

CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 13th APRIL 2015

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

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 9th March 2015 were agreed and signed as a true record with an amendment to page 1, “Farm Shop” was deleted and “junction of Fields Road and The Fosseway” was included.

OPEN SESSION FOR THE PUBLIC: Mr Musgrave thanked all the Councillors for their work during the past four years. Discussion on the Mast proposal took place at this point. Several members of the public spoke and the need for a Parish Poll was raised again. Mr Bell answered some of the queries and he reported that he hoped that one of the sites previously rejected by Harlequin may be able to be revisited, there would be more details at the meeting on Wednesday. Mr Brister joined the meeting at this point.

MAIN MATTERS:

Communication between Parish Council and the Public: Mr King reported that PC Net had still not sorted out the problem with sending email alerts. Mr Bell had compiled the CPC News, which unfortunately had not been able to be delivered with the Hill and Valley, and was duly thanked for doing this along with the Councillors who had delivered it to each household.

Affordable Housing: Nothing further. Mr Brister was thanked for his work on this.

MATTERS FOR UPDATING AND DISCUSSION:

Traffic in Village and Road Matters:

- a) Fields Road and Community Speed Watch: Nothing further.
- b) Traffic & Parking at St Andrews School: Mr King had circulated the draft School Travel Plan. This included a paragraph saying that the Parish Council would use their article in the H&V News from time to time, to remind residents to be careful driving in the vicinity of the school especially at the main drop off & collection times. It was proposed by Mr King and seconded by Mr Bell to fully support the Plan, agreed. Mr King reported that a summary of the report would be given to parents. There were also plans to extend the yellow zig zag lines and cut back overhanging vegetation.
- c) Cutting of School Hill: This had been done by Pete Heaps. Mr King reported that GCC Highways were only proposing to refund 4p per square metre twice a year for verge strimming making a total contribution of £6.80. This was felt not to be worth claiming. Mr King would take this up again with Mr Gray at GCC Highways.

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d) Verges in Lower Chedworth: Nothing further had been heard from GCC Highways. Mr Bell reported that at the recent Conservation Board Verge Seminar he had attended, he had found out it was permissible to plant trees not less than 450mm from the edge of the carriageway to protect verges. It was resolved to write and inform GCC Highways of the intention to plant these trees.

e) Mirror at Smuggs Barn Junction: Mr King reported that Mr Gray, GCC Highways, was declining to erect a mirror at the junction. It was therefore agreed to write to Mr Gray suggesting as an alternative to improve safety at this junction that the Parish Council asks him to consider changing the priorities to give precedence to vehicles travelling from the School towards the Village Hall.

f) Overhanging Tree at Hemplands Hill: It was agreed to write to GCC Highways informing them that a complaint had been received from a resident about a low hanging tree near the former telephone box in Lower Chedworth. The tree appears to be unsafe and in danger of falling into the carriageway.

Footpaths: The Clerk had received a letter from the agent at Greenhill Farm informing the Parish Council that a permissive path had been created as an alternative to KCH 47 during the building works at Greenhill Farm. It was agreed to display the map showing the new route on the website and noticeboards. Mr King reported that Phil Coates and the Volunteer Wardens had the replacement of the stile by Mr & Mrs Stainforth's property in hand.

Items Arising from Email & Correspondence:

a) The Chedworth Society – Email from Mr Minshull: For information, noted.

The Playing Field:

a) Fence Repairs: Mr King queried why an extra £360 had been required for extra fencing. The Chairman said that he reported last month that the contractor had not measured the fence correctly and he was only charging for the extra materials used.

Improving Telecommunications:

a) MIP: A letter had been received from Mrs Buck, Head Teacher at St Andrews School raising concerns about the proposed mast and the possible effect on the school. It was agreed to contact Mrs Buck informing her that in the interests of openness and transparency, the Parish Council would like to publish her letter, along with other questions and correspondence received on this subject, on the website. Mr Bell gave a brief outline of the arrangements for the public meeting on Monday which would be chaired by Patricia Langley. The question of a show of hands at the meeting to ascertain the views at the meeting was raised. After some discussion it was proposed by Mr King and seconded by Miss Gallagher not to have a formal show of hands at the meeting, agreed.

b) Email from Mr Robertson regarding Public Meeting: Dealt with earlier.

c) Broadband Update: The Chairman invited Mr Aveline to report. Mr Aveline explained that more would be known about successful bids in June.

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The Seven Tuns: Mr Harrison reported that a new licensee had been found and it was hoped the pub would reopen shortly.

Defibrillator Training: Nothing further. The Chairman would chase this up again.

Grass Keep Field

a) Tenancy: Mr Baker had emailed to say he wished to continue with the licence for a further 364 day period. He had also emailed regarding the fencing repairs which he had undertaken, and asked if the £98.00 he had spent on materials could be deducted from his fee. After some discussion it was noted that the licence does state that the licensee is responsible for keeping the fences in good order, but the Parish Council had previously agreed to make some contribution towards the cost of materials, therefore it was agreed to offer to split the cost of materials 50/50.

Items Identified from Litter Pick: Mr King had compiled a list which included potholes and overgrown verges, it was agreed to forward to GCC Highways for their attention.

a) Additional Waste Bins Around the Village: It was agreed to leave on the agenda for the new Council to investigate.

b) Over Painted Footpath Sign Opposite Kimberley Cottage: Mr Broad had repainted the lettering and was duly thanked.

PLANNING:

CD 3670/J Buttress House – Garage

CD 3670/H Buttress House – Dwelling New Details

CD 3939/F Saffron Hill – Carport & Store – No objection but it was agreed to ask for the outside lighting to be sympathetic.

CD 3266/E Land at Greenhill Farm – Dwelling – No objection

CD 8256/1/G The Summerhouse – Stable – No objection

15/01240/TCONR Ashbank – Tree Works

15/01367/TCONR 5 The Rookery – Tree Works

CD 6480/1/A Cromwell House – Greenhouse & Walls – No objection but it was agreed to raise concerns about the proposed garden lighting.

CD 6480/1/B Cromwell House – LB Consent - No objection but it was agreed to raise concerns about the proposed garden lighting.

Approval:

CD 9269/D Highfield, Fields Road – Demolition of Dwelling & Erection of Two Dwellings

CD 9103/H The Orchard - Stables

15/00520/TCONR Old Prices – Tree Works

15/01102/TCONR Meadowside – Tree Works – No Consultation

15/00835/TCONR Chelbo House – Tree Works

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FINANCE:

1. Viking (Paper & Ink) £40.46, prop. L Gallagher, sec. P Sibbald.
2. P Heaps (Cutting of School Hill) £130.00, prop. J King, sec. P Sibbald
3. A Bell (Newsletter Printing) £95.29, prop. L Gallagher, sec. G Brister
4. Landmark (Playing Field Fence Balance & Extra Metreage) £1560.00, prop. G Brister, sec. D Broad
5. Council in receipt of £100.00 P/F Rental from Cirencester Athletics Club
6. Notice of Audit – 8th June 2015

OTHER BUSINESS:

Hill and Valley News: It was suggested that a leaflet introducing all ten candidates for the Parish Council, be distributed with the Hill and Valley Newsletter. It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr Brister that the Parish Council would cover the cost of printing, agreed. The Clerk was asked to contact all candidates asking for a photograph and a short message, Mr Aveline agreed to produce the leaflet.

The Chairman would write the usual Parish Council News for the main Hill and Valley Newsletter. Mr King would write an article about the School Parking project.

The meeting concluded at 9.10 pm.

NEXT MEETING: Annual Parish Council Meeting - Monday 18th May 2015 at 7.30pm.

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Date _____ 18/5/15