

CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 9th MARCH 2015

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

APOLOGIES: Mr J King & Mr R Richmond

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 9th February 2015 were agreed and signed as a true record. Mr Bell asked for it to be recorded that the Parish Council were led to believe by Harlequin that the funding had to be spent by March 2015

OPEN SESSION FOR THE PUBLIC: Nothing was raised under this item.

MAIN MATTERS:

Communication between Parish Council and the Public: A regular newsletter from the Parish Council was raised. After some discussion it was agreed to produce an initial separate A4 newsletter to be distributed with the Hill and Valley. This would be in addition to the regular Parish Council item in the main part of the Hill and Valley. Mr Robertson was asked about distribution with the Hill and Valley and felt this would not be a problem. Mr Bell agreed to draft the newsletter to be distributed with the April Hill and Valley.

Affordable Housing:

a) Update: Nothing further, Mr Brister had drafted an update which would be included in the Hill and Valley.

MATTERS FOR UPDATING AND DISCUSSION:

Traffic in Village and Road Matters:

- a) Fields Road and Community Speed Watch: Nothing further
- b) Traffic & Parking at St Andrews School: Nothing further
- c) Cutting of School Hill: A quote of £130.00 had been received from Pete Heaps. It had been agreed that half of the sum would be reimbursed from GCC. It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Miss Gallagher to accept the quote from Pete Heaps, agreed.
- d) Verges in Lower Chedworth: Mr Bell reported that he had attended to Conservation Board Verge Seminar last week and it had been very useful. He also reported that he felt it would be possible to find a solution to prevent the damaged verges.
- e) Mirror at Smuggs Barn Junction: Nothing further
- f) Traffic Management at Greenhill Farm: Mr Bell reported that construction traffic signs had been erected at Fossebridge but nothing at the ~~Farm Shop~~ junction of Fields road and the Fosse Way.

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Footpaths: Mr Bell enquired about the stile at Bleakmoor. The Clerk confirmed that nothing further had been heard.

Items Arising from Email & Correspondence: Nothing further

The Playing Field:

a) Fence Repairs & Broken Slip Rail: The Chairman reported that the contractor had not measured the area of fence required correctly and it would require further materials. The contractor would undertake the extra work for the cost of materials which would be £300.00 + VAT. The further expenditure was proposed by Miss Gallagher and seconded from the Chair, agreed.

Improving Telecommunications

a) MIP: The public consultation meeting immediately prior to this meeting had been attended by approximately 120 people to hear the presentation given by Harlequin. In view of the public interest it was agreed to hold a final consultation meeting on Wednesday 15th April, subject to hall availability, and invite members of the public to submit written questions for Harlequin to answer by 25th March. It was agreed to write to Harlequin immediately stating further consultation was necessary to accurately gauge the level of support within the community. In particular there is a need for the coverage map as produced by drive by, rather than desk based projections, to be made available. There was also a suggestion that Chedworth Beacon, where there is an existing Communications Tower, should be considered as an alternative site.

Community Emergency Plan: Mr King's written report stated that Mr Robertson has carried out a trial of the Area Warden availability/map system and he will be reviewing it with him shortly.

The Seven Tuns:

a) Update: Nothing further to report.

Defibrillator Training: Nothing further.

Grass Keep Field:

a) Tenancy: The Clerk brought Council's attention to the fact that the licence expires on 30th April. It was agreed to ask Mr Baker if he wished to renew the licence for a further twelve months for a small increase in line with inflation of 2.8% to the nearest round figure.

Chedworth Spring Clean & Litter Pick – Saturday 28th March: Mr King's written report stated that he would email the Area Wardens shortly. Maps were required and the Chairman would email the WI again regarding the provision of refreshments.

PLANNING:

CD 3670/H Buttress House – Dwelling – No objection

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CD 4661/W Absolams Orchard – Parking Area – Objection
CD 2055/M Four Winds – Garage – It was agreed to send this application around again for comments
15/00520/TCONR Old Prices – Tree Works
15/00491/TCONR Cromwell House – Tree Works
15/00835/TCONR Chelbo House – Tree Works
CD 3670/H Buttress House – New Details – No objection
CD 8215/D Kimberley Cottage – Amendment – No objection

Approval:

CD 4654/A Setts Farm - Extension
15/00439/TCONR Cherrington House – Tree Works
14/05552/COMPLY Adams Pool – Compliance with Condition 3 – No Consultation
15/00529/TCONR Blakemoor – Tree Works – No Consultation

CD 9269/D Highfield, Fields Road – Demolition of Dwelling & Erection of Two Dwellings - Referred to Planning Committee, 11th March 2015 – No one was available to attend to represent the Parish Council.

Mr Brister left the meeting during discussion on the planning items.

Mr Abraham indicated he wished to speak and the Chairman invited he to do so. Mr Abraham was upset that the Parish Council had objected to his planning application and didn't like what he had done with his parking area. He was concerned that CDC had delayed the consultation by several months. The Chairman stated this was a matter that should be taken up with them.

FINANCE:

1. Clerks Quarterly Salary £585.00, prop. P Sibbald, sec. L Gallagher
2. Clerks Quarterly Mileage £9.65, prop. P Sibbald, sec. L Gallagher
3. P Heaps (Bulb for Defibrillator) £4.61, prop. A Bell, sec. P Sibbald
4. Glos. Association of Parish and Town Councils Membership £188.26 (not subscribed for several years now)
5. Council in receipt of £9.07 Water Reimbursement from HVLTC

OTHER BUSINESS:

Hill and Valley News: It was agreed to include information on Affordable Housing written by Mr Brister and the further mast consultation meeting. Mr Bell would write the stand alone newsletter, previously agreed, to be distributed with the Hill and Valley.

Annual Parish Meeting – Monday 16th March 2015 at 7.30 pm: The Clerk had posted the notices as required but it was agreed to include a further agenda item on the Mast.

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The meeting concluded at 9.35 pm.

NEXT MEETING: Parish Council Meeting - Monday 13th April 2015 at 7.30pm.

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Date _____ *13/4/15*