

CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 19th OCTOBER 2015

PRESENT: Mrs R Jess (Chairman) Mr D Broad, Mr M Fulford, Mr I Morgan, Mr C Poulton, Mr I Robertson & Mrs E Broad (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Mr A Bell

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 14th September 2015 were agreed and signed as a true record.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: The Chairman reminded Councillors of the need to declare interests as necessary.

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

It was agreed to bring the item on the Proposed Diversion of KCH 47 Lower Chedworth forward on the agenda.

Proposed Diversion of KCH 47 Lower Chedworth: A notification had been received from GCC for a diversion to the path in the vicinity of the new dwelling at Greenhill Farm. The owners of the new house being built near Greenhill Farm have applied to the county council to divert the path which ran along the track in front of the now demolished Tweedledum and Tweedledee. The path (KCH47) is currently diverted while building works are carried out but an application has now been made to make the alternative route permanent. The site manager was present at the meeting and it was agreed to open the meeting to allow him to explain the proposal. When Council reconvened and after some discussion it was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr Fulford that the Parish Council could not support this proposal, agreed unanimously.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:

Communication between Parish Council and the Public:

a) The Website, Twitter, Facebook, H & V News, Newsletters: Mr Robertson gave an update from the working party. Mr Robertson had researched some of the costs involved in producing and hosting a new website. He estimated that the first year the costs would be in the region of £500.00 and £200.00 per year afterwards. Mr Robertson hoped that a new website could be up and running around March 2016. It was proposed by Mr Fulford and seconded by Mr Morgan to spend up to £500.00 on the setting up of a new website, agreed.

b) Dropbox: This seemed to be working satisfactorily and it was agreed to remove it from the agenda.

c) Deciding on Parish Council Priorities: Mr Fulford had produced an initial draft for the prioritisation survey which he had circulated prior to the meeting. It listed all of the things that a Parish Council could provide. After some discussion it was

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agreed to put the list in a form suitable for circulation which would be in paper form as well as on line. It was agreed to discuss again at the next meeting.

Neighbourhood Plan: The Clerk's notes of the meeting on 28th September had been circulated by the Clerk. Mr Morgan had obtained some links for NDP Policies for communities of a similar size which he had circulated. After some discussion it was proposed by Mr Fulford and seconded by Mr Poulton to find out if there were sufficient people who would be prepared to carry out the substantial amount of work involved in preparing a plan over a long term period of up to two years and then a decision can be made whether to proceed or not, agreed.

Affordable Housing:

- a) Update on the proposals from Mr Tim Hamilton on the potential site for Affordable Housing off Fields Road: Nothing further.
- b) Receipt of information on affordable housing sites from Deborah Smith: Noted

Traffic in Village and Road Matters:

- a) Traffic & Parking at St Andrews School: Some of the repainting of the lines around the school had been done there was some further work still outstanding. Mr Poulton would chase this up.
- b) Verges in Lower Chedworth: The Chairman reported on the meeting between Mr Gray, Mr Poulton & herself. They had met on site and there was no damage from vehicles on the verges. If trees were to be planted on the verge they would have to be so far back from the carriageway they would have no effect and the Parish Council would be responsible for their maintainance. It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr Fulford not to take this any further, agreed.
- c) Verges on Church Row: The Chairman reported on the meeting between Mr Gray, Mr Poulton & herself. They met on site and considered the potential damage which could be caused to The Manor wall. Mr Gray suggested that a row of granite setts from the start of The Manor drive to where the road bends to the left would help. He has no money in his budget for this work but he would support an application to the Community Fund which would pay 50% towards the cost of the work. The remainder could come from the Parish Council or another source. It was agreed to write to Mr Hamilton who originally raised the problem stating that the Parish Council does not have money for this work but if he wished to make a contribution himself we could obtain a quotation from the highways department for the work. The problem further along towards the church where there are currently posts to prevent parking on the soft verge was also discussed. Mr Gray again suggested that the Community Fund could be used to replace the existing metal

fencing posts with ones which would comply with regulations. These would be flexible plastic posts but need not be the usual white ones which can be seen around the village, he said there were more appropriate designs for that location. Again the Council felt it did not have the budget for the work but may reconsider in the future.

d) Conservation Verges: Nothing further

e) Speeding in Chedworth: It was understood that Mr Bell had the '20 is Plenty' signs but they now needed putting up.

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f) Community Speedwatch Area Signage: Nothing further had been heard so it was agreed to contact Mr Gray to see if he up had made any progress with this.

g) Sign to the Church: The Chairman had also spoken to Mr Gray about any extra arm on the finger post pointing to the church. Mr Gray had no budget for this and suggested an Historic Church Brown sign might be looked at. This was not felt to be appropriate.

Footpaths:

a) MacMillan Way Footpath Marker at Setts Farm: Nothing further

b) Problems with Footpaths around New Barn Farm: Nothing further

c) Footpath in Field below Ballingers Row: The Chairman was going to look at this and report back

d) Hartshill Footpaths: Nothing further had been received from the landowner but problems with using the paths had been experienced. The Chairman would speak to the Parish Warden Phil Coates about this.

f) Horses Ash Lane: Mr Gray replied that he has passed on our request to clear Horses Ash Lane which has become very overgrown Mr Barton at PROW. As nothing further had been heard it was agreed to contact Mr Barton to see if he has developed a plan of action for its clearance.

g) Parish Council footpath through Diggers Field: The Chairman was concerned that the path had become very overgrown. It was reported at the meeting that the path had now been cleared.

h) Footpath Wardens: An offer of assistance had been received from Mr Boehm. It was agreed that it would be a good idea to organise a group of wardens to do this who would each take responsibility for a particular area of the village. It was agreed to advertise for more volunteers in the Hill & Valley and the Chairman would also speak to Mr Boehm.

The Playing Field:

a) Active Together: The area of land adjacent to the tennis courts was felt to be a suitable location for the fitness equipment. Mr Broad had spoken with members of HVLTC with regarding to using the piece of land that the tennis club maintain opposit Valley View. It was agreed to write to the HVLTC to ask if they would have any objection to the use of the land for the proposed Fitness Equipment. It also agreed to consult with the village regarding the location.

b) Tennis Court Resurfacing: The Chairman reported that she had spoken to Mr Robson regarding the problem with damage to the Playing Field caused by the tennis court resurfacing and this had now been cleared up.

c) Provision of Football Pavillion: Mr Broad asked Council to consider the possible provision of a pavillion on the Playing Field as problems were being experienced by the football team making a mess in the Village Hall and causing problems for other hirers. After some discussion it was agreed not to persue this at present.

Improving Telecommunications:

a) MIP: The letter agreed at the last meeing which was being prepared by Mr Bell

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had not yet been sent as Mr Bell was still awaiting further information.

b) Broadband: The Gigaclear meeting was being held at the Village Hall on Wednesday evening.

c) Improving mobile phone signals without MIP: Mr Fulford suggested that this could be looked at. It was agreed that Mr Fulford would go away and look into this.

Community Emergency Plan: No new volunteers have come forward. After some discussion the Chairman agreed to contact all of the existing Community Wardens to make sure they were aware of their responsibilities.

Defibrillator Training: The training session was felt to be worthwhile. A suggestion to consider joining the VETS scheme had been made. The Clerk had emailed the trainer but had received no reply. Mr Poulton agreed to follow this up with him.

Bus Service: As only one response had been received it was agreed to reply that our research has shown an extremely limited demand for the service and the Parish Council feels that it would therefore be unjustified in demanding that the service should be reinstated.

Autonomous Vehicles: As Mr Bell was absent it was agreed to hold over until the next meeting.

Items Arising from Email & Correspondence:

a) GCC Mobile Library Information: Noted

b) CDC Liaison between CDC & Town & Parish Councils - 9th & 16th November: Noted

c) Discover Chedworth: Mr Robertson reported on an event to give villagers the opportunity to discover what is available for them to participate in our community. This was felt to be a worthwhile event and Mr Robertson would come back to the next meeting with more details.

PLANNING:

15/03889/TCONR York House – Tree Works

15/03575/TELEC Monkham Wood – Telecommunications Notification

15/04091/TCONR Ashley House – Tree Works

CD 9269/D Highfields – Revisions to Approved Scheme - Mr Fulford declared an interest and left the meeting during discussions. No further comment was made.

CD 3338/1/P 3 The Rookery – Extension & Alterations also new details - Mr Broad and Mr Fulford declared an interest and left the meeting during discussions. No objection was raised.

CD 3266/F Greenhill Farm – Amendments to Approved Scheme - No comment.

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FINANCE:

1. GAPTC Membership & Planning Training £278.26, prop. R Jess, sec. D Broad
2. Viking £24.15, prop. C Poulton, sec. R Jess
3. Bibury (P/F Grass Cut September) £98.40, prop. M Fulford, sec. I Robertson
4. A Bell (20's Plenty Signage) £49.18 - It was agreed to hold over until the next meeting.
5. Zurich Insurance (Annual Premium) £405.03, prop. M Fulford, sec. D Broad
6. Donations for Consideration:-
 - a) PCC, Cutting of Churchyard and Hill & Valley News - After some discussion it was proposed by Mr Morgan & seconded by Mr Broad to donate £230.00, agreed.
 - b) Cirencester Citizens Advice Bureau - Mr Poulton declared an interest and left the meeting. After some discussion it was agreed not to make a donation at the moment.
7. 2014/15 Audit – The Clerk had circulated the report from the External Auditor. This was noted and it was agreed to bring this to the attention of Mr Selkirk at the next audit and also make sure the document is reviewed properly by the Council before being submitted next year.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Hill and Valley News: Several items were identified to be included in the November edition which will be online due to the deadline.

The meeting concluded at 10.05 pm.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 9th November 2015 at 7.30 pm.

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