

CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 10th SEPTEMBER 2018

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

APOLOGIES: County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: Parish Council Meeting 13th August 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: Susie Moore spoke about the proposed verge management.

The Chairman brought forward the following items on the agenda.

Verge Management: A map of the proposed verges had been circulated prior to the meeting. Mr Morgan explained the map and asked the Council to agreed the expenditure of £830.00 + VAT for two days work to cut the full width of the verge. After some discussion it was proposed by Mr Morgan and seconded by Mr Fulford to go ahead with this, agreed. It was agreed to write to the larger landowners informing them that this was going ahead.

Placing of Storage Container on the Diggers Field: A request had been received from Heather Robson on behalf of the Drama Group to put a storage container on the diggers field. After some discussion it was felt that although members were very keen to assist, a storage container was unlikely to be acceptable in that location. Councillors felt that a more agricultural type building, such as something resembling a stable, would offer the storage they required and be more in keeping. It was proposed by Mr Fulford and seconded by Mr G Broad that Council was not opposed to a storage facility being provided on the Parish Council land but that it would need to fit in with the landscape. In order to consider this further, Councillors would need to see drawings of a potential building including size and location, agreed with one abstention.

PLANNING:

18/02488/OUT Manor Farm – Erection of Agricultural Workers Dwelling

18/03042/TCONR Coachmans Cottage – Tree Works

18/03043/TCONR Winterwell House – Tree Works

18/03216/TCONR The Old Bakery – Tree Works

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:

Traffic in Village and Road Matters:

a) To receive an update on:-

- i) The Updated Emergency Plan: Mr Fulford reported that he updated the plan and circulated it for consideration at the next meeting.

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- ii) The Farm Shop Battle Box: An email had been received from Rosanne Finch asking for the emergency box to be removed. Mr David Broad had been to collect it and was duly thanked by the Chairman. Mr Fulford offered to have it put in the school, this offer was accepted.
- iii) Grit Bins: The additional grit bins had been put in place, two needed digging into the bank by GCC Highways. The Chairman thanked Mr Fulford, Mr Robertson and the volunteers for siting the bins. The Clerk reported that half the cost had not yet been received from GCC Highways, and was asked to chase this up.
- b) Trees obstructing the hill through Withington Woods: Nothing further.
- c) Overhanging Vegetation:
 - i) To consider any response from the county tree officer in reply to our request for advice: Nothing further, it was agreed to email Councillor Hodgkinson.
 - ii) Overgrown Hedges in Middle Chedworth: Nothing further.
- d) Tuns Hill Triangle: The Chairman had met with Tony Williams on site and his advice was to continue to keep it cut and tidy, removing the weeds may make the soil unstable and susceptible to slippage. It was agreed to ask Bibury to do another cut and clear.
- e) Removal of Saplings at the entrance of Green Lane: Agreed to leave at present, Mr Robertson would speak to the person who had originally raised this with him.
- f) Verge Management: Dealt with earlier on the agenda.
- g) To discuss plans for hedge cutting around the parish this autumn: Mr Fulford suggested another one-day hedge cut as done previously by Brian Brazington and this was agreed. It was further agreed to write and inform Rosanne Finch of the intention to cut the trees as promised last year. Mr Fulford would co-ordinate this. It was also agreed to write a further letter to the owner of Laurel Cottage on Cooks Hill, informing him that we intend to ask our contractor to cut back his hedge adjacent to the road to enable high sided vehicles to use the road, unless he would prefer to carry out the work himself.

Footpaths:

- a) Footpath Wardens: Mr Robertson reported that he felt the wardens system was not working as it should and suggested that the website should be altered to allow anyone to report problems, he agreed to do this. It was agreed to write to the wardens thanking them for the input they have made into trying to keep our footpath network open.
- b) Fallen tree obstructing KCH 55 by Absolems Orchard: Mr Poulton reported that the path was now clear. The Chairman thanked Mr Poulton.
- c) Overgrown state of KCH 39 Lower Chedworth: Mr Finch has responded that he would clear it as soon as he could.
- d) Hartshill Footpaths: Nothing further. Mr Aveline had emailed supporting the Parish Council response and asking who to write to at GCC PROW. The Clerk would pass on the information.

The Playing Field:

- a) Dog fouling on the Playing Field: As the situation had improved, it was agreed to remove from the agenda.
- b) Broken Slip Rail Post on Playing Field: Nothing further, it was agreed to chase up Philip Dickenson to replace the post.
- c) Playing Field Fencing: Three quotes had been received. It was agreed to deal with the wall item before considering this further.
- Boundary to PC Land in front of tennis courts: Mr Fulford had received a quote for £8,940 which was way over budget. It was agreed to look into the possibility of the stretch of wall being used by

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the Conservation Board for their stone walling courses. Mr Fulford would contact them.

c) Playing Field Fencing: It was agreed to contact Philip Dickenson and RMH Estate Maintenance asking them to amend their quotation to remove the stock netting and also to confirm that their quotation is for a three rail fence and includes a stile on the long length of fence which runs alongside the football field, for further consideration at the next meeting.

d) Playing Field Booking Form: The Chairman reported that the form already addressed vehicles on the Playing Field and did not need updating.

e) Vehicles on the Playing Field: Instances of unauthorised vehicles on the playing field recently were reported. After some discussion the Chairman reported that she had spoken to Tony Williams, who does the mowing of the Playing Field, who suggests the gate and slip rails are padlocked. It was proposed by Mr G Broad and seconded by Mr Fulford to purchase two padlocks for this purpose, agreed.

f) Possible Folk Camp Booking for May 2019: An email had been received from John Selway on behalf of the Village Hall asking the Parish Council to reconsider their request for £240.00 for four days camping on the playing field. It was agreed to reply that the Parish Council feels that the £240.00 charge is reasonable and we will not be offering a further discount. It was also agreed to point out that for the last weekend booking the charge for 3 nights was in fact £160.00 and not the £100.00 which has been quoted by the Folk Camp Society. The charge for their first visit in 2014 was a significant reduction on our usual prices to assist the village hall.

The Grass Keep Field:

a) To consider a management plan for the diggers field to include consideration of a suitable location to plant new trees on the land: The Chairman had met with Tony Williams at the grass keep and he felt that the field was not in a bad condition. He quoted £60.00 for the initial cut and £40.00 for subsequent cuts. It was agreed to carry out an initial cut and ask him to cut it as necessary depending on the weather conditions until further notice. A meeting with the brownies had been arranged, the Chairman suggested that consideration could be given to planting the trees down the fence line between the playing field and the grass keep field to act as a screen and provide some shelter on the playing field,

b) Placing of Storage Container on the Diggers Field: Dealt with earlier on the agenda.

Boundary to PC Land in front of tennis courts: Dealt with earlier on the agenda. It was agreed to remove from the agenda.

Litter Bin outside the Church: Mr Fulford reported that a new bin had been installed and was being emptied.

Formal Review of the two Chedworth charities that have trustees appointed by the Parish Council:

a) To consider any reply from the Community Lands Charity regarding the suggestion of holding a Parish Meeting to deal with the proposed review: No reply had been received from the vicar, it was agreed to chase this up.

GDPR: Mr G Broad had prepared the Parish Council Privacy Policy and circulated it prior to the meeting. This was felt to be fit for purpose and it was proposed by Mr Poulton and seconded by Mr Robertson to adopt it and display on the Parish Council website, agreed. The Chairman thanked Mr G Broad for producing this.

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Tree at top of Tuns Hill: GCC Highways had copied us in on an email to Mr Beach asking for evidence that a survey has taken place and that the tree is safe or the necessary works are to be carried out. It was agreed to ask GCC Highways if a reply had been received.

Noticeboards:

- a) Tuns Hill Noticeboard: A reply had been received from Mr Beach asking for quotes for a new noticeboard to be emailed to him. A discussion took place on the need for noticeboards in this digital age. It was agreed to display notices on all the boards asking for any feedback from people who use them. The Clerk reminded Council that it was necessary to retain one noticeboard for statutory notices.
- b) To consider offer to repair existing noticeboard from Adrian Fletcher: It was agreed to consider the feedback from the above item at a later date.
- c) Village Hall Noticeboard: Mr D Broad was currently in the process of staining the board.

To receive a report about the Village Hall: Mr Robertson gave a brief report as a trustee of the Village Hall. Mr G Broad, as Parish Council representative, stated that this had not been discussed by the Village Hall Committee.

Thames Water:

- a) To receive any update from Councillor Poulton: Mr Poulton gave a brief report on his communication with Thames Water which included negotiation of a £30.00 refund to all households affected by the recent water supply interruption. Huw Thomas from Thames Water had offered to meet with Councillors to discuss the situation. Mr Poulton agreed to invite him to attend the next Parish Council meeting which would start at 7.00pm to allow half an hour of discussion with him.
- b) Bottled Water Storage: Thames Water were not prepared to offer a pallet of water to be kept in case of future interruptions but had offered £100.00 to pay for equipment to help with any future interruptions. It was agreed to hold over discussion on this until the next meeting.

List of Assets of Community Value, Seven Tuns: The Chairman had spoken to Joseph Walker from CDC regarding the listing of the Seven Tuns. The listing cannot be renewed but can only be applied for and considered again as a new application. In view of the current situation with the Seven Tuns it was felt it was not appropriate at present. It was agreed to remove from the agenda.

Stroudwater Navigation Share:

- a) To consider any offers to purchase received: Two offers had been received to purchase the share. It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr Fulford to accept the highest offer of £505.00 from Nicholas Hurst. It was agreed to contact the secretary of the Stroudwater Navigation to ask for a stock transfer form.
- b) To consider emails from Paul Sibbald: Two emails had been received from Paul Sibbald. The Clerk had sent him a copy of the TROW magazine article as he requested in the first email. It was agreed to reply to the second email that the share is a single share in the Company of Proprietors of the Stroudwater Navigation and there were no liabilities or any dividends paid. It was agreed to also explain that the Parish Council had been approached by the secretary of the company asking if we wished to sell the share as the Parish Council had not attended the AGM or involved itself in the restoration of the canal and with this in mind the Parish Council felt that it would be appropriate to offer it for sale.

The Hemplands Defibrillator: An email had been received from Derek Newman asking for a

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replacement volunteer to be found to undertake checks. It was agreed to ask in the Hill and Valley, Facebook and Next Door for another volunteer. Mr Fulford offered to assist if a volunteer could not be found.

To agree plans to undertake full strimming and collection of the chapel graveyard this autumn:
It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr Fulford to ask Bibury to undertake a cut removing any small saplings which have appeared and any arisings as soon as possible, agreed.

FINANCE

1. Clerks Quarterly Salary £633.00 (*PC running costs in budget*), prop. M Fulford, sec. G Broad
2. Clerks Quarterly Mileage £9.65 (*PC running costs in budget*), prop. I Robertson, sec. C Poulton
3. Cottage Garden Services (Playing Field Cutting August) £96.00 (£80.00 + VAT) (*Playing Field Cutting in budget*), prop. M Fulford, sec. G Broad

OTHER BUSINESS:

The October Meeting Date: The Clerk asked to reschedule the October meeting date from Monday 8th October to Monday 15th October. This was agreed. Mr Robertson confirmed that it would be acceptable to submit the Hill and Valley article for November the day after the meeting.

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

The meeting concluded 10.16pm.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 15th October 2018 at 7.30pm.

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