

CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 9th NOVEMBER 2015

PRESENT: Mrs R Jess (Chairman) Mr D Broad, Mr M Fulford, Mr I Morgan, Mr C Poulton, Mr I Robertson & Mrs E Broad (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Mr A Bell

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 19th October 2015 were agreed and signed as a true record.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: The Chairman reminded Councillors of the need to declare interests as necessary.

OPEN SESSION FOR THE PUBLIC: Mr Musgrave said that he was unable to access the unconfirmed minutes on the website. Councillor Hodgkinson spoke about the A429 Task Group and asked for problems with the A429 to be reported to him. Visibility splays at the Chedworth turning, areas that flood & vehicle speeds were identified.

Mrs Hooper, the owner of the new house on the site of Tweedledum/dee was present and indicated that she wished to speak about the footpath diversion. It was agreed to bring the item forward on the agenda.

Proposed Diversion of KCH 47 Lower Chedworth: The Chairman explained that the Parish Council has considered the proposed diversion and consulted with parishioners. The majority view was that the alternative path did not provide a similar walking opportunity to the existing. Currently KCH47 can be used by those with pushchairs or wheelchairs and by those less agile walkers. The alternative, down a steep bank and then back up the valley side to rejoin the original path, is difficult to walk and would be completely unusable for all but the fittest walkers. The Parish Council had resolved to oppose the proposed diversion. It was agreed to open the meeting to allow Mrs Hooper to address the Council. Mrs Hooper agreed that the proposed route was difficult and agreed to go back and consider other options such as keeping the current definitive route and providing a clearly marked permissive path or another proposed diversion on a different route.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:

Communication between Parish Council and the Public:

- a) The Website, Twitter, Facebook, H & V News, Newsletters: Mr Robertson gave an update from the working party. He reported that he hoped to have the 1st draft of the new website ready for the next meeting.
- b) Deciding on Parish Council Priorities: Mr Fulford had this in hand.

Neighbourhood Plan: Mr Morgan had put out an email request for volunteers to get

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a group together. Mr Morgan reported that when he had between 8 & 10 volunteers he would arrange a meeting. The Chairman asked that the Parish Council be kept informed about the meeting so that Councillors could attend if they wished. The Council would then have to decide whether to proceed or not.

Traffic in Village and Road Matters:

- a) Traffic & Parking at St Andrews School: Mr Poulton reported that most of the road marking had now been done. Mr Bell had emailed to say that he felt the markings appear to have had little or no effect. Mr Poulton stated that he was sorry to hear this as the feedback he had received indicated that the situation had definitely improved.
- b) Verges on Church Row: No response had been received to our email to the landowner.
- c) Conservation Verges: Nothing further.
- d) Speeding in Chedworth: The ‘20 is Plenty Signage’ still needed to be put up. Mr Poulton had been trying to contact Mr Bell to obtain the signs. It was agreed that Mr Robertson would make contact with Mr Bell and arrange to collect the signs and give him his cheque to cover the cost at the same time.
- e) Community Speedwatch Area Signage: An estimate of the cost was still awaited. It was agreed to remind Mr Gray.
- f) Signage for Church: The Chairman reported that Sue Callard of Friends of St Andrews were offering to pay for a sign to be put on the existing post and were currently persuing this with Mr Gray.
- g) Queen Street & Gallows Lane: The Parish Council had been notified by a resident that the water was running down Queen Street as the pipes under the road were blocked. This had been passed on to highways but the situation was getting worse as water was overflowing from the manhole on Tuns Hill. It was agreed to contact Mr Gray again as this has become a very serious problem which will only get worse through the winter. Gallows Lane, the alternative route, was also becoming eroded with the side of the very narrow road getting cut away.
- h) Calves Hill: Mr Broad had attended the meeting between Mrs Foster-Stiles and Mr Gray and gave a brief report. It was felt this was not a Parish Council matter.

Footpaths:

- a) MacMillan Way Footpath Marker at Setts Farm: Nothing further. It was agreed to remind Mr Barton about the replacement signage.
- b) Footpath in Field below Ballingers Row: The Chairman would go and have a look and report back.
- c) Horses Ash Lane: A reply had been received from Mr Barton, GCC PROW, stating that he does not have the necessary equipment to clear Horses Ash Lane. As

it is a Class V Road (No 50866) it was agreed to contact Mr Gray once again to see if GCC Highways is able to carry out the necessary works.

d) Proposed Diversion of KCH 47 Lower Chedworth: Dealt with earlier on the agenda.

e) Footpath Wardens: The Chairman had spoken with Mr Boehm who was willing to be a warden. Mr Shaftoe had also volunteered. It was agreed to place an item in the Hill and Valley seeking further volunteers.

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The Playing Field:

a) Active Together: A reply had been received from the tennis club raising several concerns about the siting of the equipment on the area adjacent to the tennis courts opposite Valley View. The Chairman had obtained a quote from Pete Heaps for strimming around the equipment if it was sited on the playing field, this would be around £20.00 to £30.00 per cut. After some discussion it was agreed that the Chairman and Mr Poulton would meet with representatives from the tennis club to try to come to some agreement to use the area adjacent to the tennis courts. Councillor Hodgkinson confirmed that the grant for the fitness would have to be agreed by the end of March. After some discussion it was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr Fulford to go ahead and submit the application form for a grant from the Active Together scheme to provide adult fitness equipment, agreed.

Improving Telecommunications:

a) MIP: Mr Bell had emailed to say he had not drafted the agreed letter because he felt the time for writing a letter has now passed and there is no value to be gained from doing so at this stage, particularly in view of the alternative strategy that H&V Digital is now pursuing. After some discussion it was proposed by Mr Fulford and seconded from the Chair that it was not worth writing the letter at the moment as the time has now past, agreed.

b) Improving mobile phone signals without MIP: Mr Fulford has prepared a discussion paper looking at the different approaches which could be used to try to eliminate the not-spots in the village which it was agreed to include on the website. After some discussion it was agreed that Mr Fulford and Mr Robertson would get together and put together some suggestions to move this forward.

c) Broadband: Mr Robertson gave a brief update on the Gigaclear roll out.

Community Emergency Plan: The Chairman had emailed the existing wardens and received three responses. After some discussion it was agreed that with winter approaching not to change the plan at present but look at it again next year. Meanwhile put an item in the Hill and Valley reminding people to keep an eye out for their neighbours to make sure that a vulnerable person is ok and not in need of anything.

Defibrillators:

a) To consider suggestion to join the VETS scheme: Information had been received from CHT that the annual cost would be £100.00 per year with the first year free

with a one off set up cost of £45.00. It was proposed by Mr Fulford and seconded by Mr Poulton to go ahead and join the scheme and advertise for volunteers.

b) To approve the purchase of replacement pads: It was agreed to order two new sets of pads at £25.00 per set.

Autonomous Vehicles: In Mr Bell's absence it was agreed to defer until the next meeting.

Discover Chedworth: Nothing further.

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Rural North Neighbourhood Coordination Group: Mr Poulton gave a brief update. He suggested that we could offer to host the June meeting. It was agreed to include on the next agenda for further discussion.

Items Arising from Email & Correspondence:

a) Funded Public Transport Consultation Evening Events: Noted.

b) Turning Area at rear of The Hemplands: An email had been received from Bromford Housing consulting on a new proposal for a turning area for the septic tank lorry. It was agreed to contact Louise Millard, who had contacted us concerning the previous proposal, to see what her views and the views of her neighbours were on the new proposal and whether or not residents of The Hemplands had been consulted by Bromford. It was agreed to reply to Bromford Housing advising them that will let them have our views as soon as we have consulted with residents.

PLANNING:

Applications:

15/04601/TCONR Woolpack – Tree Works

15/04603/TCONR Hills Farm – Tree Works

15/04627/TCONR Doveswell – Tree Works

15/04875/TCONR Lauriston - Tree Works

Planning Appeal

APP/F1610/15/3136326 Application Ref. 14/05280/FUL Absolams - Parking Area

FINANCE:

1. Clerks Quarterly Telephone & Broadband Contribution £52.75, prop. C Poulton, sec. M Fulford
2. Thames Water £13.78, prop. R Jess, sec. D Broad
3. Bibury (P/F Grass Cut October) £98.40, prop. R Jess, sec. I Robertson
4. A Bell (20's Plenty Signage) £49.18, prop. R Jess, sec. M Fulford
5. Council in receipt of £9.20 part water reimbursement from HVLTC
6. Council in receipt of £260.08 half yearly Grass Keep & part water

reimbursement from Mr Baker

OTHER BUSINESS:

Hill and Valley News: Several items were identified to be included in the December edition which the Chairman would write.

The meeting concluded at 9.56 pm.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 14th December 2015 at 7.30 pm.

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