

CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 13th NOVEMBER 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)

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 9th October 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: Mr Tovey asked if the letters of objection copied to the Parish Council regarding the Ethan's Orchard application have been seen by Councillors. The Chairman confirmed that all the emails received had been circulated to Councillors.

It was agreed to bring the Land to the East of Janes Cottage (Ethan's Orchard) planning application forward on the agenda.

17/03940/FUL Land East of Janes Cottage – Dwelling: After some discussion it was proposed by Mr Broad and seconded by Mr Morgan to object to the application on the grounds that the design of the house was not in the Cotswold vernacular and the style was inappropriate for the Conservation Area. The Council was also concerned over the possible loss of important views across the valley. If, however, the application was to be approved then the Parish Council would like planners to insist on the proposed zinc roofing being replaced with more appropriate Cotswold stone tiles. The Council also felt it would be appropriate for a condition to be placed on the planning permission preventing further development on the remainder of the site and that permitted development rights should be removed. The council also agreed to request that if permission was granted it should be conditional upon the hedge, which had been planted and prevents views across the valley, being lowered to a height which permits pedestrians to take advantage of the views and that the hedge should be kept at that height, agreed unanimously.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:

Opportunity to bring better Mobile Coverage to Chedworth:

a) To received an update on the tree screening of the mast site: Nothing further to report.

Traffic in Village and Road Matters:

a) Drainage & Flooding problems on Calves Hill: It was noted that the relief drainage works outside the school have now been completed. Mr Robertson reported that he was aware that the adjoining landowner, Mr Colbeck, had not been notified of the works.

b) Verge Management: Mr Morgan reported that a small group had been formed comprising of Mrs Moore, Mrs Blackwell, Mr Fulford and himself to look into verge management. The group had met and he gave an update of their communications with highways which included a reimbursement of the cost per square meter of maintaining the roadside verges. The group were still liaising with highways and would report back further to the Parish Council.

c) To consider the PC funding a trial cut of a small section of verge this winter with the collection equipment from Brian Brazington in order to judge it effectiveness and judge likely costs for larger

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area: After some discussion it was proposed by Mr Fulford and seconded by Mr Fulford to order a trial cut on two separate areas of verge for the maximum cost of £250.00, agreed. Mr Fulford agreed to liaise with Brian Brazington regarding this.

d) To receive an update on the appointment of a hedge/verging cutting contractor similar to previous year to lightly trim overgrown hedges, cut verges to full width and address heavy overgrowth in the parish: Mr Fulford agreed to send Brian Brazington the map he marked up showing the areas which needed attention as agreed last month.

e) Tuns Hill Triangle: It was agreed to ask Bibury to undertake a further cut.

f) Further Flooding problem on Tuns Hill: The blockage at the trough had been cleared by Councillor Fulford, who was duly thanked. He reported there was a problem with the trough in that the row of coping stone has been dislodged and needed repairing. It was agreed to contact highways and ask if they could carry out the repair as the Council understood that the structure was originally constructed by the highways department.

Footpaths:

a) Footpath Wardens: Nothing further

Grass Keep Field:

a) To note that a gate between the Diggers Plot & the Grass Keep Field had been installed:

The Playing Field:

a) To consider the provision of Rope and Stakes for marking off the parking area: Nothing further

b) Playing Field Booking for Roman Run: A booking form and a cheque for £20.00 had been received from Mr Edelsten for the booking in April 2018. After some discussion it was proposed by Mr Fulford and seconded by Mr D Broad to grant the request for use of the playing field and the grass keep for additional parking, as in previous years the cost would be £100.00, agreed. With regard to parking, it was agreed to let them know nearer the time whether they should park on the grass keep and top end of the playing field or grass keep and Diggers Field.

c) Playing Field Booking for the 2018 Chedworth Show: It was proposed by Mr Fulford and seconded from the Chair to waive the fee, agreed. The Chairman asked that there should be no unnecessary vehicle movements on the playing field.

The Chapel Graveyard:

a) A further cut of the Graveyard in December: It was felt that as it was cut quite recently it did not require a further cut but instead to ask Bibury to remove the ivy from the walls, gravestones and trees. As they had included £15.00 on their invoice for the cutting of the path in the graveyard, despite being told in October that the council had found someone else who was going to take this on next year, it was agreed to tell them again that the council did not require them to do this any more.

First Aid Training:

a) To consider if the Parish Council should provide further first aid training: There had been a lot of interest in the item the Chairman had put on Facebook. The Chairman reported that she had spoken with Cotswold First Aid and they suggest holding two sessions which would cost £120.00 each and restrict numbers to 12 to ensure that the sessions were as valuable as possible. It was agreed that the Parish Council would subsidise the cost of the training, which was £20.00 per person, but would ask those who are able to do so to make a contribution of half the cost. The Chairman would arrange suitable dates with the Village Hall in January. It was agreed to point out that it was important that anyone who wished to attend should reserve their place as soon as possible

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VETS – To consider email from Martin Fagan CHT: This was noted. It was reported that the codes painted on the cabinets were very useful. The Chairman agreed to enquire from CHT who replaced the pads if the defibrillators were used.

To consider the reply from Nigel Adams CDC on the position of the Parish Council representative on the Village Hall Committee: A reply had been received from Nigel Adams stating that as Councillor George Broad has been appointed by the PC as its representative on the VH Management Committee, his responsibility lay with the VH Trust and not the PC. Whilst this would not prevent him from providing factual information on VH Trust matters to the PC, he should not be involved in decision making by the PC in matters which affect the VH, particularly in respect of any financial/business matter – in such cases he should declare a DPI and withdraw from the meeting. After some discussion it was agreed to contact Nigel Adams again stating that the Council had carried out some further research and would like his opinion on whether it would be appropriate for the Parish Council to grant trustees of the Village Hall Committee, who are also on the Parish Council and therefore have a Disclosable Pecuniary interest, a dispensation to allow them to partake in debates and vote on Village Hall matters.

To consider an amendment to the financial guidelines to include the requirement for any request for a grant to be sanctioned by the governing body: This was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr Fulford, agreed. The financial guidelines would now be amended.

To consider how to deal with a request for a grant towards the provision of a disabled toilet at the Village Hall received from John Selway: The Chairman reported that she had been contacted by Councillor David Broad, in his role as Chairman of the Village Hall Committee, stating this was not an official request from the Village Hall Committee. After some discussion it was agreed that any request for funding for the Village Hall Committee would only be considered if it was as a result of a resolution taken by the full Committee and signed by both the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

CDC Town & Parish Liaison Meetings 20 & 27 November 2017: Noted.

Mr Fulford left the meeting at this point.

PLANNING:

17/03940/FUL Land East of Janes Cottage – Dwelling – Dealt with earlier on the agenda.

17/03896/LBC Amphlett House – Internal & External Alterations

17/04107/TCONR Chedworth House – Tree Works

17/04455/TCONR Meadowside – Tree Works

17/04417/TCONR The Orchard – Tree Works

17/04627/TCONR Denfurlong House, Lower Chedworth – Tree Works

17/04265/TCONR Adams Bothy – Tree Works

Pippins Planning application: It was noted that the application was considered at CDC Planning Committee on the 8th November and that George Broad attended to give the views of the Parish Council. The Chairman thanked Councillor George Broad for attending. Councillor Broad reported that the application had been approved.

Heywards Cottage, Lower Chedworth: The email from Mr & Mrs Blackwell to CDC regarding breach of planning permission was noted.

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FINANCE:

1. Clerks Quarterly Phone/Broadband Contribution £63.70 (*Telephone/Broadband in budget*) prop. I Robertson, sec. C Poulton
2. Bibury (Playing Field Cutting October & Cutting a path through the Graveyard) £116.40 (*Playing Field & Lower End Chapel Graveyard in budget*) prop. R Jess, sec. G Broad
3. Viking (Stamps, Paper & Ink £64.99 (*Stamps/Stationary in budget*) prop. R Jess, sec. I Robertson
4. Philip Dickenson (Gate in Grass Keep Field) £540.00 (*From £1,000 Mast Annual Ground Rental*) prop. C Poulton, sec. I Robertson
5. Councillor G Broad (Mileage for attending Planning Meeting 08.11.17) £9.00 (*Mileage in budget*) prop. R Jess, sec. C Poulton
6. Council in receipt of £280.00 Half Year Grass Keep Rental from Mr Baker
7. To consider to following donations:-
 - a) PCC, Cutting of Churchyard and Hill & Valley News – To consider the email reply from Mrs Hamilton on behalf of PCC - It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr Morgan to donate £250.00, agreed.
8. Quarterly Examination of Accounts to be undertaken by Councillor Morgan & the Clerk

OTHER BUSINESS:

Hill & Valley News: Several items were agreed to be included in the December/January edition which would be written by the Chairman.

To consider the proposed 2018 Meeting Dates: Dates had been circulated by the Clerk and were agreed.

To consider if an additional meeting will be required to decide the Precept in January 2018: It was agreed to move the January meeting to 22nd January and include the setting of the precept at this meeting.

The meeting concluded at 9.28pm.

NEXT MEETING: Parish Council Meeting - Monday 11th December 2017 at 7.30pm.

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