

CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 12th AUGUST 2013

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

APOLOGIES: Mr G Brister and Mr R Richmond.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 8th July 2013 were agreed and signed as a true record.

OPEN SESSION FOR THE PUBLIC: No matters were raised at this point.

MAIN MATTERS:

Communication between Parish Council and the Public:

a) The Parish Council Website: Mr King reported that there was now 120 subscribers to the email alert system. Mr King and Mr Robertson were still looking into the two tier alert system but Mr Robertson had set up a Chedworth Village Facebook page which may affect the need for the second tier.

Affordable Housing:

- a) Update: Nothing further in Mr Brister's absence.
- b) CDC Housing Allocation Consultation: In hand with Mr Brister.
- c) CDC Draft Local Plan: Mr King reported that he had looked at the CDC website to see the comments following the recent consultation. Although there were far too many to analyse fully, he had noticed that many of the smaller unaffected parishes similar to Chedworth had not responded and that there were to be further consultation meetings in the Autumn. Mr Broad added that there had been a lot of criticism that there were far too many houses planned.

MATTERS FOR UPDATING AND DISCUSSION:

Broadband: Mr Robertson had requested to address the Council and it was agreed to open the meeting to allow him to speak. Mr Robertson reported that Chedworth was still under evaluation for the upgrade to fibre optic while other smaller villages with less subscribers were due to be upgraded later this year or next year. Mr Robertson had emailed County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson regarding this and offered to try to contact BT Openreach. When Council reconvened it was agreed to accept Mr Robertson's offer for him to contact BT Openreach.

Traffic in Village and Road Matters:

- a) Fields Road and Community Speed Watch: Nothing further to report.
- b) Roadside Verges: An email had been received from ChEG stating that they would attend the next meeting to report.

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- c) Japanese Knotweed at the top of Tuns Hill: As GCC Highways still had not done anything about this, Mr Broad was asked to contact the Wilts and Gloucestershire Standard.
- d) GCC Highways Parish & Town Council Survey: The Chairman would complete this on behalf of the Council.
- e) Manhole Cover, Tuns Hill – Email from Paul Swift: This had now been repaired.
- f) Fallen Tree in Hawks Lane: A fallen tree had blocked Hawks Lane recently and residents were without telephone or internet access for 10 days as a telephone wire had also been brought down. Mr King had been contacted by a parishioner asking if residents with trees overhanging the highway could be made aware of the need to maintain them although Mr Broad reported that the owner of this fallen tree had had it inspected recently. It was felt that it was not appropriate to include anything in the Hill and Valley because of various implications but it was agreed to ask BT to check and if necessary cut back the offending vegetation around the wires in the Village. It was further agreed to ask GCC Highways to confirm if they intend to lop some of the self seeded trees on the bank opposite the white railings at the top of Hawks Lane near the school playground.

Footpaths:

- a) Footpaths and Ponies: An email reply had been received from Mrs Burridge confirming that she would ensure her footpath was the correct width.
- b) Ragwort: Several emails had been received on the subject. It was pointed out that this is quite a complicated subject and it was agreed to include an item in the Hill and Valley pointing people to the relevant internet site to gain all the information required.
- c) Proposed Footpath Changes at Highfield House: Mr Broad agreed to send a email to Mr Dowling outlining a suggested course of action via a planning application through CDC to redirect the footpath rather than going through Public Rights of way at GCC.

Items Arising from Email:

- a) GPFA The Playing Field Newsletter: Noted. It was decided that the GPFA would not be worth approaching for funds for the football club or for the line marker as the annual subscription outweighed any grant that might be forthcoming.

The Playing Field:

- a) Entrances on to the Playing Field: The Chairman agreed to chase up Paul Swift at GCC Highways.
- b) Use of Football Pitch by Chedworth Cavaliers FC: Chedworth Cavaliers FC had returned the booking agreement with a slight alteration about the provision of a line marker. Mr King reported that they had now received a grant of £250 from CHOC and a pledge of £500 from the Pete Heaps Golf Day. The Chairman had found a line marker for around £300.00 + VAT. It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr King to go ahead and order this, agreed. It was also agreed to apply to CHOC for a grant for 50%.

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Grass Keep Field:

a) Fencing: Estimates had been received from both Landmark and Philip Dickenson but it was not clear if they were quoting for the same thing. The Chairman agreed to arrange to meet with Philip Dickenson on site. He had already met with Landmark.

Items from Annual Parish Meeting:

a) Community Emergency Plan: Mr King reported that he & Mr Musgrave had attended the GRCC Seminar and that he hoped to have a first draft rough available for the next meeting.

b) Flooding on the Airfield: Works to alleviate the problem had now been completed but it was not yet known if they have been successful.

ChEG Stream Walk: ChEG had emailed to say they would attend the next meeting.

Defibrillators:

a) Email from Mr Sayer Quenington PC: Cllr. Bell had emailed a reply giving the relevant details. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Bell.

b) Weekly Checks: An email had been received from CHT stating the checks were not being registered satisfactorily. The Chairman and Cllr Bell stated these were now being done by text and email.

The Future of the Seven Tuns: Following an email from a parishioner and some discussion between councillors, Mr Broad had acquired the relevant papers from CDC to apply to register the Seven Tuns as an Asset of Community Value, which means that if the Seven Tuns comes up for sale the community will be notified and has six months to place a bid on it. It was proposed by Mr Bell and seconded by Miss Gallagher to go ahead and apply to register this, agreed with one abstention. The Chairman reported that the current landlord had an agreement to stay on now until after Christmas.

Playground Developments – Email from Sovereign Play Equipment: Mr Brister was looking into this.

PLANNING:

CD 1971/H Seven Tuns – Installation of Sewage Treatment Plant – No objection.
13/03261/TCONR Winterwell House – Tree Works – No objection.

FINANCE:

1. Clerks Quarterly Telephone/Broadband £44.75, prop. P Sibbald, sec. J King.
2. Bibury (P/F Grass Cut July) £93.60, prop. P Sibbald, sec. L Gallagher.
3. Thames Water £13.94, prop. L Gallagher, sec. P Sibbald.
4. Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust (Subscription) £25.00, prop. A Bell, sec. L Gallagher.
5. Council in receipt of £2.79 Part Water Refund from HVLTC

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OTHER BUSINESS:

Hill and Valley News: Several items were identified to be included.

Miss Gallagher was concerned about damage to a fence at the rear of The Hemplands. It was agreed to include on the next agenda, meanwhile Miss Gallagher would contact Bromford Living.

The meeting concluded at 8.45 pm.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 8th September 2013 at 7.30 pm.

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