

CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 10th JULY 2017

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

Mr Fulford stated that he would have to leave the meeting shortly as he had to chair a Governors meeting at the school.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 12th June 2017 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: The Chairman asked members of the public who wished to speak on any item, including items included on the agenda, to do so now. Anne Collier, representing the residents of Fossecross, made a statement regarding the recent amended planning application at the Hare and Hounds. Alexander George, from Stowell Park Estate, spoke briefly about the planning application for conversion to two dwellings at Shedden's Barn. He stated that the conversions would be for rental and not for sale.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:

Opportunity to bring better Mobile Coverage to Chedworth:

a) To receive an update on the discussions regarding providing an electricity supply to the pole:

Mr Fulford had reviewed three options as agreed at the last meeting. He reported that Option 1 – Power to be supplied from route devised by CTIL/SSE. Option 2 – Power to be supplied from Village Hall. Option 3 – Power to be supplied from new route from pole in Iain's back garden. After some discussion it was felt that that there is only one option and that is option 3. It was proposed by Mr Fulford and seconded by Mr Broad that the Parish Council formally offers CTIL a single phase electrical connection for the sum of £5,000 into a cabinet provided freely by them but to be of the Parish Council's ownership in a location in the corner of the land in front of the tennis courts between the fence and the stile, agreed. Mr Fulford was thanked for all of his work on this. The draft lease had been received from the solicitor and had been circulated prior to the meeting. There were several queries, one being the plot number that the mast was to be located on. The solicitor had drawn to our attention that a restrictive covenant was in place on enclosure number 324, the site is in enclosure number 325. David Broad was thanked for establishing this. The other query was the size of the plot required, it was felt that the area identified in the lease was too large and should be smaller. No paper plans had been received to establish the size of the plot and it was impossible to tell from the emailed drawings. It was agreed to write to Maxema to request a set of the drawings which are to scale and have the relevant dimensions marked on them, including an indication of the distance which the enclosure will be from the fence. The Chairman & Clerk would reply to the solicitor addressing all the queries raised.

Traffic in Village and Road Matters:

a) Queen Street: Mr Fulford reported that the works were now complete. Mr Fulford left the meeting at this point.

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The Chairman said that in view of the public interest she would take the planning items at this point.

PLANNING:

16/05371/FUL Hare & Hounds – Hotel & Dining Pavilion – After some discussion it was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr Poulton to object on the following grounds. Highways: The Parish Council was disappointed to see that no effort had been made to improve the access.

The Council feels that creating a new access onto the Calmsden Road so close to the A429 would add to the danger at an already hazardous junction. The junction is currently used by vehicles attending the Recycling Site including cars with trailers and vans, and large lorries attending both the Recycling Site and other businesses in the adjacent premises. The amount of traffic on this road is certain to increase following the granting of permission for the conversion of Gore Barn to a wedding venue and given that the Recycling Site is so busy at weekends, that weddings are most likely at weekends and that the Hare and Hounds is intended as a facility to benefit those using the wedding facilities it is easy to see that this junction will become increasingly busy and dangerous. Large lorries turning left off the main road from the Cirencester direction are only able to negotiate the junction by

using the full width of the Calmsden Road causing problems for traffic waiting to join the A429 and there have been multiple shunts and near misses on the Fosseyway with vehicles waiting to turn right onto the Calmsden Road being 'rear-ended'. Parish Councillors all have experiences of seeing accidents, or in one case being involved in an accident at that junction, and can only assume that many of the shunts and bumps are not reported and do not appear of traffic accident figures. For all these reasons the Councillors would urge planners to take advantage of their local knowledge and NOT allow the access to the new car park to be created at this point. Design: While the new design is an improvement on the original there are still a number of points which Councillors feel to be unacceptable. The design of the dining pavilion should be improved. It is too large and should be smaller to fit better into the site, particularly now that the number of rooms it is serving has been reduced. It should be subservient to the main original building and not dominant. The roofing material is out of keeping with the location and the pizza oven chimney is industrial in appearance and not appropriate. The building housing the hotel rooms is too tall and should be reduced in height to make it less dominant. Councillors would also request that imposing a noise restriction on the development is considered to prevent disturbance to neighbouring residents and would suggest a time restriction of midnight should also be imposed.

16/05372/LBC Hare & Hounds – Listed Building Consent – Object as above.

17/02349/FUL Shedden's Barn, Yanworth Road – Conversion of Agricultural Barns to Two Dwellings – After some discussion it was proposed by Mr Broad and seconded by Mr Morgan to raise no objection, agreed.

17/01103/FUL Lower Barn – Further Amendment – No objection

17/01104/LBC Lower Barn – Listed Building Consent – No objection

17/0235/TELEC Diggers Field – Telecommunication Notification

17/01816/FUL Anstey's Cottage – Extension – It was agreed to raise no objection to the extension but feels that the oil tank would be too prominent in the location suggested on the drawings and should be placed in a more appropriate location where it is not dominant in the view from the road

17/02686/TCONR Green Dell – Tree Works

1. APP/F1610/W/17/3174590 The Orchard - Notification of Appeal – This was noted, although the Parish Council had no objection to the application when it was submitted.

2. Manor Farm – Woodland Management Scheme: – A letter had been received from Mr Hamilton.

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It was agreed to reply thanking him for letting us know about the preparation of his Woodland Management scheme and ask to be kept up to date with any appropriate information.

b) Drainage & Flooding problems on Calves Hill: The Chairman would speak to Mr Fulford to see if it was necessary to chase up Danny Taylor at GCC.

c) GCC Highways Customer Satisfaction Survey: After some discussion it was agreed that Mr Robertson & Mr Poulton would complete the survey and circulate it around to Councillors before sending it off.

d) Verge Management: Mr Morgan suggested forming a group of a small number of villagers to look into verge management. After some discussion it was agreed that Mr Morgan would make some enquiries to see if there was any interest in forming a group.

e) Following the installation of the yellow and white road lines, requiring motorist to park their vehicles responsibly, to review the current level of observance: Mr Poulton suggested reviewing this on a quarterly basis to establish how things were going, this was agreed.

Footpaths:

a) Footpath Wardens: Mr Robertson reported that he had received a report from one of the wardens that the footpath from Fields Road to the Rookery (KCH63) was overgrown and impassable. Mr Poulton offered to contact the landowner and request that it be cleared.

Playing Field:

a) To consider updating the Booking Form to include the ground conditions being suitable: The Chairman suggested amending the playing field booking form to include a clause that the ground conditions being suitable and this was agreed.

b) Use for parking for Open Gardens event on 24th/25th June 2017: There had been a misunderstanding and the playing field had not been booked but had been used for parking some of which was at the end near the Village Hall. It was felt to be important to make sure the field was booked properly especially where vehicles were involved and the Chairman would include an item in the Hill & Valley reminding people of the need to book the playing field. It was proposed by Mr D Broad and seconded by Mr G Broad to waive the fee on this occasion, agreed. The Chairman agreed to look into the cost of obtaining some tape and poles so the area for parking could be roped off for events such as this. It was agreed to consider further at the next meeting.

c) Request for use for Chedworth Show: A request to use the field for the show and place a marquee on the field from Thursday to Monday had been received. It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr D Broad to allow this and waive the charge, agreed. Mr Robertson confirmed that the relevant licence had been obtained for provision on alcohol on the playing field.

Temporary Noticeboards:

a) To receive a update on the temporary noticeboards: Mr Robertson reported after making enquiries that he felt that A1 size boards would be better than the smaller size. It was agreed to go ahead and purchase these for around £115.00.

Fitness Equipment on Playing Field: The Chairman still had to speak to Alan McLellan regarding undertaking the monthly checking. Meanwhile she would undertake the check now.

VETS Scheme: Concern had been expressed with regard to the effectiveness of the VETS Scheme. There had been another emergency in the village which had again highlighted the shortcomings with the scheme. The Chairman had contacted several other parishes where the scheme was in place to ask if they had any solution to the problem of how VETS could be contacted once the ambulance

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service had been called, but none had previously identified this as an issue. After some discussion it was felt that the scheme could give people a false sense of security but there were occasions when it could still be useful so it would be left in place at present but villagers should be made aware that there were problems with the scheme. An item in the Hill & Valley was suggested as well as Facebook and the website. Running another first aid course in the autumn was suggested and the Chairman agreed to look into the cost of this for the next meeting.

FINANCE

1. Bibury (Playing Field Cutting June £123.00 & Tuns Hill Cut £90.00) £255.60, prop. I Robertson, sec. G Broad
2. RT & LD Services Ltd (Topping of Grass Keep Field) £48.00, prop. R Jess, sec. C Poulton
3. E Broad (1st Class Postage of Audit Documents) £1.30, prop. R Jess, sec. I Robertson
4. Council in receipt of £20.00 Playing Field Rental from Blueberry Wave

The meeting concluded at 9.18 pm.

NEXT MEETING: Parish Council Meeting - Monday 14th August 2017 at 7.30pm.

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