

CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 11th FEBRUARY 2013

PRESENT: Mr P Sibbald (Chairman) Mr D Broad, Miss L Gallagher and Mrs E Broad (Clerk).

APOLOGIES: Mr A Bell, Mr G Brister, Mr J King and Mr R Richmond.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 14th January 2013 were agreed and signed as a true record.

OPEN SESSION FOR THE PUBLIC: Several parishioners raised the matter of the Indiscreet Festival which had been scheduled to be held at Dunfurlong Farm from the 17th to 19th May 2013 but had now been cancelled. Comments were made about the issue of a licence, which had not been granted by CDC as the event had been cancelled before the consultation period had expired. Parishioners asked what steps were going to be taken if an application for a licence was submitted again. Mr Broad clarified the points which could be taken in to account at a CDC licensing hearing. The Chairman explained what steps would be taken by the Parish Council to inform people if another application was made, including putting it on the website, Facebook and Twitter. The Chairman also agreed to telephone Mrs Kelsey personally to inform her if another application is made.

The Chairman then brought some items forward on the agenda.

The Stream - Visit by Representatives from CHEG: It was agreed to open the meeting to allow Mr Spooner to speak. Mr Spooner explained CHEG's plans for the whole stream which included a stream walk on the 5th May and a working party undertaking vegetation clearance. Mr Spooner gave the Parish Council a copy of a map of the stream showing all of the landowners who CHEG planned to consult with regarding the clearance. The Chairman explained that it was the recent flooding in Green Lane that prompted that Parish Council to invite CHEG along to discuss the long term maintenance of the stream. The Chairman pledged the support of the Parish Council to CHEG with regard to the stream project. The Chairman thanked Mr Spooner and Council then reconvened.

Traffic in Village and Road Matters:

a) Fields Road and Community Speed Watch: It was agreed to open the meeting to allow Mr Poulton to speak. Mr Poulton updated the Council regarding the recent Community Speed Watch surveillance on Fields Road and North Cerney. He explained that the speed had been checked on 15 vehicles along Fields Road in one hour and 4 were exceeding the speed limit, the highest speed recorded was 46 mph. Mr Poulton also reported that 40 mph stickers had been placed on most bins on Fields Road and a working party had cleaned the road signs. The Chairman thanked Mr Poulton and Council then reconvened.

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MAIN MATTERS:

Communication between Parish Council and the Public:

- a) The Parish Council Website: Nothing further.

Affordable Housing:

- a) Update: Mr Broad spoke about the revised lettings policy from CDC. It was agreed to hold over to another meeting in Mr Brister's absence.
- b) S106 Agreements: It was agreed to hold over to another meeting in Mr Brister's absence.

MATTERS FOR UPDATING AND DISCUSSION:

The Stream - Visit by Representatives from CHEG: Discussed earlier on the agenda.

Traffic in Village and Road Matters:

- a) Fields Road and Community Speed Watch: Discussed earlier on the agenda.
- b) Seven Tuns Overhanging Vegetation: As nothing further had been done it was agreed to write again to Mr Davenport-Jones expressing the urgency as it is a hazard to traffic and reminding him that hedges should be cut before 1st March in order not to disturb nesting birds and remind him that the fine for this is up to £5,000.
- c) Roadside Verge Management - Request to address the Council from Susie Moore: It was agreed to open the meeting to allow Mrs Moore to speak. Mrs Moore had circulated the Cotswold Conservation Board guidelines about road side verge cutting and the need to conserve verges where visibility splays are not an issue. Mrs Moore asked for the support of the Parish Council in dedicating some areas of verge within the village. When Council reconvened Mrs Moore was asked to provide a map with the suggested areas of verge marked so that this could be considered further by the Council. Council then reconvened.
- d) Road Gritting: The Chairman reported that he had mended the gritter with parts he had available and had been topping up the grit bins during the cold spell but had now run out of bagged salt. GCC Highways were going to provide some more salt as our stock had been used in the bad weather. Miss Gallagher and Mr Broad thanked Mr Sibbald for all of his efforts. Miss Gallagher asked again if the salt spreader donated by Cavendish Green could be removed from her garden as a matter of urgency.
- e) Flooding: The Chairman reported that GCC were going to do some more work on descaling the pipe in Queen Street when the water flow decreases.

Footpaths:

- a) KCH 42 Old Pastures to Hemplands Hill: An update had been received from Mr Coates from the Cotswold Wardens asking for information on who owned the field at the top of the path by The Hemplands as they were seeking permission to burn the overgrowth from the path there. The Clerk would provide details of the owner of the field, Mr Eric Parker.

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Defibrillators:

a) eXbox Power/Lights: As Mr Bell had been in contact with BT regarding this. It was agreed to remove this from the agenda.

Items Arising from Email:

- a) Indiscreet Festival 17 - 19 May 2013 - Event has been cancelled: Dealt with earlier on the agenda.
- b) Cotswold Conservation Board - News from AONB: Noted.
- c) GRCC Cotswold Parish Network - Yanworth VH Tuesday 12th February: Noted.

The Playing Field:

- a) Playing Field Hirers Agreement: The Chairman would look over this before the next meeting.
- b) Entrances on to the Playing Field: The Chairman reported that Mr Swift may have some rubble which may be suitable for this.
- c) Hedge Cutting to Playing Field: As nothing had been done and the nesting season was to start on 1st March, the Clerk was asked to contact Mr Richmond to ask him to chase this up.

Grass Keep Field:

a) Drawing up of New Licence: In Mr Bell's absence it was agreed to hold over until the next meeting.

Provision of a Bus Shelter: The Chairman had the questionnaire in hand which he intended to speak to Mr Bearcroft about.

Gloucestershire Waste Core Strategy – Proposed Incinerator: Mr Bell had emailed around to say that he did not feel it was something the Parish Council should get involved with. It was agreed to remove this item from the agenda.

Broadband Update from Mark Aveline: Mr Aveline had emailed around a written update. It was agreed to remove this item from the agenda.

PLANNING:

Applications:

13/00304/NONMAT Listercomb Cottage – Additional Rooflight and Windows - Information only
CD 0935/B Land to the West Of Pinkwell – Retention of Access to Field – No objection.

Approval:

CD 8215/C Kimberley Cottage – Conversion of Barn – No objection
12/05468/TCONR Cowslip Corner – Tree Works
CD 6022/D Farthings – Extension and Garden Room

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FINANCE:

1. Clerks Quarterly Telephone/Broadband Contribution £45.15, prop. P Sibbald, sec. L Gallagher.
2. Thames Water £10.51, prop. P Sibbald, sec. L Gallagher.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Items for the Hill and Valley: The Clerk asked that the Annual Parish Meeting be publicised in the Hill and Valley. As there were no more items to be included Miss Gallagher agreed to do a stand alone item.

Annual Parish Meeting – Monday 18th March 2013: It was agreed to invite the usual charities and organisation to give a report and Councillor Fiona McKenzie had also indicated that she would be attending.

Miss Gallagher reported that she had been contacted by Hillary Bauer, daughter of the late Mrs Rosemary Bauer, who wished to plant a tree in memory of her mother in the village. It had previously been agreed that the Jubilee Oak Tree, which had been obtained by Joanne Leigh and then donated to another charity, could be sited on a corner of the playing field. It was felt that this site could be offered to Miss Bauer for her memorial tree. Miss Gallagher agreed to relay this offer to Miss Bauer.

The meeting concluded at 8.53 pm.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 11th March 2013 at 7.30 pm.

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