brister
2. Clerks Quarterly Mileage £9.65, prop. J King, sec. L Gallagher
3. Bibury (P/F Grass Cut August) £96.00, prop. J King, sec. G Brister
4. Community Heartbeat Trust (Battery & Signs) £230.00. prop. J King, sec. G Brister
5. Chedworth Village Hall (Annual Rental) £173.70, prop. L Gallagher, sec. G Brister
6. Chedworth Village Hall (Annual Cupboard Rental) £52.00, prop. L Gallagher, sec. P Sibbald
7. Council in receipt of £200.00 P/F Rental from Chedworth Cavaliers FC
8. Council in receipt of £1764.00 Part Precept from CDC

It was agreed to make the following Donations:-

- a) PCC, Cutting of Churchyard and Hill and Valley News £230.00 , prop. G Brister, sec. L Gallagher.
- b) Cirencester Citizens Advice Bureau £100.00, prop. G Brister, sec. P Sibbald.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Hill and Valley News: Broadband, Emergency Plan & Affordable Housing were identified as items to be included, to be compiled by Messrs Robertson, King & Brister respectively.

The meeting concluded at 8.30 pm

NEXT MEETING: Parish Council Meeting - Monday 13th October at 7.30 pm.

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Date _____ 13/10/14