

# CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 10<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2014

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 13<sup>th</sup> October 2014 were agreed and signed as a true record.

OPEN SESSION FOR THE PUBLIC:

Mr Robertson suggested obtaining feedback from the community regarding items for the precept and suggested that an online survey similar to the recent broadband survey could be undertaken. It was felt that it might be a little late for the 2015/16 precept but it might be something to be considered by the new Parish Council after the election in May next year. It was suggested that we include a provision in the coming budget to cover it. Mr Robertson undertook to circulate a copy of a similar questionnaire which had been done by another parish.

Mr Musgrave spoke about increasing the number of Parish Councillors from 7 to 9 which he felt may help to spread the workload more evenly. It was pointed out that this had been discussed before and that at recent elections there has been a shortage of candidates. However, the Clerk was asked to make enquiries about the procedures for this expansion and to include it on the next agenda.

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

Broadband Speeds: It was agreed to open the meeting to allow Mr Roberson to report. Mr Robertson gave a brief update and said that he hoped there would be more news in December. He also reported on the initial discussions with Harlequin following their request to the Parish Council for help in identifying a suitable site for a mobile network mast in Chedworth. It was felt that Council should support this initiative, especially in view of the comments on lack of mobile reception in the recent broadband survey.

The Seven Tuns – Update from The Friends of the Seven Tuns: It was agreed to open the meeting to allow Mr Harrison to speak. Mr Harrison gave a brief update and reported that a meeting was planned for the whole community on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November.

When Council reconvened the Chairman reported that the wall below the Tuns was deteriorating further. As nothing had been done since it was previously reported to the owners the Clerk was asked to follow this up with Peter Grove from Criterion.

MAIN MATTERS:

Communication between Parish Council and the Public: Nothing further.

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Affordable Housing:

a) Update: Nothing further but Mr Brister agreed to circulate his notes from the meeting with the public in September. He was still trying to arrange follow up meetings with Cirencester Housing Society, GRCC and Mr Nigel Woodhouse.

MATTERS FOR UPDATING AND DISCUSSION:

Traffic in Village and Road Matters:

a) Fields Road and Community Speed Watch: Mr King reported that the presentations to the school children involved in the “Kiddy Cops” scheme would be made next Monday.

b) Grit Bin Lids: Mr Sibbald now had the 20 lids but ideally they needed painting. He would get some green paint and Mr King would ask the Area Wardens if they might be willing to help paint and distribute them.

c) Provision of Sign for St Andrews Church – Email from Mr Gray: A reply had been received from Mr Gray declining the request for an additional arm on the existing post. It was suggested that a sign on the Manor wall pointing towards the Church may be possible and it was agreed to email Robert Young and appraise him of the reply from Mr Gray and suggesting the Manor wall sign.

d) Traffic & Parking at St Andrews School: Mr King reported that a meeting with Mr Fulford, Mr Musgrave and himself was to be held shortly.

e) Follow up from Meeting with Paul Swift AMEY: The road patching and the cutting of the visibility spays had been done very well also the gullies had been cleared out. The Chairman would contact Mr Swift to chase the cutting of the hedges on Fields Road.

Footpaths:

a) Footpath Sign Opposite Kimberley Cottage: The wording needed repainting, Mr Broad would do this shortly. It was agreed to remove this item from the agenda.

b) Broken Stile Previously Notified by Mrs Stainforth: This was still in hand with the Cotswold Wardens and was due to be repaired soon. It was agreed to remove from the agenda.

c) Stile into Bleakmoor from Rose Cottage Paddock: This item was the same as above.

Items Arising from Email & Correspondence:

a) CDC Land adjoining 3 - 4 The Hemplands: An email had been received from CDC asking for assistance to publicise the letting of the allotment in front of The Hemplands. It was felt this could be advertised on noticeboards and in the Hill and Valley.

b) LGBC Boundary Review of CDC - Final Recommendations: Noted.

c) Verges – Email from Susie Moore: Mrs Moore suggested that the grass cuttings should be raked up from Tuns Hill to avoid the wildflowers being suppressed. It was agreed to reply suggesting one way forward would be for ChEG to adopt it as one of their Conservation Verges. Mrs Moore also commented on the Japanese Knotweed infestation, it was agreed to reply that GCC Highways have reassured us

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that they are dealing with it and to point out GCC are likely to be the only body with the relevant licences for the chemicals to deal with the Japanese Knotweed infestation, but the Parish Council will continue to monitor it. Mrs Jewell had telephone the Clerk to compliment the Parish Council on the cutting of the Tuns Hill triangle. The Clerk would now invoice GCC Highways for their portion of the cost of the cutting.

The Playing Field:

a) Fence Repairs & Broken Slip Rail: The Chairman would give the Clerk the invoice for the work. Mr Sibbald and Mr Richmond would remove the old fence.

Noticeboards:

a) Well Hill Refurbishment: In hand.

Broadband Speeds: Dealt with earlier on the agenda.

Community Emergency Plan: Mr King had circulated the proposed updated plan prior to the meeting and would now go ahead and issue it. Mr King reported that another battle box had been received from CDC, to be used as a backup, but it had to be filled; he was dividing the contents from the first box between the two but he may need to buy some additional items such as a First Aid kit and a Windup/Solar Radio. It was agreed to authorise expenditure of up to £50.00. It was also planned to carry out a trial exercise to test out some of the communication procedures, the probable date was Saturday November 29th.

The Seven Tuns – Update from The Friends of the Seven Tuns: Dealt with earlier on the agenda.

Lower End Graveyard Cut: Mr Heaps had cut the graveyard for £60.00.

Water Leak at Fossebridge: Mr King reported on this and the action he had taken with Thames Water to complain about the bad service received. It was agreed to remove from the agenda

PLANNING:

CD 1441/F Adams Pool – New Access – No objection  
14/04670/TCONR Denfurlong Cottage – Tree Works

Approval:

14/04184/TCONR Doveswell Cottage – Tree Works  
CD 9422/A Old Village Stores – Garage (Revised Scheme)  
14/04670/TCONR Denfurlong Cottage – Tree Works  
14/04841/TCONR Peach Tree Cottage – Tree Works (No consultation)

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FINANCE:

1. Clerks Quarterly Telephone/Broadband Contribution £46.90, prop. J King, sec. L Gallagher
2. A Bell (Bulbs for eXbox) £9.90, prop. J King, sec. G Brister
3. Thames Water £16.22, prop. A Bell, sec. J King
4. Peter Heaps (Graveyard Cut) £60.00, prop. L Gallagher, sec. G Brister
5. J Scott (Stakes for Broadband Notices) £24.94, prop. P Sibbald, sec. J King
6. I Robertson ( Posters for Broadband Notices) £49.39, prop. D Broad, sec. P Sibbald
7. Zurich Municipal Insurance £360.27, prop. J King, sec. P Sibbald. It was noted that this included a £100 discount agreed by Mr King last year because of Zurich's misunderstanding & poor information over the gritter insurance cover.
8. Landmark Paddock Services Deposit £1,200.00, prop. A Bell, sec. G Brister

OTHER BUSINESS:

Hill and Valley News: It was agreed to include The Hemplands allotment, Precept, Emergency Plan, Mobile project and next year's meeting dates.

Confidential Emails: Mr Broad was concerned that emails sent between Councillors may be able to be read by third parties as there had been problems with the Village Hall emails. Mr King agreed to make enquiries from PC Net.

Mr King reported that the village sign was in need of some maintenance and offered to do it. He was duly thanked.

Mr King also stated that he would include the Christmas & New Year waste and recycling dates on the website.

The meeting concluded at 8.55 pm.

NEXT MEETING: Parish Council Meeting - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 pm.

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Date \_\_\_\_\_ *8/12/14*