

CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 8th AUGUST 2016

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

APOLOGIES: Mr M Fulford & Mr I Morgan

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: Parish Council Meeting held on 11th July 2016 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: It was agreed to bring the following items forward on the agenda.

Opportunity from EE to bring better Mobile Coverage to Chedworth: Mr Robertson reported that he had attended a meeting of the Gloucestershire Economic Growth Scrutiny Committee recently, representing Hill & Valley Digital, where a representative of EE was in attendance. Mr Robertson briefed the EE representative on Chedworth's recent experience of trying to improve our mobile coverage. Alex Jackman of EE said that there were opportunities, such as in Chedworth, to be looked at carefully under their Micro Network system to improve mobile coverage of their network through the use of one or more small antennas in appropriate locations within the village. It was noted that community support was needed for the scheme to progress. It was agreed that in order to progress to a position where community support could be gauged it was necessary to know if Chedworth was appropriate for a Micro Network. It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr Broad to ask Mr Robertson to go back to EE and ask them to investigate whether Chedworth was a suitable location for a Micro Network, agreed.

Queen Street & Gallows Lane: The Chairman reported on an email from Mr Fulford where he stated that he was having difficulty getting the contractor to re-engage with the project at the moment. The Chairman invited Mr Selway to explain the problem of overgrowth and a fallen wall in Gallows Lane. He explained that the overgrowth was from land owned by Manor Farm and the fallen wall was owned by CDC. It was agreed to write to Manor Farm asking them to cut back the overgrowth from their land. It was further agreed to remind Jenny Forde about the problem with the CDC wall on Gallows Lane and ask her if she had been able to report this to the appropriate department.

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MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:

Traffic in Village and Road Matters:

- a) Queen Street & Gallows Lane: Dealt with earlier on the agenda.
- b) Winter Maintenance Provision:
- i) The Towed Salt Spreader: Mr Broad reported that he had spoken to GRCC and they were going to advertise the salt spreader on their network soon. If this was not successful Mr Broad would advertise it on Ebay.
- c) Cutting of overgrown vegetation on verges around Cooks Hill: Mr Fulford had asked that a quotation should be obtained to cut back the vegetation and overgrowth along the road around Cooks Hill. Mr Edelsten has volunteered to make a financial contribution. Mr Fulford had also identified other areas around the village that needed cutting back. The Chairman reported that she had been to look at Cooks Hill, and the Laurel hedge at the bottom of the hill had already been cut back and she was unsure of which other trees Mr Fulford was referring to. The Chairman would speak to Mr Fulford and, if necessary, Mr Edelsten. Regarding the problems in the rest of the village Councillors were in agreement that the Council should not take on to cut back trees which were on private land but should, if necessary approach the landowner.
- d) Gallows Lane: Dealt with earlier on the agenda.

Footpaths:

- a) Horses Ash Lane: GCC Highways had agreed to make a contribution towards the invoice but it had not yet been received.
- b) Footpath Wardens: Mr Robertson circulated a map showing the footpaths reported by the warden that have problems. The Chairman suggested that now a mechanism had been established to report problems on the PC website a policy needed to be established to deal with the problems without bringing them back to every meeting. The Chairman offered to provide a list of the landowners which she knew. Mr Broad offered to scan a copy of an up to date map footpath map showing the recent recent additions.
- c) KCH 47 at Chedworth House: Only an acknowledgement had been received from Mike Barton at County PROW department. It was agreed to send him a reminder. Councillor Hodgkinson asked that this be copied in to him.
- d) Footpaths around Hartshill: No reply had been received from the landowner. After some discussion it was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr Robertson to contact the Cotswold Wardens and ask if they would be able to replace the signs and possibly explain to the owner how he should go about diverting the path, agreed.
- e) The Parish Council Strimmer: It was noted it has been returned by Mr Priest, repaired by Mr Broad & Mr Fulford now had it. It was noted that nothing further had been received from GCC PROW regarding training courses to enable the use of the strimmer on the public highway.

The Playing Field:

- a) Folk Camp: Mr Broad declared an interest and left the meeting. The Chairman

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explained that there was a procedure to go through to change a decision of the Parish Council within six months that required it to be put in writing and signed by two Councillors and that had not happened as yet. An email had been received from Mr Colbeck on behalf of the Village Hall Committee asking the Parish Council to reconsider their charge for the use of the playing field. Mr Selway was present and the Chairman invited him to speak he offered to speak to the Village Hall Committee again at their next meeting in September. It was agreed to leave in the hands in the Village Hall Committee for them to negotiate on behalf of themselves and the Parish Council and come back to the next meeting. Mr Broad rejoined the meeting at this point.

b) List of Criteria for Playing Field Bookings: The Chairman would draft something for the next meeting.

c) Playing Field Enquiry Form on Website: The Chairman had drafted a booking form which would be displayed on the website.

The Grass Keep Field:

a) Fencing: Mr Dickenson had emailed to say he would await further instruction from the Parish Council on when to start.

Defibrillators:

a) VETS Scheme: It was agreed to put the number in the Hill and Valley again.

Revision of Standing Orders: The Chairman stated that there were two outstanding items to be agreed in the revised Standing Orders before they can be adopted, she had emailed around but had not received any replies. Mr Poulton thanked the Chairman for all of her work on this. It was agreed to bring back to the next meeting to get the revised Standing Orders agreed.

To highlight the issue of regular water supply interruptions with a view to seeking action from Thames Water to reduce such occurrences: A further reply had been received from Thames Water offering a representative to attend a meeting to discussion why there have been so many problems in Chedworth and what Thames Water was doing to try to solve them. It was agreed to take them up on their offer and invite the representative Donna North to attend the October meeting.

Village Postal Collections: A reply had been received from Royal Mail but was felt not to be satisfactory. It was agreed to write again with photographs showing the differences between the locations of the post boxes at village hall and Cheap Street

Parish Council Vacancy: An election had been requested to fill the vacancy on the Council. Notices would be posted on 24th August and if there is more than one nomination an election will be held on 29th September.

Opportunity from EE to bring better Mobile Coverage to Chedworth: Dealt with earlier on the agenda.

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The Parish Council Website:

- a) To review adding a list of material and non-material considerations with the Planning section of the PC Website: The Chairman had drafted some advice for anyone wishing to comment on a planning application which it was agreed to include on the website.
- b) To provide update on the domain name chedworth-pc.org.uk, its associated redundant website and decide required action: Mr Robertson had made enquiries and had found that the Parish Council could apply to have the email address transferred to our ownership. Mr Robertson agreed to arrange this and it was proposed by Mr Poulton and seconded from the Chair to spend up to £50.00 to facilitate this, agreed.

To provide update on the Chedworth Show and Parish Council's participation: Mr Robertson offered the Parish Council the opportunity to provide information at the show. It was agreed to take up this offer, the Chairman would write a sheet explaining the role of the Parish Council and also the VETS Posters could be displayed.

Items Arising from Email & Correspondence:

- a) GCC Changes to Certain Bus Services from 8th August 2016: It was noted that the service would now be run by Stagecoach. The Chairman would check out the new times to see if they were different.

FINANCE

1. Clerks Quarterly Telephone/Broadband Contribution £52.00, prop. C Poulton, sec. I Robertson
2. Thames Water £7.25, prop. R Jess, sec. D Broad
3. Bibury (P/F Grass Cutting July) £147.60, prop. R Jess, sec. I Robertson
4. Chedworth Show £250.00, prop. C Poulton, sec. D Broad
5. Purchase of MS Office for Parish Clerk's Laptop – Mr Robertson suggested that the Parish Council should purchase MS Office for around £50.00 per year. After some consideration where the Clerk was consulted, it was agreed not to subscribe at present.
6. Council in receipt of £207.25 Annual Ground Rent & Water Reimbursement from HVLTC
7. To note the Quarterly Examination of accounts by Councillor Morgan & the Clerk

The meeting concluded at 9.15pm.

NEXT MEETING: Parish Council Meeting - Monday 12th September 2016 at 7.30pm

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