

CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 8th NOVEMBER 2021

PRESENT: Mr D Broad (Chairman), Mrs B Amory, Mr G Broad, Mr A Kingsley, Mr A McLellan
Mr I Morgan, Mr J Theyer & Mrs E Broad (Clerk)
District Councillor Jenny Forde

APOLOGIES: County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th October 2021 were agreed and signed as a true record.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: The Chairman to remind Councillors of the need to declare interests as necessary

OPEN SESSION FOR THE PUBLIC: Jenny Forde delivered her written update which had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. Freddie Baker from Chedworth to Net Zero group was present at the meeting. It was agreed to bring this item forward on the agenda

Chedworth to Net Zero: An email had been received asking the Parish Council to consider a donation towards the £106.00 cost of hiring the Village Hall for the event on 30th November. After some discussion it was proposed by Mr McLellan and seconded by Mrs Amory to contribute to full £106.00, agreed.

Mr Harrison spoke about the application for felling trees on Calves Hill. It was agreed to go into Council at this point to discuss the Parish Council representation.

21/03995/TCONR Land East of Calves Hill – Tree Works – It was proposed by Mrs Amory and seconded by Mr Theyer to object as these trees are specifically mentioned in the Chedworth Conservation Area statement and form an important area of screening for a new build recently built on an adjacent site, these trees screen it from views across the valley and were an important factor in the planning consent. The Parish Council is also concerned at the loss of this valuable wildlife habitat which Councillors believe may be inhabited by bats, agreed.

PLANNING:

21/03709/FUL Cotswold Farm Fayre Shop Denfurlong Farm Fields Road - Development of a rural exception scheme comprising 5 affordable dwellings and 4 open market dwellings – It was proposed by Mrs Amory and seconded by Mr Theyer that Parish Council supports this application but feels it should be built to the highest standards of insulation and energy efficiency. Councillors do not like the rendered finish on some of the units or the roadside wall with trellis above, the Council also regrets the loss of the retail unit, agreed.

21/03738/FUL Land to the North East Of Pancake House Hensons Hill Lower Chedworth - Agricultural Field Store – It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr McLellan to object to this application. The Council feels that it will be visually intrusive in the unspoiled open landscape within the AONB and adjacent to the village settlement and Conservation Area. The hardstanding, in particular, is seen as excessive and Councillors question the need for a building of this type in this location, agreed.

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21/00650/FUL Land North East of Chedworth Village Hall - Technical Details Consent for 2 dwellings (based on a Permission in Principle application (ref. 20/02017/PLP) for the erection of up to 3 dwellings – It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr McLellan to make no further comment as there did not seem to be any substantive change from the previous application, agreed with one abstention.

21/03892/FUL Woodside, Withington Hill - Erection of a single storey extension to rear including lantern roof and associated works – No objection

21/03959/TCONR Half Moon House – Tree Works

Cotswold District Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment Review: Noted

Neighbourhood Portion Community Infrastructure Levy: £718.76 had been awarded. It was felt that the money could be used for projects such as the community orchard and the nature reserve.

Neighbourhood Plan:

- a) Chedworth Design Code: Mrs Amory had circulated the draft document prior to the meeting. She reported that there will now be a consultation period and a Zoom meeting of the steering group had been arranged for next Monday evening, which Councillors were invited to join. The Chairman acknowledged the amount of work Mrs Amory had done with the Neighbourhood Plan so far.
- b) Designation Dark Sky: It was agreed to include on the next agenda.
- c) Assets of Community Value: As this can protect community assets, it was felt it was worth considering.
- d) Kimberley Cottage – Winter Plan: This area had been identified as getting icy. Unfortunately there was no obvious place to add another grit bin.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:

Traffic in Village and Road Matters:

- a) Roadside Verges: To note that the Autumn cut & clear has been done. An email regarding damage to roadside drain covers had been received from Mrs Jess. Mr Morgan did not think that this damage had been done due to the cut, the Clerk had passed this onto GCC Highways. It was proposed by Mr Morgan and seconded by Mr Theyer to ask Brian Brazington to undertake a further cut of the hedges, agreed. Mr Morgan also asked if he could buy Toby Baxter some wine, along with a letter to thank him for allowing the arising to be disposed of on his property, it was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr Kingsley to set a limit of £30.00, agreed. Mr Morgan would progress this.
- b) Road Signs: Notification of the faded road signs was in hand.
- c) Renewal of White Lines at the top of School Hill: It was noted that GCC Highways will renew the white lines.
- d) Fallen Road Sign at the bottom of Hemplands Hill: It was agreed to notify GCC Highways as this appeared to have been knocked over by a vehicle.
- e) Chedworth Laines: It was noted the existing slows will be replaced and the new ones will be painted.

Footpaths:

- a) Temporary Footpath Closure KCH43: The extension of the Temporary Footpath closure to allow for the building works on Bliss Cottage was noted.
- b) KCH 4: Mr Morgan has revisited the footpath and provided photographs showing the barbed

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wire on the flimsy stile and the broken steps. It was agreed to pass these onto the landowner.

c) Broken Roman Villa Sign at Gallows Lane/Courts Close: The Chairman was currently repairing this and would re-site it with the help of the Cotswold Wardens.

Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust Chedworth Nature Reserve: There was nothing further, but it was suggested that a guided walk along the mile-long track of woodland would be an excellent introduction to the work involved in becoming a volunteer when the Parish Council takes over the area. A date in January or February would be decided later.

Playing Field:

a) Dog Fouling on the Playing Field: Nothing further but it was agreed to include another reminder to clear up in the Hill and Valley.

The Grass Keep Field:

a) Drama Group Storage: Mr Kingsley reported that he understood that the shed would be put up next week.

b) Tree Planting on Diggers Field: Mr McLellan reported that nothing further had been heard regarding the free trees. It was agreed to look around for some fruit trees, as a sum of £700 had been included in the budget. Mr McLellan agreed to do this. It was also reported that it had been suggested that this should be called the Jubilee Orchard.

Village Hall:

a) Village Hall New Doors from Warmseal Windows: It was noted that doors have been fitted. It was further agreed to include the replacement front door on the next agenda.

b) Chedworth Village Hall Showcase Chedworth: It was agreed to express an interest in taking part in this event when a date has been set.

Noticeboards:

a) Lower End Noticeboard Refurbishment: Nothing had been heard from Adrian Fletcher. It was agreed to try to find someone to undertake repairs.

Lower End Graveyard: It was agreed to ask Bibury to do the annual cut & tidy before Remembrance Day.

Chedworth to Net Zero: Dealt with earlier on the agenda.

Defibrillator Checks: Notification had been received from CHT reporting that regular checks are not being done on the Village Hall defibrillator. After some discussion it was agreed to look into a service contract like they have in Withington, Mr Theyer agreed to make enquiries regarding this. It was also suggested that someone from the Village Hall might be able to assist with the regular checks.

Community Governance Review: Noted.

Winter Emergency Plan: Mr McLellan was in the process of updating this and then it will be included on the website.

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FINANCE:

1. Clerks Quarterly Telephone/Broadband contribution £78.60, prop. A Kingsley, sec. I Morgan
2. Bibury (Graveyard Path Sept/Oct £60.00 + VAT & Tuns Hill cut & clear £208.00 + VAT) £321.60, prop. D Broad, sec. A Kingsley
3. Cottage Garden Services (P/F Cutting October) (£80.00 + VAT) £96.00, prop. G Broad, sec. I Morgan. The Clerk reported that CGS had offered their services on the same basis for next year for the increased price of £44.00 + VAT per cut. It was agreed to accept this.
4. Brian Brazington (Verge Cutting) £925.00 + VAT) £1,110.00, prop. I Morgan, sec. D Broad
5. Warmseal Windows (2 doors for Village Hall) (£1,583.33 + VAT) £1,900.00, prop. D Broad, sec. G Broad
6. Council in receipt of £718.76 Neighbourhood Portion Community Infrastructure Levy from CDC

Mr Morgan asked about the need to reclaim the VAT to date at the end of December. The Chairman and Clerk would look at the projected expenditure to see if this was needed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Hill and Valley News: Several items were agreed to be included in the December edition.

The meeting concluded at 9.16pm.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 13th December 2021 at 7.30pm.

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