

CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 12th NOVEMBER 2018

VISIT BY HUW THOMAS AND COLLEAGUES FROM THAMES WATER: Before the meeting commenced Huw Thomas and his colleagues from Thames Water came along and spoke about the water supply network and the recent water outages experienced in Chedworth. They had a large map of the water supply network on display and were questioned by members of the public and Councillors.

The formal Parish Council meeting commenced at 7.45pm

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

Apologies received from District Councillor Jenny Forde

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 15th October 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: Councillor Hodgkinson spoke about the drainage in Hawks Lane still giving problems also the reduced opening hours at Fossecross Recycling Centre. He spoke about the overhanging vegetation in Withington Woods being much better. He was questioned about the maintenance of drains where concern was expressed that they were not being cleared out properly. It was also raised that we are having problems getting any response from the County Council tree man, James Tyson. Councillor Hodgkinson asked to be kept informed on any County Council items by email and he left the meeting at this point.

PLANNING:

18/04006/TCONR Denfurlong House – Tree Works

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:

Traffic in Village and Road Matters:

a) To receive an update on:-

- i) The Updated Emergency Plan: Mr Fulford had amended and circulated the revised plan and it was agreed to sign the document off and put it on the website. The Chairman thanked Mr Fulford for his work on this.
- ii) Grit Bins: These are all completed, filled and four relocated to aid verge cutting. A four digit number has been put on each bin to help with locating it. Mr Fulford and Mr Robertson were thanked for their efforts with the grit bins.

b) Overhanging Vegetation:

- i) Overgrown Hedges in Middle Chedworth: A response had been received from the householder. As the bushes were still considered a hazard it was agreed to seek advice on

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what can be done to resolve various issues relating to the verges. It was also agreed to copy in Councillor Hodgkinson.

- c) Verge Management: Mr Morgan reported that Brian Brazington had collected up the piles of arisings on the verges and they had been deposited on the Airfield. There was still 5 or 6 hours of work still to do mainly on small bushes with the tractor side arm.
- d) To receive any update on the plans for hedge cutting around the parish this autumn: Mr Fulford reported that Brian Brazington was hoping to do the work next week and he had provided him with a map as requested.
- e) Hawks Lane: An email had been received from Mrs Orman of The Old Farm regarding a new spring. This had been passed onto GCC Highways who have logged the issue. It was agreed to pass this information on to Mrs Orman.
- f) Grass Cutting: An email had been received from Danny Taylor asking what grass cutting we did in the parish on behalf of GCC Highways. Mr Morgan had spoken to him asking what it was about as we were not aware on any areas where this was done. Mr Morgan was still awaiting a reply.
- g) Obstructions on verges (posts, stones etc): To agree to request information from County Highways regarding their policy relating to obstructions on verges including advice on what steps, if any, the Parish Council can take to get them removed: The Chairman raised this. It was agreed to contact Danny Taylor to ask what the policy was on items which are placed on verges and what steps can be taken to get dangerous obstructions removed.
- h) Temporary Road Closure 400878 outside St Andrews Church 14th to 19th December - Notification from GCC: Mr Fulford said he was project managing the installation of a water supply to the church which this temporary road closure will facilitate and would need to declare an interest if this was to be debated. It was felt this was for information only and no debate was necessary.

Footpaths:

- a) Footpath Wardens: The Chairman reported that it had been brought to the attention of the Parish Council that bridleway KCH 16, which crosses the Airfield, that while pedestrians can get round the new double gates by walking between the gate post and the adjoining fence, it is impossible for horse riders to get past the locked gates and out to the road. It was agreed to write to the landowner asking them to remedy the problem as soon as possible.

The Playing Field:

- a) Playing Field Fencing: Only one revised quote for the replacement of this fencing had been received. As three quotes were required to comply with standing orders for spending over £1,000 it was agreed to seek more quotes for further consideration at the next meeting. The Chairman asked Councillors to go and look at the condition of the fencing before the next meeting.

The Grass Keep Field:

- a) To note that a cut has been done: It was felt that an excellent job had been done.
- b) Drama Group Storage: Nothing further had been heard.

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

- a) To consider the resolution “to ask the trustees of the two charities to meet and have discussions among themselves” agreed at the Parish Meeting Monday 29th October 2018: It was proposed by Mr Poulton and seconded by Mr Robertson to pass this on to the charities and encourage them to do this, agreed.
- b) To make a request to the two Charities to forward to the Parish Council a personal specification for a Trustee. This information would be used by the Parish Council in future when seeking suitable nominations to appoint as Trustees to the respective Charities:

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Mr Poulton asked for this to be included on the agenda. It was proposed by Mr Poulton and seconded by Mr Robertson to include this in the letter to the charities, this was agreed with one abstention.

Tree at top of Tuns Hill: – To note that the Copper Beech tree had been felled.

Noticeboards:

- a) To receive any update on the repairs to the Tuns Hill noticeboard by Adrian Fletcher: This was

in hand, Mr Fletcher had collected the engraved top from the Chairman.

b) Tuns Hill Noticeboard: Nothing further at present.

Thames Water:

a) To consider if any further action needs to be taken: It was agreed that Mr George Broad would compile a list of outages back to 2013/14, as reported on social media, to send to Thames Water.

Mr G Broad was asked to circulate this when it had been completed.

b) Thames Water Income: To discuss proposal to spend the £100.00 income from Thames Water on the purchase of eight 25l water storage containers which could be made available to parishioners during water outages to enable potable water to be collected from areas with water and taken to areas without. To be stored at old Scout Hut or within new drama shed if/when it becomes available and two packs of collapsible water tanks to be added to the two 'battle boxes' for use in emergencies: Mr Fulford had put this proposal on the agenda. After some discussion it was proposed by Mr Fulford and seconded by Mr D Broad to purchase 2 x 25l water storage containers and 2 x collapsible water tanks, agreed with one against.

The Hemplands Defibrillator: To note that Mrs Stainforth is willing to take on the monthly checks, she had been shown what to do by Derek Newman. Mr Fulford would undertake the checks when Mrs Stainforth was away.

Chapel Graveyard: Nothing further.

Provision of new Litter Bin by the Church: An invoice received from CDC for £210.00 + VAT. It was noted that the Parish Council requested a costing for providing a bin to enable members to decide if they wished to proceed. Unfortunately this was never provided and the bin was installed without a request having been made by the Council. The original request came to the Parish Council from the church and it had been our intention to discuss the costings with them before proceeding. After some discussion it was proposed by Mr Robertson and seconded by Mr Morgan that rather than put the District Council to the expense of removing the bin, the Parish Council would offer to pay half the cost to retain it, agreed.

Repairs to the eXbox: Mr D Broad had obtained a price of £41.04 for parts to repair the broken door. After some discussion Mr Robertson agreed to speak to a couple of contacts to see if they might be willing to undertake the repairs. It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr Fulford to set a limit of £100.00 to cover the repairs, agreed.

FINANCE

1. Clerks Quarterly Telephone/Broadband Contribution £88.60, prop. C Poulton, sec. I Robertson
2. Bibury (Tuns Hill & Graveyard Cut) (£433.00 + VAT) £519.60, prop. M Fulford, sec. G Broad

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3. Cotswold District Council (Litter Bin by Church) (£210.00 + VAT) £252.00 – It had been agreed earlier on the agenda to go back to CDC offering to pay half the cost.
4. Council in receipt of £1011.72 from GCC Highways half cost of Grit Bins & Snow Shovels
5. Council in receipt of £100.00 Income from Thames Water
6. The quarterly examination of accounts had been undertaken by Councillor Morgan & the Clerk following the October meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Hill and Valley News: Several items were agreed for inclusion in the the December edition which would be written by the Chairman.

The meeting concluded at 9.05pm.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 10th December 2018 at 7.30 pm.

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