

CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 12th SEPTEMBER 2016

PRESENT: Mr D Broad (Vice Chairman in the Chair) Mr M Fulford, Mr I Morgan, Mr C Poulton & Mrs E Broad (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Mrs R Jess & Mr I Robertson

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: Parish Council meeting held on 8th August 2016 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: It was agreed to bring the following item forward on the agenda.

16/03437/FUL Land at rear of The Inn at Fossebridge – Two Holiday Lets – It was agreed to open the meeting to allow the applicant, his partner and agent to explain the proposals. When Council reconvened it was proposed by Mr Fulford and seconded by Mr Poulton to raise no objection in principle to the unit within the trees at the western end of the site but would prefer a more beautiful design, but not to support the building on the southern boundary of the site as currently proposed, agreed.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:

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Affordable Housing:

- a) To consider representations from Mr Tim Hamilton and Mr Martin Hutchings of GRCC regarding a mixed-tenure rural exception site including the provision of affordable housing on land on Fields Road and decide what, if any, action is required by the Parish Council: It was agreed to open the meeting to allow Martin Hutchings to explain the latest position with Mr Tim Hamilton's proposal. He reiterated that there was no point in going ahead with the proposal if there was not wide spread support within the village. It was felt there was need for more reasonably priced intermediate housing rather than social housing as Bromford were selling off some of their existing housing stock.
- b) To consider if there is a requirement for the Parish Council to participate in a new housing needs survey to determine the need for any housing and the type of housing required within the wider context of the development of Chedworth over the coming years: Martin Hutchings explained that the last housing needs survey was undertaken in 2012 and could do with updating. He stated that the right questions needed asking which would be accepted by CDC. When Council reconvened it was agreed that Mr Morgan would draw up a draft survey for consideration by the Parish Council. Martin Hutchings agreed to help with the

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questions. Mr Broad thanked Martin Hutchings and Tim Hamilton for attending.

Traffic in Village and Road Matters:

- a) Queen Street & Gallows Lane: Mr Fulford reported that work on the flail test would begin tomorrow morning. ‘Long delay’ boards would be displayed to control the traffic in the area.
- b) Winter Maintenance Provision:
 - i) The Towed Salt Spreader: Mr Broad reported that the salt spreader had been advertised on Ebay and the only interest shown had been from a gentleman who wanted it for projects in Wales. He asked how much would be accepted. It was agreed that the minimum price would be £500.00 as the Parish Council had a duty to obtain the best return possible.
 - c) Cutting of overgrown vegetation around the village and on verges around the Cooks Hill area: After some discussion it was agreed to reply to Mr Edelsten that the Parish Council has no formal responsibility for roadside verges but would have no objection if he wished to arrange this work provided that Gloucestershire Council Highways do not object and also inform him that the Parish Council recently engaged Stowell Park Estate to clear Horses Ash Lane.
 - d) Gallows Lane: CDC had emailed to say the fallen down wall would be repaired.

Footpaths:

- a) Horses Ash Lane: No contribution had yet been received from GCC Highways, it was agreed to send a reminder.
- b) Footpath Wardens: It was agreed to discuss adding a plan of action on the website at the next meeting.
- c) KCH 47 at Chedworth House: Mike Barton, County PROW department, had replied stating that no further extension to the closure would be granted.
- d) Footpaths around Hartshill: Mr Coates from the Cotswold Wardens had replied explaining that he had spoken with Mr Wilkinson. The fallen tree blocking the footpath in the Coombs Wood had been raised by Mr Wilkinson. Mrs Baker reported from the audience that the tree had now been removed.

The Playing Field:

- a) Folk Camp: Mr Broad reported that Village Hall were currently negotiating and would be in contact shortly.

Defibrillators:

- a) VETS Scheme: Nothing further

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Revision of Standing Orders: It was proposed by Mr Fulford and seconded by Mr Poulton to adopt the final draft of the proposed Standing Orders, agreed unanimously. It was agreed to record a vote of thanks to Mrs Jess and Mr Poulton for their work on this.

Thames Water Complaint: A request from Thames Water to hold a briefing meeting with Councillors prior to their attendance at the October meeting was discussed. It

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was agreed that Mr Fulford & Mr Poulton would meet with Donna North prior to the public meeting. It was also felt that it would be more appropriate to hold a separate public meeting to discuss water supply issues rather than trying to add it to an already full Parish Council meeting agenda on the 10th October. It was agreed to ask Thames Water to indicate any preferred dates for the briefing and the public meeting. It was felt to be appropriate to hold the meetings during October.

Village Postal Collections: A further reply had been received from Royal Mail. After some discussion it was felt that as the Parish Council did not seem to be getting anywhere with Royal Mail on this matter and as there were two post boxes in the village which had later collections, the Parish Council would not pursue this matter but it was agreed to publicise where the late collections took place in the Hill and Valley.

Parish Council Vacancy: The Clerk reported that no nominations had been received to fill the vacancy. CDC would now seek nominations again and set another date for an election to fill the vacancy on the Council.

Opportunity from EE to bring better Mobile Coverage to Chedworth: Nothing further.

The Parish Council Website:

a) To provide update on the domain name chedworth-pc.org.uk: In hand with Mr Robertson

Items Arising from Email & Correspondence:

a) Condition of Lower End Chapel Graveyard: An email had been received from Mr Collett regarding the untidy condition of the graveyard. The Chairman invited Mr Collett, who was present, to explain his concerns. When Council reconvened, it was felt that it was important that the graveyard was maintained in a reasonable condition. It was agreed to obtain quotes to cut the graveyard to be considered at the next meeting.

b) Social & Trade Lists: Mr Catton had emailed his suggestions. It was agreed to write and thank him, but the feeling was that a social and trades list would be better hosted on the Chedworth Village website rather than as part of the Chedworth Parish Council website. It was agreed to therefore recommend that he approach the webmaster of the Chedworth Village website.

c) Air Balloon Missing Link Letter from Cllr Hodgkinson: For Information. It was agreed to publicise this in the Hill and Valley.

Items for the Hill & Valley: Several items were identified to be included in the October edition which will be written by Mr Broad.

PLANNING:

Applications:

16/03377/TCONR 3 Weavers Cottage – Tree Works

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16/03135/FUL Ballingers Hill House – Alterations

16/03406/TCONR The Farmhouse, Fossebridge – Tree Works

16/03437/FUL Land at rear of The Inn at Fossebridge – Two Holiday Lets - Dealt with earlier on the agenda.

16/03461/FUL Calveshill Cottage – Amendment – It was agreed to object as before as the amendment fails to address the previous concerns.

16/03622/TCONR York House – Tree Works

16/03665/TCONR Absolams Orchard - Tree Works

FINANCE

1. Clerks Quarterly Salary £600.00, prop. M Fulford, sec. C Poulton. Mr Broad abstained from voting
2. Clerks Quarterly Mileage £9.65, prop. C Poulton, sec. M Fulford. Mr Broad abstained from voting.
3. Bibury (P/F Grass Cutting August) £98.40, prop. D Broad, sec. C Poulton
4. Chedworth Village Hall Rental & Cupboard Rental £227.50, prop. M Fulford, sec. I Morgan
5. To appoint a Councillor to undertake the Quarterly Examination of accounts with the Clerk in October – It was agreed that Mr Morgan would undertake this again following the October meeting.

Mr Poulton asked if Mr Robertson would be able to sign up all Councillors for the planning website to ensure Councillors were aware of the planning applications when they were received.

The meeting concluded at 9.20pm.

NEXT MEETING: Parish Council Meeting - Monday 10th October 2016 at 7.30pm

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