

CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 15th OCTOBER 2018

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

APOLOGIES: Mr I Robertson
County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: Parish Council Meeting 10th September 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 Whittles and Mrs Sharman spoke about the request from the Drama Group for storage for its equipment.

The Chairman brought the following items forward on the agenda

Bliss Cottage Planning Application Proposals: The applicants' agent, Mr Andy Miles, was present and the Chairman invited him to present the proposals which the Parish Council had been invited to comment on prior to the plans being submitted to CDC. As the elevations were not available it was felt that the Parish Council did not have sufficient information to enable Councillors to make any meaningful comments.

Drama Group Storage: A further letter had been received from Heather Robson on behalf of the Drama Group including details of some agricultural type buildings that were felt to be more suitable for the location. After some discussion it was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr Poulton to support the idea of a stable type building to help the drama group with their storage issues. It was further agreed that two Councillors should meet with Drama Group representatives and come back with some proposals for further consideration, agreed. It was agreed that the Chairman and Mr D Broad would represent the Parish Council at the meeting which would take place once the Drama Group had further information to discuss.

PLANNING:

18/02934/FUL Fossebridge Inn – Variation of Conditions
18/02190/LBC Amphlett House – Listed Building Consent
18/02189/FUL Amphlett House - Conversion
18/03510/TCONR Badgers Rake – Tree Works
18/03437/TCONR Street Record, Middle Chedworth – Tree Works
18/03549/TCONR Denfurlong Cottage – Tree Works
18/03613/TCONR The Orchard – Tree Works
18/03633/TCONR 2 The Forge – Tree Works
17/05211/FUL Hare and Hounds – 28 Bedroom Hotel – Object as previously
17/05212/LBC Hare and Hounds – Listed Building Consent – Object as previously
18/03587/LBC The Old Farm – Listed Building Consent – No objection

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18/03582/FUL Hills Farm Barn – Change of use of annex to dwelling – It was agreed to raise concerns about the ability of the emergency services to access the barn in an emergency situation.
18/03556/CLEUD Fossebridge Inn – Certificate of Lawful Use
18/03782/TCONR Hill House, Pancake Hill – Tree Works

Bliss Cottage Planning Proposals: Dealt with earlier on the agenda.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:

Traffic in Village and Road Matters:

- a) To receive an update on:-
- i) The Updated Emergency Plan: Mr Fulford had circulated the updated plan. Councillors still had a few minor amendments. It was agreed to email these to Mr Fulford by 29th October so they could be incorporated in the final version to be approved at the next meeting.
 - ii) The Farm Shop Battle Box: To note that the battle box had been taken to the school.
 - iii) Grit Bins: Mr Fulford had emailed a list of the grit bins which still needed filling and those which needed digging into the bank to Danny Taylor, GCC Highways.
- b) Trees obstructing the hill through Withington Woods: It was felt that as some work had been done and the situation had improved and that this item should therefore be removed from the agenda.
- c) Overhanging Vegetation:
- i) To consider any response from the county tree officer in reply to our request for advice:
No reply had been received from the county tree officer, but the owner of Laurel Cottage had telephoned to ask to be informed when the work on his hedge was to be carried out.
 - ii) Overgrown Hedges in Middle Chedworth: As it was not known if the hedge in Middle Chedworth had been cut back, it was agreed to visit the site and, if the work had not been done, write again to the owners. Mr Morgan raised the problem of overgrown vegetation below the Seven Tuns. It was agreed that he would investigate the ownership of the land and that the council would then write to the owners requesting that it be cut back. *(Post meeting note: Research showed that the land was owned by The Seven Tuns and a letter was sent to the new management)*
 - d) Verge Management: Mr Morgan reported that recent cut had been done and a good deal had been learned. The biggest problem was the amount of arisings and how to dispose of them. After some discussion it was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr D Broad to ask Brian Brazington to remove the arisings from verges and put them in the rough area between the gate and the pole in the Diggers field and put a ceiling of £350.00 to facilitate this, agreed. Mr Hamilton had emailed regarding damage to his walls which he claimed had been done when the verges were cut. Brian Brazington had met with Mr Hamilton, Mr D Broad and Mr Morgan on site and it was established that the cutting was not responsible for the damage to the walls. It was agreed that the verges did look better after the cutting.
 - e) To receive any update on the plans for hedge cutting around the parish this autumn Mr Fulford reported that the work would be done next month and he agreed to provide Brian Brazington with a detailed map showing the priorities.
 - f) Gallows Lane: John Selway had emailed regarding a damaged pipe at the top of Gallows Lane which it appeared to have been damaged after heavy vehicles eroded the ground around the pipe. It was agreed to pass this on to Highways for their attention.

Footpaths:

- a) Footpath Wardens: Nothing further.

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b) Hartshill Footpaths:

i) To consider the new proposals: After some discussion it was agreed to reply that the Parish Council has again considered the proposals and was unfortunately once again unable to accept the changes to the footpath network. The revised proposals were similar to those discussed in May when Councillors agreed they were not opposed to diverting the path into the field from the drive and garden of Hartshill as long as the alternative path was easily accessible and clearly signposted. This would require at least a hand rail and possibly steps from the drive to the new path at point H. However, as previously stated on several occasions the Council was not happy with the changes proposed at the northern end of the site and saw no valid reason why the path from I could not continue around the fenceline to D from where the path could either continue up to the top of the valley on KCH17 or back to the village on KCH18. The Parish Council also pointed out that in the September plan there appeared to be a closure from A to B along the drive which would in practice mean that H was a dead end. It was agreed to oppose the proposals and tell the County Council that the Parish Council felt it had done all it could to accommodate Mr Wilkinson's requests and had already compromised by agreeing to the request to move the path from the drive into the field having initially agreed that the Council would only support diverting the section of path which runs through the garden into the field.

ii) To consider email from Gerald Stewart: The Parish Council agreed to a request from Mr Stewart from the Open Spaces Society support in getting landowners to remove any obstructions on footpaths and urging the County Council to do all it could to ensure that paths were kept clear. It was also agreed to attach a copy of the Council's latest comments regarding the changes at Hartshill.

The Playing Field:

a) Broken Slip Rail Post on Playing Field: To note that this had been replaced.

b) Playing Field Fencing:– Two revised quotes for the replacement of this fencing had been received from Philip Dickenson and Ross Heaven. During discussion it became clear that the quotes were not based on the same specification and it was agreed to go back to both of the contractors asking for the work to be itemised to ensure that the Council was getting like for like quotations.

c) Folk Camp Booking for May 2019: – To note that £240.00 had been received from the Folk Camp Society.

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 reported that she had met on site with Mr Fulford and representatives from the Brownies and it was agreed that a hedge should be planted between the playing field and the diggers field. Tony Williams had emailed to say he would be undertaking the mowing of the field soon.

b) Drama Group Storage: Dealt with earlier on the agenda.

Formal Review of the two Chedworth charities which have trustees appointed by the Parish Council: The Parish Meeting had been arranged for Monday 29th October at 7.30 pm.

Tree at top of Tuns Hill: As nothing further had been heard, it was agreed to chase up a response regarding the safety of the tree from the County Council.

Noticeboards:

a) To consider any responses to the notices placed on noticeboards to establish if parishioners wished for the noticeboards to be retained:

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Three responses had been received all wishing for various noticeboards to be retained. After some discussion which included a proposal by Mr Fulford, seconded by Mr Morgan, to remove the noticeboard at Well Hill, this was lost two votes for and four votes against. It was agreed that the noticeboards at the Village Hall, Tuns Hill and The Hemplands were the priority but all would be retained at present.

- b) Tuns Hill Noticeboard: After some discussion it was agreed to tell Mr Beach that as an initial step the Parish Council was trying to get the existing noticeboard repaired. If this is not possible we would contact him again to discuss claiming for a replacement.
- c) To consider offer to repair existing noticeboard from Adrian Fletcher: It was agreed to accept his kind offer to repair the existing noticeboard.
- d) Village Hall Noticeboard: – To note that the board had been stained by Mr David Broad who was duly thanked by the Chairman.

Thames Water:

- a) To note that Huw Thomas from Thames Water will attend the November Meeting: Mr Poulton gave a brief update regarding recent problems with water supply.

The Hemplands Defibrillator: No volunteers had come forward. After some discussion it was agreed to ask Mrs Juliet Stainforth, who already looks after the Xbox, if she would be willing to carry out the monthly checks on the defibrillator.

Chapel Graveyard: A cut has been done and was felt to be an excellent job. After some discussion it was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr Fulford to ask Bibury to provide a quotation for clearing the vegetation from around the two tombs inside the metal railings, removing the saplings adjacent to the neighbouring land, clearing the ivy from the gravestones and removing the laurel which is growing over the graves in the bottom corner near the fenced tombs. A ceiling of £300.00 was agreed for this work.

- a) To consider the request from the Village Hall to provide a storage shed to be shared between the Parish Council for winter maintenance equipment and the Village Hall: Mr G Broad presented the request from John Selway on behalf of the Village Hall Committee and then declared an interest and left the meeting. After some discussion it was agreed to reply that the decision was taken in March that the Council no longer needed to provide a shed in which to store salt as the new bins around the village had a much greater capacity than their predecessors making a store within the village unnecessary. Regarding the Resilience Fund to which they referred, the Council had carried out research and discovered that this fund no longer existed and that both Cotswold District Council and Gloucestershire County Council were unaware of any grants which would be available for this purpose. There was also concern that a metal shed as proposed would not be suitable in the location proposed. The Council agreed that it was unable to support the proposals included in the Village Hall proposal of 27th September 2018. Mr G Broad rejoined the meeting at this point.
- b) Alternative Storage/Pre-school Provision: Mr D Broad had asked for this to be included on the agenda, but he reported that the Chedworth Society were currently looking into this project so there was nothing for the Parish Council to do at present.

FINANCE

1. Zurich Municipal Insurance £404.60, prop. M Fulford, sec. G Broad
2. E Broad (2 Padlocks & Chain for Playing Field Gate) £14.77, prop. R Jess, sec. M Fulford

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3. Cottage Garden Services (Playing Field Cutting September) £96.00 (£80.00 + VAT), prop. M Fulford, sec. G Broad
4. D Broad (Stain for Noticeboard) £11.98, prop. C Poulton, sec. M Fulford
5. Viking (Stamps & Replacement Ink) £25.67, prop. R Jess, sec. G Broad
6. Chedworth PCC (Donation towards Cutting the Graveyard) £200.00, prop. M Fulford, sec. C Poulton
7. P A Dickenson (Slip Rail Post) £54.00 (£45.00 + VAT), prop. R Jess, sec. G Broad
8. Chedworth Village Hall (Hall & Cupboard Rental 2017/18) £227.49, prop. R Jess, sec. C Poulton
9. Council in receipt of £2,539 Part Precept from CDC
10. Council in receipt of £240.00 Playing Field Rental from Folk Camp Society
11. Council in receipt of £505.00 from Nick Hurst for Stroudwater Navigation Share
12. Council in receipt of £1,000 Annual Ground Rent from Telelink

OTHER BUSINESS:

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

The meeting concluded at 9.25pm.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 12th November 2018 at 7.00 pm.

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