.**CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES – PARISH COUNCIL “VIRTUAL MEETING” – 11th JANUARY2021

PRESENT: Mrs R Jess (Chairman), Mrs B Amory, Mr D Broad, Mr G Broad, Mr A Kingsley, Mr A McLellan, Mr I Morgan and Mrs E Broad (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson & District Councillor Jenny Forde

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:The minutes from the Parish Council Virtual Meeting held on the 14th December 2020 were agreed 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 Philip Dinkel from Rendcomb parish spoke about the complaints of noise from Rendcomb Airfield and urged the Parish Council to canvass the opinions of local residents. The Chairman explained that the Parish Council had already done this and passed the comments, both for and against, to CDC. Mr Robert Baker asked for an update on the planning permission on the field adjacent to the Village Hall and asked if anything had been heard from Councillor Hodgkinson who had agreed to speak to Councillor Forde regarding this. The Chairman confirmed that nothing further had been heard.

PLANNING:

20/04460/TCONR The Vicarage – Tree Works

Land next to Village Hall: Nothing further had been heard. It was agreed to ask Councillor Hodgkinson if he had spoken to Councillor Forde.

Neighbourhood Plan:

The Chairman asked Mrs Amory to explain what had been happening. Mrs Amory reported that an initial meeting of the steering group had been held, she explained that a plan would likely take in the region of 18 to 24 months to complete. She explained that the steering group would work on the plan and report back to the Parish Council regularly. She then asked for approval of the following points:

a) That the Parish Council approve of applying for the grant: It was proposed by Mrs Amory and

seconded by Mr D Broad, agreed with 2 abstentions. Mrs Amory would progress this.

b) To approve a Steering Committee to move forward with the Neighbourhood Plan: It was proposed by Mr D Broad and seconded by Mrs Amory, agreed with 2 abstentions. It was also agreed that the steering group would ask/advertise again if others want to be part of the Steering Committee and draw up terms of reference.

c) To approve of the application to the CDC for a designation for the Parish: It was proposed by Mrs Amory and seconded by Mr D Broad, agreed with 2 abstentions. Mrs Amory would progress this.

d) To provide a contingency fund of £7,000 over two years in the budget should we need it: This was an item for the budget meeting.

e) To consider if we want to join up with other local parishes to do a joint plan: It was agreed that the plan should be for Chedworth only.

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MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Traffic in Village and Road Matters:

a) Roadside Verges:

i) To receive any update on taking over the cutting of the roadside verges: Mr Morgan was still trying to speak with the new Highways Manager at GCC Highways.

b) Speeding in Chedworth Laines: Mrs Amory had erected the “20 is Plenty” signs and she reported that GCC Highways was going to paint ‘Slow’ on the road.

c) 20mph Speed Limits: A letter had been received from Paul Morrish from Shipton Oliffe. He was contacting local Parish Councils to see if there was any interest in joint parish applications asking for 20mph speed limits in villages. After some discussion it was agreed to reply to Mr Morrish that the Council was interested in the idea but felt that they needed more information before they could make any firm commitment and would welcome any further information which he may have.

d) Stones on Verge at Salters Barn: Complaints had been received about these large stones on the side of the road. It was reported that the offending stones had been moved back.

e) TTRO 2233 Fields Road: The temporary road closure 1st & 2nd March 2021 to allow tree felling due to Ash Die Back was noted. It was agreed to remind people nearer the time.

f) Winter Provision: Mr McLellan reported that he had checked the grit bins to ensure they had not been emptied during recent bad weather. He also asked if anyone had knowledge of an old email asking if a different type of snow plough could be requested for Brian Brazington. The Clerk would look into this.

Footpaths:

a) KCH 64: There was still no response to our emails from the landowner. As the waymarks cannot be sited without the landowner’s permission, there was nothing further that could be done.

b) Missing signs on parish rights of way: The Chairman had this in hand.

c) KCH 19: Mr Morgan confirmed that the path was still blocked. It was agreed to chase up GCC PROW.

d) KCH 8: There had been no reply from the landowner. It was agreed to chase this up.

e) Footpaths around New Barn Farm:

i) To agree to contact the owner of the land and request the reinstatement of missing way

mark signs: This was agreed.

ii) To consider the suggestion that the Parish Council should contact the landowner to

request the formation of additional paths as detailed in the paper prepared by the chairman:

It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr Kingsley to request this, agreed.

Playing Field:

a) New Bench on Playing Field: To note that this will be progressed in the Spring

b) Vandalism to Goal Post: The far end goal post had been pulled down on 13th December and was re-erected by Councillors David & George Broad. It was suggested that the posts should be removed on safety grounds but it was agreed to leave them in place at the moment.

The Grass Keep Field:

a) Drama Group Storage:

i) To agree the terms of the licence/tenancy agreement with prospective tenants: The licence had been circulated to the Drama Group and Horticultural Society. The comments of the Drama Group were still awaited.

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ii) To select contractors and agree to instruct: Three estimates had been received for the construction of the base and the shed. It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mrs Amory

to instruct Vale Stables £4,101 to construct the shed and Corinium Landscapes £2,655 to construct the base subject to the Drama Group being happy with the licence, agreed.

b) Condition of Stile in the Grass Keep Field: After some discussion it was agreed to obtain a quote to replace the stile which was not on the line of the footpath but was installed by previous tenants because walkers were climbing the fence and causing damage.

c) Tree Planting on Diggers Field: Mr McLellan suggested that a Community Orchard or Copse be considered on the Diggers Field as there were free saplings available from the Woodlands Trust.

The Chairman reminded Councillors of the use of the Diggers Field for parking when there were events at the Village Hall. After some discussion it as felt that it might be possible to do some planting at the top of the point of the field. Mr Kingsley agreed to obtain quotes for larger trees and Mr McLellan would make enquires regarding the saplings from the Woodland Trust.

Chedworth Village Hall:

a) Village Hall Land Ownership: Consideration was given to the documents received from Mr Hutton Potts on behalf of the Village Hall. It was agreed to respond to points raised:- 1) As far as the Parish Council was aware no charge had been registered against the land and it remained unencumbered. 2) The Parish Council understood it acted as Custodian Trustee and was obliged to follow the management committee’s legal instructions. 3) The Parish Council’s only interest in the land was as Custodian Trustee. 4) The Parish Council had no objection to the land being registered at the Land Registry if the management committee carried out the necessary work and paid any costs. It was agreed to circulate to Councillors the draft response before sending it.

b) Village Hall Snapshot: Received from Simon Colbeck was noted.

Storage of Parish Council Documents: The documents were currently being held by the Clerk since they were unable to be returned to safe storage at the bank. Mrs Amory was asked to make some suggestions on what solicitors might be able to provide safe storage.

Rendcomb Airfield Noise: It was agreed to ask Jenny Forde if she had any updates on progress regarding any enforcement action. Mrs Amory reported that she was going to ask a public question, as an individual, at the next CDC meeting.

FINANCE:

1. D Broad (Website Hosting Nov/Dec/Jan) £21.60, prop. A Kingsley, sec. B Amory

2. Castle Water (Grass Keep Water) £14.49, prop. R Jess, sec. G Broad

3. GRCC Membership £25.00, prop. R Jess, sec. I Morgan

4. Donation towards upkeep of Graveyard from St Andrews Church – To note that a donation of

£200.00 was also made in June 2020

5. Council in receipt of £14.49 Grass Keep Water reimbursement from HVLTC

6. Setting the 2021/22 Budget:

i) To note email from John Selway requesting £6,000 be included on the Parish Council

budget for the Village Hall

OTHER BUSINESS:

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

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The meeting concluded at 9.32pm.

NEXT MEETING: Budget Meeting - Monday 25th January 2021 at 7.30pm.

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Date………………………………..