

CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 9th JANUARY 2017

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

APOLOGIES: Mr I Robertson

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 12th December 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: Councillor Hodgkinson reported on the resurfacing of the A429 & new white lines at Fossebridge.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:

Request from John Selway to make a presentation on Chedworth Village Hall & Chedworth Pre-School: Mr Selway and circulated a report to Councillors prior to the meeting. It was agreed to open the meeting to allow Mr Selway to explain certain points in his report. When Council reconvened and after some discussion Mr Broad declared an interest and left the meeting. It was proposed by Mr Fulford and seconded by Mr Morgan that the Parish Council be open minded to look at any plans in future which may include wider use of community spaces, agreed. Mr Selway was also asked to provide further details of what the Village Hall proposals were so that the funding issue he raised can be considered at the budget meeting. Mr Broad rejoined the meeting at this point.

Affordable Housing:

- a) To approve the content of a new Housing Needs Survey: The Chairman, Mr Fulford & Mr Morgan had met to consider the questionnaire which would be presented at the February meeting. Meanwhile Mr Morgan would liaise with Martin Hutchings at GRCC.
- b) To decide a timetable for its circulation: To be considered at the February meeting.

Traffic in Village and Road Matters:

- a) Queen Street: Mr Fulford gave an update on drainage issues.
- b) Winter Maintenance Provision:
 - i) Location of the Salt Supply: Mr Robertson had provided a written report which stated that he had spoken with Mr Hamilton on an alternative location for storage was in the Old Scout Hut on the Airfield. After some discussion it was felt that although the scout hut was remote from the village it was easily accessible and as the idea is that the salt bins are filled when the road conditions are good then

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the hut could be suitable for storage. The only concern was whether the gate was locked but Councillors wondered if they could be provided with a key if that was the case. It was agreed to ask Mr Robertson to discuss this further with Mr Hamilton.

c) Condition of Verges in the Village:

- i) To receive a report on progress following communications with landowners & GCC Highways: It was reported that Manor Farm had cleared the trees that were overhanging the verge. It was

agreed to write and thank them. GCC Highways had not responded to the email following the last meeting it was agreed to chase this up with them.

ii) To receive an update on the employment of a contractor to carry out work on the highway verges: The Clerk had contacted Brian Brazington and forwarded the map to him. He hoped to undertake the work by the end of February.

iii) Cotswolds Conservation Board Information on Verge Management: Mr Broad had circulated the relevant information. Mr Broad also reported that seed was available for verges.

d) Chedworth Sign Posts: The signs had recently been erected on signposts. It was agreed to write and thank Sue Callard for all of the efforts in getting the new signs located around the village. It was mentioned that they may not have sufficient funding to pay for the signs and it was agreed that the Council may look favourably on an application for a donation if they wished to submit one.

Footpaths:

a) Horses Ash Lane:

i) To consider a complaint regarding the state of the path from the top of the newly designated footpath to Cooks Hill: The Chairman reported that she had been and had a look and the work had been done.

b) Footpath Wardens: Mr Robertson had included in his written report that he had emailed all of the wardens asking them to walk their designated paths and report any problems for an overall update at the February meeting.

c) Footpaths around Hartshill: The Chairman reported that Phil Coates had been ill but she would chase him up again.

Fencing around Parish Council land:

i) To decide what steps should be taken too remove the pile of waste on the land:

It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr Poulton to ask Philip Dickenson to provide a quotation for removing it, agreed. It was further agreed set set a limit of £150.00 to get the work done immediately. It was agreed to write to the HVLTC asking them to avoid starting a new pile but instead remove the rubbish as it is created so that we do not have to incur further costs in removing it.

ii) To receive an update on the fencing: The fencing had been done.

Parish Council Event to be held on January 28th 2017:

i) To receive an update on plan for the event: The Chairman had been doing some publicity posters and would do a press release for the Standard. The police had been invited to attend but we are still awaiting a reply from PCSO Andrea Shutt.

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It was agreed that Mr Fulford, Mr Poulton & Mr Robertson would get together to make all of the arrangements for the event. The Parish Council would also have a display at the event. It was further agreed to chase up Thames Water to remind them that they undertook to inform customers of the event.

Parish Council Vacancy: The Clerk reported that another election had been arranged for 9th February and notices had been posted asking for nominations by 13th January.

Opportunity from EE to bring better Mobile Coverage to Chedworth: Mr Robertson's written report stated he did not have any further update on this at present. Councillor Hodgkinson stated that he had written to the CEO of Gigaclear asking them to reconsider the price they want for backhaul over their cable network but they were not willing to renegotiate at present.

Village Charities: Mr Poulton reported that only three replies had been received to the email sent out and there would now be a follow up reminder email sent out shortly.

Chapel Graveyard:

i) To receive an update on the suggestion that Mr & Mrs Blackwell should carry out maintenance work on the graveyard in the light of the communication from the insurance company: As no reply

had been received from Mr & Mrs Blackwell it was agreed to email again saying that we would like to be able to respond to the points raised by the insurance company to ensure that adequate cover is in place.

Safe Storage: The Chairman had the copying of the documents in hand.

Abandoned Vehicle at The Hemplands: It could not be established who owned the land the car was parked on. After some discussion Mr Morgan agreed to look into the land ownership.

NCG Meeting: Mr Poulton had circulated the minutes from the last meeting and gave a brief update. He agreed to circulate the minutes of future meetings.

Hill & Valley News: Several items were agreed to be included in the February edition which would be written by the Chairman.

PLANNING:

16/03437/FUL Land at rear of The Inn at Fossebridge – Two Holiday Lets - New details

16/03437/TCONR Saffron Hill – Tree Works

17/00009/TCONR Denfurlong Cottage, Lower Chedworth – Tree Works

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FINANCE

1. Iain Robertson (Copy of The Parish Councillors Guide) £19.79, prop. D Broad, sec. M Fulford
2. The following donation was agreed:-
 - a) PCC, Cutting of Churchyard and Hill & Valley News £230.00, prop. M Fulford, sec. D Broad
3. Peter Heaps (Bulb for Defibrillator) £5.28, prop. M Fulford, sec. C Poulton
4. Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association Annual Subscription £50.00, prop. D Broad, sec. C Poulton
5. 2017/2018 Precept: The Chairman reminded Councillors of the opportunity to suggestions make suggestions for items to be included in the budget.

The Clerk reported that a cheque issued at the last meeting to Viking for £62.40 had been lost in the post. She had arranged the issue of a replacement cheque and had cancelled the original cheque with the bank.

It was requested that Defibrillators were included on the February agenda.

The meeting concluded at 8.36 pm.

NEXT MEETING: Precept Meeting - Monday 23rd January 2017 at 7.30pm. ***This meeting will be held at St Andrew's School***

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