

# CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 9<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2015

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

APOLOGIES: Mr D Broad, Miss L Gallagher, Mr J King and Mr R Richmond

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015 were agreed and signed as a true record with one amendment to page 4, “inaccurate facts” was changed to “inaccuracies”

OPEN SESSION FOR THE PUBLIC: There were none but it was agreed to bring two items forward on the agenda.

CD 3670/H Buttress House – Erection of Dwelling & Garage

CD 3670/J Buttress House – Demolition of Outbuilding & Erection of Garage & Associated Ancillary Development - It was agreed to open the meeting to allow Mr & Mrs Thacker's agent to explain the applications. When Council reconvened it was agreed to raise no objection and write to CDC supporting the applications.

Improving Telecommunications: Plans had been received from Harlequin for the erection of a 30 meter mast adjacent to the disused railway line on Fields Road for consultation before a planning application is submitted in two weeks time. The funding for the project comes from the MIP and must be spent by 31<sup>st</sup> March. It was agreed to open the meeting to allow members of the public to speak. Mr Robertson supporting the proposal gave some facts regarding concerns regarding health from local residents. Other members of the public also commented. When Council reconvened and after some discussion Mr Bell wished to give some feedback to the Conservation Board. It was agreed the Parish Council were supportive in principle of the application subject to a consultation being carried out by Harlequin. It was agreed to hold a public consultation meeting before the next Parish Council meeting on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30 pm. And then a response would be made to the planning application at the next meeting. It was agreed to write to Harlequin and accept their offer to attend a meeting, and invite them to attend the 9<sup>th</sup> March meeting. It was agreed to put the letter and the plans on the website as soon as possible. Mr Bell agreed to write an item for the website and also draft a reply to Harlequin. The Chairman invited Mr Aveline to report on the broadband situation, Mr Aveline explained that more information would be known in June.

## MAIN MATTERS:

Communication between Parish Council and the Public: The Chairman read a written update from Mr King. a) The problem with sending email alerts from the website has still not been resolved fully, a temporary solution involving the Village Emailing system is being considered, until PCNET provide a permanent solution or we decide to transfer to another supplier.

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- b) The data security risk in the Village Emailing system, raised at the last meeting, has been addressed by Iain Robertson & a change made to eliminate any risk.
- c) The latest quarterly website usage stats show that the levels have reverted back to those pertaining before the peak last Aug/Sept caused by the AH project, that is approx 350 to 450 visits per month.

Affordable Housing:

- a) Update: Mr Brister gave an update of the situation which is waiting for the Cirencester Housing Society to hold a board meeting in early March to ascertain what projects they wish to pursue. Mr Brister would write an update from the Hill and Valley.

MATTERS FOR UPDATING AND DISCUSSION:

Traffic in Village and Road Matters:

- a) Fields Road and Community Speed Watch: The Chairman read a written report from Mr King which stated that the Fields Road Volunteers plus Police recently conducted a speed checking session using the Kiddy Cops designed notices, which were considered to be effective.
- b) Traffic & Parking at St Andrews School: The Chairman read a written report from Mr King which stated that a) Draft Travel Plan has now been agreed in principle by School Governors, Police and GCC Highways, as well as the PC (at the last meeting). It is going through a final drafting stage by the School ready for final approval by all parties & subsequent issue later in March.
  - b) The cones, agreed at the last PC meeting, have not been purchased yet pending how the Police progress with using their own for an initial period.
  - c) School Hill verges – see item 2.1 c below.
  - d) David Musgrave attended the Regional Police Coordination Group meeting on 5/2/15 at which the School Parking problem was discussed. The Police, GCC & CDC representatives present considered it very important that the Parish Council continued to lead/support this project.
  - e) It was also emphasised that the Police can only really take effective action if they receive reports (including registration numbers) of bad/dangerous parking/driving from members of the public.
- c) Cutting of School Hill: The Chairman read a written report from Mr King which stated that this will help when parents are walking their children down to the school after parking at the Village Hall. As reported at the last PC meeting, GCC Highways have offered to part fund this. It was agreed to get a quote from Peter Heaps and if it is below £50.00 get it done immediately.
- d) Verges in Lower Chedworth – Reply from Mr Gray GCC Highways: Mr Gray had declined the request of the Parish Council to erect temporary post to protect the verges as it was felt that preventing is better than trying to cure the damage when it had been done. It was agreed to reply to Mr Gray and ask him to reconsider our preferred solution to erect a series of temporary posts along the verge. It was agreed to include traffic management at Greenhill Farm on the next agenda.
- e) Drainage Ditches on Fields Road: An email had been received from a

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parishioner stating that these needed attention. It was felt by Councillors that that they were not a problem.

f) Mirror at Smuggs Barn Junction: The Chairman read a written report from Mr King that arising out of last meeting's budget discussion, he has contacted Richard Gray of GCC Highways, but no response yet.

g) Extra Grit Bin at Bleakmoor: A request had been received from Mr Parker, the Chairman would provide a blue bin.

Footpaths: Nothing further.

Items Arising from Email & Correspondence:

a) Cotswold Conservation Board Road Verges Seminar – Email: Mr Bell hoped to attend, it was agreed to forward the email to ChEG as it may be of interest.

b) Road Signage Email from Cynthia Laird, Village Agent: Mrs Laird requested a road sign at Valley View to assist with deliveries. It was agreed to suggest she firstly approaches Bromford as they were the landowners.

The Playing Field:

a) Fence Repairs & Broken Slip Rail: The Chairman reported that this would be completed within the next two weeks as illness had delayed this. Mr Richmond and himself had already removed the old fence.

b) Use of Playing Field Roman Trail 19<sup>th</sup> April 2015: This was agreed with the same conditions as previous years for the fee of £100.00.

c) Playing Field Cutting 2015 Season – Email from Bibury: Bibury had confirmed they were happy to continue on the same basis as previous years for the fee of £41.00 + VAT per cut.

Improving Telecommunications: Dealt with earlier on the agenda.

Community Emergency Plan: It was agreed to open the meeting to allow Mr Robertson to give a brief update explaining he has devised a draft online system for keeping a record of which Area Wardens are available in the event of an emergency. It is intended to test the system using a few of the Wardens. When Council reconvened it was also reported that the GRCC grant application for the Village Hall broadband was not successful but a request to the Community Lands Charity was accepted.

The Seven Tuns: The Chairman invited Mr Martin Harrison to give a update on behalf of STAG, which included the fact that scaffolding had been erected, the ridges repaired and the tree had been cut down. The Chairman thanked Mr Harrison.

Defibrillator Training: The Chairman reported that he had not heard anything further from Martin Fagan at CHT. It was reported that as the defibrillators were not portable devices they did not require PAT testing.

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Folk Camps Booking August 2015: A revised agreement had been received including all the clauses agreed at the last Parish Council meeting. It was agreed to go ahead and sign this.

PLANNING:

15/00123/TCONR Manor Farm – Tree Works

15/00439/TCONR Cherrington House – Tree Works

Approval:

15/00007/TCONR The Orchard – Tree Works

15/00123/TCONR Manor Farm – Tree Works

15/00099/TCONR Springfield House, Calves Hill – Tree Works – No Consultation

As no consultation had been received to the Absolams Orchard planning application it was agreed to chase this up.

FINANCE:

1. Clerks Quarterly Telephone/Broadband Contribution £48.15, prop. P Sibbald, sec. A Bell
2. Thames Water £9.07, prop. P Sibbald, sec. G Brister
3. Community Heartbeat Trust (Bulb for Defibrillator) £15.50 – Mr Bell reported that he understood the Pete Heaps had managed to find a replacement bulb at a much more reasonable price, so it was agreed to cancel the order with CHT
4. Chedworth Village Hall (Rental for Village Meetings) £50.00 Retrospective , prop. P Sibbald, sec. A Bell.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Hill and Valley News: It was agreed to include the MIP and Mast, Affordable Housing Update, Parish Meeting and the Litter Pick on 28<sup>th</sup> March. The Clerk reported that Mr Broad had arranged to borrow the gloves & bags from CDC and also a pick up from the Village Hall for the rubbish. The Chairman thanked Mr Broad for arranging this.

Annual Parish Meeting – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 7.30 pm: It was agreed to invite the usual charities and also Geoffrey Clifton Brown MP as Cllr Paul Hodgkinson was expected to attend. Mr King suggested in writing that in view of the fact that we are coming to the end of this Council's 4 year term, that we ought to visit the 4 year plan we produced at the beginning & see how we have performed. This could then be incorporated into the Chairman's report to the Annual Meeting.

The Chairman read a letter sent for information from Mrs Englehart to Mr and Mrs Thompson regarding the behaviour of their dog on her land.

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The meeting concluded at 8.50 pm.

NEXT MEETING: Parish Council Meeting - Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 7.30pm.

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Date \_\_\_\_\_ *9/2/15*