

CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 12th MAY 2014

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN: Mr Paul Sibbald was proposed by Mr King and seconded by Mr Bell, agreed. Mr Sibbald then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office book.

APOLOGIES: Mr R Richmond

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN: This was deferred at this point.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 14th April 2014 were agreed and signed as a true record. Mr Brister joined the meeting at this point.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN: Mr Graeme Brister was proposed by Mr King and seconded by Miss Gallagher, agreed. Mr Brister then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office book.

OPEN SESSION FOR THE PUBLIC: Nothing was raised at this point.

VISIT BY MR KEVIN FIELD, CDC PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

MANAGER: It was agreed to open the meeting at this point. The Chairman introduced Mr Field and welcomed him on behalf of the Parish Council. Mr Field gave a brief report on the recent changes in planning regulations arising from the adoption of the National Planning Policy Framework and also spoke about affordable housing, solar panels. The Chairman thanked Mr Field for attending.

VISIT BY POLICE: The Chairman introduced PC Stinchcombe. PC Stinchcombe explained about the email alerts which were issued by the police and why it was not always possible to give more details of areas where crimes have taken place. Discussion ensued about dogs on footpaths. PC Stinchcombe gave updates on recent crime figures, encouraged people to join Neighbourhood Watch schemes and report suspicious behaviour, she also encouraged the use of Smart Water for marking property. The Chairman thanked PC Stinchcombe for attending.

It was agreed to bring forward discussion on the planning application CD 9103/G The Orchard – Barn and Yard for Equestrian Use. The applicant, Mrs Tice, was present and the Chairman invited her to explain her application, members of the public also commented. The Parish Council had already objected to the application where comments had to be received before the 30th April. Although a request for an extension for comments until after this meeting had been declined by CDC, Mr Broad had managed to hold back the deadline for comments as Ward Councillor. The Chairman thanked Mrs Tice for attending but explained that the Parish Council had not changed their view on the application.

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It was also agreed to bring forward item 2.5 the Grass Keep Tenancy to allow Mr Baker, who was present to speak which he did. Mrs Baker had also sent an email asking if consideration could be given to allow some temporary jumps in the field. After some discussion Mr Bell agreed to seek advice from a contact with land agency knowledge and report back to the next meeting.

The Council then went back into closed session.

MAIN MATTERS:

Communication between Parish Council and the Public:

a) The Parish Council Website: Mr King reported that there had not been any further progress with the two tier email system.

Affordable Housing:

a) Update: Mr Brister had nothing further to update although he had emailed some local designs which would be put on the website. Mr Broad gave a brief report of his understanding from CDC that things had stalled slightly as a planning fee of around £500.00 would now be required for consultation with the planning officers. Mr Broad asked if the Parish Council would consider paying the fee if necessary, it was agreed that the Parish Council would not. It was also reported that Chris Knibbs had been replaced on the project at Severn Vale Housing Association.

MATTERS FOR UPDATING AND DISCUSSION:

Traffic in Village and Road Matters:

- a) Fields Road and Community Speed Watch: Mr King reported that CSW monitoring had resumed and that a date was still awaited for resurfacing Fields Rd.
- d) Grit Bin Lids: Mr King had sought advice from GCC Highways on wooden lids. They had no experience of these and suggested plastic grit bins with lids which would be expensive, approximately £50 upwards depending on capacity. It was agreed that the Chairman would go ahead and get quotes for 20 and 40 wooden lids by the next meeting.
- c) Pot Holes from Village Clean Up: Mr King had passed the location of these to GCC Highways, together with two damaged finger post road signs.
- d) TTRO 1024 Yanworth to Stowell Park – Notification from GCC: Mr King would send out a further email alert although regarding the re-arranged dates in June, the notification was for the road to be closed for only two days this time.
- e) Visibility Splays at Road Junctions: Problems had been reported at both the Village Hall Crossroads & the Chedworth turning onto the Fosseway. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact GCC Highways and ask for these areas to be cut.

Footpaths:

a) Footpath from The Church to Tuns Hill: An email from Phil Coates, Footpath Warden, to GCC PROW had been copied in for information. Still awaiting Mike Barton to come & look.

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- b) Modification Order Hills Farm Track: Nothing further, it was agreed to remove from the agenda.
- c) Broken Stile – Email from Mrs Stainforth: Mr King had spoken with Phil Coates regarding this who will now raise it with the Cotswolds Wardens.

Items Arising from Email & Correspondence:

- a) Light Pollution Policy – Email from Mr Musgrave: It was agreed that we would continue to be mindful of this when commenting on planning applications.
- b) Remembrance Trees for Local Communities and Schools – Email: Mr Bell had already spoken with Mr Seymour and Mr Tovey regarding this and it was agreed that an item would be included in the Hill and Valley. Mr Bell agreed to make the application on behalf of the Parish Council.
- c) Locally Sited Defibrillator – Email: The Chairman and Mr Bell had already responded, it was agreed to remove from the agenda.
- d) CHT Urgent Data Request Email: As above.
- e) CDC Liaison Meeting – Email: Noted.
- f) GRCC Smaller Settlements Meeting at Northleach 28th May: Mr Brister agreed to attend on behalf of the Parish Council.

The Playing Field:

- a) Entrances on to the Playing Field: Chairman & Mr Richmond had this in hand.
- b) Use of Facilities – Email from James Harding, Chedworth Cavaliers FC: Mr Harding had emailed asking if they should leave their goal nets up for the summer if the council will deduct some of the cost of the nets from next season. It was agreed that no deduction would be made from next season as the Parish Council had their own brand new set of nets stored at the Village Hall. It was agreed to ask the football team to remove their nets for the summer.
- c) Broken Slip Rail: The Chairman would look at this and was also in the process of obtaining quotes for the whole fence.

Grass Keep Field:

- a) Fencing: The Chairman had this in hand.
- b) Tenancy: Dealt with earlier on the agenda.
- c) The Diggers Plot: An email reply had been received from Joanne Leigh - noted.

Playground Developments: Nothing further.

Seven Tuns:

- a) Retaining Wall: Nothing further, agreed to remove from the agenda at present but include again in a couple of months if nothing further has happened.
- b) Friends of the Seven Tuns – Email Reply from Mr Robertson: Noted.

Funding for Health Benefits: Nothing further.

Noticeboards:

- a) Quotes for Refurbishment: The Chairman had this in hand for quotes by the next meeting.

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Items Ordered for Xbox: In hand. Mr Broad had supplied a tool to fit the light fitting. Agreed to remove from the agenda at present.

ChEG Renewable Energy Public Meeting Report: Mr Bell had attended the meeting but felt that it should be down to ChEG to notify the community of the outcome.

Classic Car Rally: Mr King had made some enquiries and it had been the Cirencester Car Club, he had spoken to the organising secretary. It had not been a competitive event so notification only had to be given to the Police, but not to any places on the route. Mr King had commented to the organisers that it would have been nice to have been informed of the event.

Outside Buyers are No Good for the Village: The article “Outside buyers are no good for the area” published in the Wilts and Glos Standard on 1st May 2014 was discussed. It was agreed by councillors Sibbald, Brister, Bell, Gallagher and King that the comments made by Cllr Broad in the article were inappropriate and did not represent the views of the Parish Council. Certain comments made by Cllr Broad in the article were deemed distasteful. It was noted that the Chairman had written a letter which was posted on the Village Facebook page and the PC website. The Chairman had also asked the W&G Standard to publish the letter in its’ next issue, which it had not done, Mr Bell agreed to follow this up with Mr McFadden, the reporter at the W& Standard. Mr Broad was reminded of the need for clarity and transparency when speaking to members of the press. He should clearly identify the capacity in which he is speaking – whether as district or parish councillor, or as a Chedworth resident, and ensure that the journalist is aware. It was pointed out that this was the second time within weeks that his comments had resulted in inaccurate or misleading reporting in the W&G Standard. The Chairman reminded the councillors of their responsibilities under the “CPC Code of Conduct”, in particular paragraphs on Respect for Others, and the “Standing Orders”. During debate the Clerk left the meeting but returned after discussions on this item were complete.

PLANNING:

CD 9103/G The Orchard – Barn and Yard for Equestrian Use – Objection
CD 6480/Y Cromwell House – Amended Plans – No objection
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CD 5779/U Whitegates – Extension – No objection
14/01798/TCONR Fossebridge Inn – Tree Works – No objection
CD 3338/1/K Rookery Cottage – Retention of Summerhouse & Alterations -
Further Updates from Mr Wheeldon were noted.

Approval:

CD 1587/G Box Tree Cottage, Pancake Hill – Extension
14/01361/TCONR Tall Trees – Tree Works
14/01794/TCONR 3 Courts Close – Tree Works

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14/01634/NONMAT Holly Cottage – Non Material Amendment to Approved Plans
09/03550/FUL for Window and Rooflight

Application Withdrawn:

CD 9422 Old Village Stores – Alterations

FINANCE:

1. Clerks Quarterly Telephone/Broadband Contribution £46.35, prop. P Sibbald, sec. G Brister
2. Thames Water £13.49, prop. A Bell, sec. L Gallagher
3. Bibury (P/F Grass Cut April) £96.00, prop. P Sibbald, sec. L Gallagher
4. Council in receipt of £435.29 VAT Refund 2013/14
5. Council in receipt of £5293.00 part Precept from CDC
6. Council in receipt of £50.00 Rental from Chedworth Diggers
7. Council in receipt of £286.49 Half Year Grass Keep Rental and Water Reimbursement from Mr Baker
8. 2013/14 Annual Audit Return & Audit Paperwork - The Annual Return was considered by Council and signed as required. The Clerk reported that accounts were due to go to Mr Selkirk on Wednesday at Northleach..

OTHER BUSINESS

Election of one Representative to the Chedworth Village Hall Management Committee for one year: As Mr Richmond was not present and had not indicated if he wished to continue, it was agreed to consider again at the next meeting.

Appointment of two trustees to the Chedworth Allotment Charity for four years: It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr King to appoint Mr Maurice Wilkins and Mr Nigel Finch a further four year term, agreed. Both had indicated their willingness to stand again.

Appointment of one trustee to the Hugh Westwood Educational Trust: Mr King had spoken to Ros Marsden and she had agreed. It was proposed by Mr Bell and seconded from the Chair to appoint Mrs Marsden, agreed.

Items for the Hill and Valley: Several items were identified including reporting anything suspicious, Remembrance Trees, Livestock and Dogs and Fields Road. Some of these would be included as separate items.

The meeting concluded at 10.02 pm.

NEXT MEETING: Parish Council Meeting - Monday 9th June 2014 at 7.30 pm.

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