

CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 9th APRIL 2018

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

APOLOGIES: Mrs R Jess

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: Parish Council Meeting 12th March 2018 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: Mr Hamilton indicated that he had come to speak about his planning application. Mrs Gumpert said that she had come in support of Mr Robertson's proposals regarding the charity review.

The Chairman then brought the following items forward on the agenda.

It is proposed that a formal review is carried out of the two Chedworth charities that have trustees appointed by the Parish Council: Mr Robertson read out his proposals regarding a formal review of the two charities. After some discussion it was proposed by Mr Robertson and seconded by Mr Poulton that a formal review of the two Chedworth charities is carried out in order to:- a) Have clarity over the charitable objects of the charities. b) Understand the relevance of the charitable objects in the light of the time that has passed since the charities were first established. c) Understand the differences that the charities have in approach and giving and the relevance of these in Chedworth in the 21st century. d) Hear from the trustees their views on the operation and relevance of the charities including the basis of their approach to the investments held by the charities. e) Hear views about the charities from members of the community. f) Understand the process of electing trustees and co-opted trustees including the period for which such trustees are appointed, agreed with one abstention. As a first step it was agreed to write to the charities to ask for their assistance in undertaking this review. Mr Fulford joined the meeting part way through this agenda item.

Removal of scrub on PC land at the top of School Hill: This had been done.

It is proposed that the Parish Council allow the Chedworth and District Horticultural Society to further clear the recently tidied piece of land at the top of School Hill in order to create a demonstration vegetable, fruit and flower garden: Mr Robertson produced a map and explained his proposal. The Chairman read the views of Mrs Jess who pointed out that this may include the need for planning permission to be sought for a change of use of this piece of land. Mr Fulford suggested that a more suitable location may be available at the school. After some discussion it was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr Fulford to support this in principle, look into the possible requirement for planning permission on this piece of land and also ask the Horticultural Society to look at the alternative suggestion of siting at the school, agreed. Mr Fulford also suggested removing the broken fence along the roadside to incorporate this piece of land into the main field. This was felt to be a good idea and Mr Fulford offered to remove the fence, this offer was gratefully

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accepted and Mr Fulford was thanked by the Chairman.

18/00773/OUT Manor Farm - Outline application for dwelling – It was agreed to open the meeting to allow Mrs Hamilton to explain her proposals. When Council reconvened it was proposed by Mr Poulton and seconded by Mr G Broad to support the application for the farm workers dwelling at Manor Farm subject to it being a single storey dwelling and to it having an agricultural tie so it remains in agricultural use in perpetuity, agreed.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:

Opportunity to bring better Mobile Coverage to Chedworth:

a) Update on inspection of Parish Council land following installation of the mobile phone pole: The pole had gone live since the last meeting. Mr Poulton and Mr Robertson had inspected the field and identified several issues that needed rectifying. It was agreed to pass these issues to Telelink giving them 60 days to rectify them.

Traffic in Village and Road Matters:

a) To receive an update on:-

- i) The Emergency Plan: Mr Fulford & Mr Robertson had undertaken a survey of the grit bins and would have their proposals ready for the next meeting.
- ii) Email reply from Cllr. Vernon Smith GCC Cabinet Member for Highways: Councillor Smith had replied agreeing to meet with the Parish Council. The Clerk had sent him a list of meeting dates but had not received a reply. It was agreed to keep pressing him for a date when he will attend a meeting.
- iii) FOI Request to GCC Highways: Nothing further had been received. It was agreed not to pursue this any further at present.
- iv) Grit Bins: Mr Fulford had purchased two sample grit bins. It was felt the black 6 Cu Ft Recycled Grit Bin 175 litre was preferable. These would cost £44.99 + VAT each. An email had been received from Susanne Hale from The Rookery as the grit bin at the bottom of her drive had been damaged. It was agreed to reply to her that a survey of grit bin locations in currently being undertaken and the bin she referred to is on the list for replacement.

b) Removal of scrub on PC land at the top of School Hill: Dealt with earlier on the agenda.

c) It is proposed that the Parish Council allow the Chedworth and District Horticultural Society to further clear the recently tidied piece of land at the top of School Hill in order to create a demonstration vegetable, fruit and flower garden: Dealt with earlier on the agenda.

d) Trees obstructing the hill through Withington Woods: As nothing further had been heard from the GCC tree man, it was agreed to chase this up.

e) Overhanging Vegetation: As nothing further had been heard from the GCC tree man, it was agreed to chase this up.

f) To consider provision of white lines at the edge of the carriageway: This had been raised at the Annual Parish Meeting by Bryan Bowley. It was agreed to ask Mr Bowley which roads he suggests might benefit from this.

g) Drainage in Hawks Lane: A further email had been received from Philip Needham. A notice had appeared recently in the area stating works were to be undertaken shortly. It was agreed to find out the details from Danny Taylor, GCC Highways, and pass the details to Mr Needham.

h) Joint action with Withington Parish Council over road conditions: An email had been received from Colin Peirce suggesting that the Parish Council approach the Withington Parish Council with a

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view to making urgent joint representations to GCC Highways to get the road between Chedworth and Withington resurfaced because of the dangerous state of the road between the two villages. This road is heavily used by traffic from the Cirencester direction and the potholes and bad state of the overall surface is dangerous to all road users. Perhaps such a combined approach, including the support of the local Councillor, would have greater impact. The Chairman invited Mr Peirce, who was present at the meeting, to explain his request. When Council reconvened and after some discussion it was felt there were several other roads in the area that required resurfacing, but it was agreed to write to Withington Parish Council to ask for their assistance with this joint approach, agreed with one abstention.

Footpaths:

a) Footpath Wardens: Nothing further.

The Playing Field:

- a) To consider the provision of Rope and Stakes for marking off the parking area: Mrs Jess had written that following the last meeting she felt that using traffic cones to hold the tape would be easier than stakes. Mr Fulford was able to source some and the tape was on order. Mr Fulford was duly thanked and the Chairman reported that the cones were now in the shed on the Playing Field.
- b) Dog poo on the Playing Field: The Chairman, Mr D Broad, reported that he had not found any more no fouling signs. It was agreed to purchase half a dozen suitable signs and also put another item in the Hill & Valley, on Facebook and Nextdoor asking people to clean up after their dogs.
- c) Broken Fence Rail & Slip Rail on Playing Field: The Clerk reported that one of the rails between the Play Area and the Playing Field was broken also the post where the slip rails go in to between the Village Hall car park and the Playing Field is rotten and the staple holding the slip rails keeps coming loose. It was agreed to ask Philip Dickenson to look at the slip rail post when he is next passing. The Chairman, Mr D Broad, agreed to mend the broken fence rail using a rail from the fence opposite Valley View which Mr Fulford was removing.
- d) Playing Field Shed is locked and no key: The Chairman reported that there was a padlock on the Playing Field shed but there was no key. Mr Robertson offered to provide a new lock and would fit this.

It was noted that the Roman Run was due to be held on Sunday. The Grass Keep field was very wet and churned up and was not suitable for parking. It was agreed to email Mr Edelsten informing him of this.

The Grass Keep Field:

a) Renewal of Grass Keep Licence: Mr & Mrs Baker had emailed and confirmed that they wish to continue with the licence & they offered to obtain grass seed mix for around £60.00 to restore the disturbed ground and recoup the cost via a modulation of the first rental payment. It was agreed to accept this offer.

First Aid Training:

a) To receive any update on the first aid training arranged for 18th & 25th April 2018: Mrs Jess had emailed to say the course was full.

To consider the email reply from the Company of Proprietors of Stroudwater Navigation: A reply had been received stating that the share was in the name of Chedworth Parish Council. It was agreed to reply that the Parish Council is interested in your offer, but being a public body is duty bound to obtain the best value for any asset, therefore we would welcome any suggestion on how we can be seen to be achieving the best price for this share.

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Litter Bin outside the Church: It was agreed to pass this onto Jenny Forde for action.

To consider suggestion from the Parish Meeting to consider altering the agenda to discuss Planning items at the beginning of the agenda: It was agreed to implement this.

It is proposed that a formal review is carried out of the two Chedworth charities that have trustees appointed by the Parish Council: Dealt with earlier on the agenda.

PLANNING:

17/05211/FUL Hare & Hounds - Erection of 28 hotel bedrooms and dining pavilion, creation of car parking and new access and use of barn as plant room – Further new details.

17/05212/LBC Hare & Hounds – Listed Building Consent for Erection of 28 hotel bedrooms and dining pavilion, creation of car parking and new access and use of barn as plant room - Further new details. It was noted that an additional response had been made based on the landscape drawings. It had also been reported that further revised plans were expected by the end of April.

18/01015/TCONR Tall Trees – Tree Works

18/00773/OUT Manor Farm - Outline application for dwelling

1. CDC Planning Enforcement Training: Councillors G Broad & I Morgan had attended and gave a brief report to the Council. It was agreed to publicise this in the Hill & Valley and refer to the course notes which would be displayed on the website.

FINANCE:

1. M Fulford (Sample Grit Bins) £134.38 (*Emergency Planning in budget*), prop. I Robertson, sec. C Poulton
2. Chedworth Village Hall (Rental for First Aid Sessions) £25.00 (*VH Rental in budget*), prop. I Robertson, sec. C Poulton
3. Philip Dickenson (Clearance of area opposite Valley View) £360.00 (£300.00 + VAT) (*Clear area in front of Tennis Courts in 2017/18 budget*), prop. D Broad, sec. M Fulford
4. Cotswold First Aid (April Sessions) £240.00, prop. C Poulton, sec. G Broad
5. Request for donation towards maintenance of Churchyard: A letter had been received from Robert Young on behalf of the PCC. After some discussion where concern was expressed that the cutting of the Churchyard was not the responsibility of the Parish Council, it was agreed that as recent complaints seem to be about the uncut Conservation Area at the rear of the Church, Councillors were interested to know the likely cost of doing one cut per annum there similar to the work we do at the graveyard Lower Chedworth. It was agreed to ask for them to obtain a quote for Councillors further consideration.

OTHER BUSINESS:

To agree items to be included in the May edition of The Hill & Valley Magazine: Several items were agreed for inclusion. The Chairman, Mr D Broad, would write this.

The meeting concluded at 9.42 pm.

NEXT MEETING: Annual Parish Council Meeting - Monday **21st May 2018** at 7.30pm.

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