

CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 11th NOVEMBER 2013

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

APOLOGIES: Mr A Bell and Mr G Brister

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

OPEN SESSION FOR THE PUBLIC: The Chairman welcomed Mr Richard Abrahams, the new owner of Absolams Orchard, to the meeting. Mr Abrahams explained that there had been some objections to his recent planning application, mainly from the CDC Planners, and he would be resubmitting new plans for the cottage. He had the draft plans with him for Councillors to look at.

MAIN MATTERS:

Communication between Parish Council and the Public:

a) The Parish Council Website: Mr King gave a brief report explaining that there were now 150 subscribers to the email alerts. The matter of joining the Parish Council Facebook page to the Village Facebook page was discussed as there was more activity on the Village page. It was agreed to go ahead and join the two together.

Affordable Housing:

a) Update: As Mr Brister was absent from the meeting, Mr Broad gave a brief update. He stating that he had spoken with Chris Knibbs acting on behalf of Cirencester Housing Society and they were currently drawing up plans and hoped to be able to show the Parish Council the plans at the December or January meeting. Mr Broad reported that it may be necessary for them to see the deeds for the Parish Council's plot of land opposite Valley View and it was agreed that the Clerk would prepare the necessary documentation to withdraw the deeds from the bank if required. The Chairman thanked Mr Broad for the update.

MATTERS FOR UPDATING AND DISCUSSION:

Traffic in Village and Road Matters:

a) Fields Road and Community Speed Watch: Mr King reported that the black box speed recording device had been in place over the half term holiday and the recorded speeds had been almost identical to those recorded when the white lines in the centre of Fields Road were in place. Another check would be done soon during term time to see if this had any effect on the results.

b) Japanese Knotweed at the top of Tuns Hill: An email had been received from David Hicks from GCC Highways immediately following the last meeting stating

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that the Knotweed was being treated and had been for sometime. It was agreed to reply to Mr Hicks stating that the Parish Council looks forward to the eradication of this noxious weed.

c) Request for Road Signs: The “Beware of Horses” signs had been put in place on Fields Road. Nothing further had been heard regarding the “Beware of Flooding” signs on the Airfield Bend. The Clerk was asked to follow this up again.

Footpaths:

a) Public Rights of Way Inclusion Within New Highways Contract April 2014:

A reply had been received from Cllr Hodgkinson and this was noted. It was agreed to remove this item from the agenda.

Items Arising from Email:

a) GCC P & T Newsletter: Noted.

b) Cotswold Conversation Loneliness Research Email: Noted.

c) Cotswolds Conservation Board Letter: A letter had been received from the Conservation Board signed by Councillor Bell requesting funding. After some discussion it was proposed by Mr King and seconded by Mr Broad to donate £250.00, this was followed by a counter proposal from Miss Gallagher seconded by Mr Richmond to donate £100.00. The counter proposal to donate £100.00 was voted on first and was carried.

d) Letter from Chedworth Village Hall: A letter had been received from Mr Broad on behalf of the Village Hall Management Committee asking the Parish Council to consider making a donation to the Village Hall mainly for the purpose of maintaining the Grass Area at the front of the Hall where the Commemorative Tree and the Village Sign were situated. Mr Broad declared an interest and left the meeting. Mr Richmond, as Parish Council representative to the Village Hall Committee, remained in the meeting. The Village Hall is currently running at a loss of about £4,400 per year with a declining income and essential works needed for the building itself. After some discussion it was agreed to reply to the Village Hall Committee that the Parish Council were supportive in principle to helping the Village Hall but it did not feel that a donation at this stage would be appropriate. It was agreed to request further information and ask them to provide a future financial and business plan, this would enable the Parish Council to fully consider using its own public funds to assist. Mr Broad rejoined the meeting at this point.

The Playing Field:

a) Entrances on to the Playing Field: A reply had been received from Cllr Hodgkinson stating that the rules had changed and a licence was now needed to deal with the planings. Councillor Richmond had the necessary licence. The Chairman had spoken with Paul Swift from GCC Highways and it had been agreed that when planings become available they would be deposited at the Airfield and Councillor Richmond would tip them at the Playing Field entrance.

b) Use of Football Pitch by Chedworth Cavaliers FC: The cheque for £200.00 had been received and it was agreed to remove from the agenda.

c) Fence Between Village Hall and Play Area: The Chairman had looked at this

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and it was too big a job for him to undertake. He had asked Mr Philip Dickenson to provide a quote which was still awaited.

Grass Keep Field:

a) Fencing – Estimate for Repairs: The Chairman had met with Mr Dickenson on site and we were awaiting a revised quote and the new owner of Chelbo Tippans had undertaken some of the work to the fence at the rear of his property. The Clerk was asked to chase up the quote from Mr Dickenson.

Winter Emergency Plan: Mr King had circulated the latest version of both the full Plan and the summary Leaflet to Councillors, these were both agreed subject to one or two further small amendments. The cost of getting 400 copies of the leaflet, to be distributed with the December Hill and Valley, was £138.00. CHOC had agreed to fund this. Mr King stated that he would now circulate the full Plan to all those involved, put it on the PC website, send an email alert and organise a launch meeting in the Village Hall on Wednesday 4th December. It was proposed by Mr King and seconded from the Chair that the Parish Council would cover the cost of the Village Hall for this meeting, agreed.

It was agreed that the Clerk would print off a hard copy of the plan to be held with the Parish Council documents. Mr King also reported that Mr Milne had stepped down as one of the co-ordinating team and had been replaced by Mr Iain Robertson. Further volunteers had come forward to help with the gritter & would need training. The Chairman suggested this coming Saturday morning at 9.30am, Mr King agreed to notify everyone.

Playground Developments: Nothing further in Mr Brister's absence.

Chapel Graveyard Cut: Following an email from a parishioner, a cut had been arranged in time for the Remembrance weekend. Bibury had undertaken the cut for £100.00 + VAT.

Village Hall Bin – Email from CDC: An email had been received from Claire Blizzard from Ubico. The cost of providing an additional bin would be £250.00, a larger bin could not be provided for Health and safety reasons. It was agreed not to go ahead and request a bin but to reply to the Village Hall Committee asking them to monitor the problem which should have eased as people get used to the lack of a plastic recycling facility at the Village Hall.

PLANNING:

CD 9103/F The Orchard – Stables and Yard - No objection
13/04377TCONR The Old Bakery - Tree Works – No comment

Approval:

CD 0501/B Peel House – Erection of Lean-to above Garage

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Applications Withdrawn:

CD 6173/A Absolams Orchard – Extension and Alterations
CD 6173/B Absolams Orchard – Conservation Area Consent

FINANCE:

1. Clerks Quarterly Telephone/Broadband Contribution £45.30, prop. J King, sec. P Sibbald
2. Thames Water £14.15, prop. J King, sec. L Gallagher
3. E Broad (Laptop Computer Battery) £42.95, prop. P Sibbald, sec. L Gallagher
4. P Sibbald (Parts for Salt Spreader) £19.86, prop. J King, sec. L Gallagher
5. Council in receipt of £200.00 P/F Rental from Chedworth Cavaliers FC
6. Council in receipt of £2.35 from HVLTC Part Water Reimbursement
7. Council in receipt of £271.80 from Mr Baker Grass Keep Rental & Part Water Reimbursement

OTHER BUSINESS:

Hill and Valley News: It was agreed that Mr King would write an item on the Winter Plan and also the 2014 meeting dates would be included.

Parish Council Meeting Dates 2014: These had been booked with the Village Hall and the Clerk had circulated to Councillors. It was agreed to include in the Hill and Valley and on the website.

Mr King informed Councillors of the ChEG AGM on the 27th November.

It was also stated that the Parish Council Welcome Leaflet on the website needed updating. Miss Gallagher would look at this and pass any amendments to Mr King for auctioning. It was confirmed that hard copies the Welcome Leaflet would be given to FoStA to be included in their Village Welcome pack.

Miss Gallagher spoke about the recent burglaries and the house to house enquiries in the vicinity of The Hemplands. The Clerk was asked to invite PCSO Andrea Shutt to the next meeting to talk about Neighbourhood Watch.

The meeting concluded at 8.50 pm.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 9th December 2013 at 7.30 pm.

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