

CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 11th SEPTEMBER 2017

PRESENT: Mr D Broad (Vice Chairman in the Chair), Mr G Broad, Mr M Fulford, Mr I Morgan, Mr C Poulton, Mr I Robertson & Mrs E Broad (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Mrs R Jess

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 14th August 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: Ann Watt spoke about the Pippins application outlining her objection regarding the roadside wall and landscaping which she had submitted to CDC. Graham Simmonds also outlined some of his objections to the new application which had only minor amendments on the original application.

The Chairman took the Pippins planning application response at this point.

17/02515/FUL Pippins – Extension & Modernisation – New Details – After some discussion it was agreed to object as before with the addition that the Parish Council also has concerns regarding the landscaping of the front garden and the loss of the natural line of the Cotswold Stone boundary wall which is an important feature of the Conservation Area.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:

Opportunity to bring better Mobile Coverage to Chedworth:

- a) To consider any reply from Wellers Law for their work in drawing up the lease: A reply had been received from Wellers Law notifying the Parish Council that after further consideration they will not be invoicing the Parish Council for any more monies.
- b) To discuss the best use of the £1,000 annual rental income from the mast. Consider proposal to spend first years rent income on (non-ash) tree screening and other improvements to the site and then subsequent years on ring fencing the money for community organisations within the village in line with the PC funding guidance to be discussed later in the meeting: The Chairman read an email from Mrs Jess saying she didn't think it is necessary to take a decision on it in advance, as in reality we wouldn't be committing ourselves as we could always overturn any decision, but just consider each year at budget time when we know what demands there are on our finances. After some discussion it was proposed by Mr Fulford and seconded by Mr G Broad to spend the rental from this year on suitable screening and a gate, agreed unanimously. Mr Fulford would make enquiries into the cost of suitable screening. Mr Fulford further proposed that in future years the £1,000 should be ring fenced for community organisations for the life of this Parish Council, as it was acknowledged this would not be binding on a future Parish Council. This was seconded by Mr Poulton and agreed with one against.

Traffic in Village and Road Matters:

- a) Drainage & Flooding problems on Calves Hill: Nothing further.

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- b) Verge Management: Mr Morgan reported that he had received some interest in forming a group of a small number of villagers to look into verge management but would report further at the next meeting.
- c) To discuss whether to employ a hedge/verging cutting contractor similar to previous year to lightly trim overgrown hedges, cut verges to full width and address heavy overgrowth in areas in the parish (not just Chedworth village) not cut last year such as stretch from farm shop to Fosseyway junction: Mr Fulford suggested that a days work could be undertaken again this year. It was also suggested that it may be better for the debris to be collected. After some discussion it was proposed by Mr Fulford and seconded by Mr Morgan to ask for two quotes, one for a cut like last year and a further quote for a cut removal of the debris, agreed.

Footpaths:

- b) Footpath Wardens: Nothing further.

Grass Keep Field:

a) To consider any quotations received for providing a gate between the Diggers Plot & the Grass Keep to provide added security for the tenants: Two quotes had been received from A+B Fencing for £575.00 + VAT and from Philip Dickenson for £450.00 + VAT. It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr Poulton to accept the quotation from Philip Dickenson, agreed.

The Playing Field:

a) To consider the provision of Rope and Stakes for marking off the parking area: In the absence of Mrs Jess there was nothing further to report.

The Chapel Graveyard

a) To receive an update about the action taken regarding the overgrown condition of the Graveyard: Bibury had been asked to do a cut, an email had been received from Mr Price at Bibury stating that cutting a path every month may be difficult to do at a sensible price as most of the time will spend travelling. Mrs Jess had a contact that may be able to help, in her absence it was agreed to defer until next month.

First Aid Training

a) To consider if any further first aid training is required: There should have been a report compiled showing people who may be interested in further training. As Mrs Jess had been dealing with Cotswold First Aid it was agreed to ask her to contact them and ask for an update for further consideration at the next meeting.

Village Hall Grant Application:

a) To consider the Funding Application Guidance drafted by Councillor Fulford: This had been circulated prior to the meeting. After some further consideration and a couple of amendments, it was proposed by Mr Fulford and seconded by Mr Robertson to adopt this, agreed. Mr Fulford would incorporate the amendments and circulate to Councillors.

PLANNING:

17/03217/FUL Ardmere House – New Vehicular Access – As this was mainly retrospective there was no further comment.

17/02515/FUL Pippins – Extension & Modernisation – New Details – Dealt with earlier on the agenda.

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Appeal Decision: - The Orchard – Calves Hill – Appeal Allowed

Dwelling B Highfield, Fields Road: The Chairman reported that he had made enquires and the Officer's Delegated Report had been sent in error. The application had been approved in August.

Hare and Hounds Planning application to go to CDC Planning Committee 13th September
It was agreed that Mr George Broad would attend the meeting and give the view of the Parish Council.

FINANCE

1. Clerk's Quarterly Salary £614.00, prop. I Robertson, sec. M Fulford (*Clerk's Salary in budget*)
2. Clerk's Quarterly Mileage £9.65, prop. C Poulton, sec. G Broad (*Travel Expenses in budget*)
3. Bibury (Playing Field Cutting August £278.40, prop. M Fulford, sec. D Broad (*Playing Field & Tuns Hill Cut in budget*). It was noted that Bibury had gone ahead and done the Tuns Hill cut before it was requested, but it had been budgeted for.
4. Cotswold First Aid £130.00 (First Aid Demonstration at Show), prop. M Fulford, sec. I Robertson (*not included in budget*)
5. Council in receipt of £1,000 Annual Mobile Pole Rent from Maxema
6. Request for funding from Citizens Advice Stroud & Cotswold Ltd – A request had been received stating that 40 households requested help in the Chedworth & Churn Valley Ward. Mr Poulton declared an interest and left the meeting. After some discussion it was proposed by Mr Fulford and seconded by Mr Robertson to make a donation of £125.00, agreed with 4 in favour and one abstention. Mr Poulton rejoined the meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Hill & Valley News: Several items were agreed to be included in the October edition & it was agreed that Mr D Broad in conjunction with the Clerk would write it.

The meeting concluded at 8.25pm.

NEXT MEETING: Parish Council Meeting - Monday 9th October 2017 at 7.30pm.

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