

CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 14th MARCH 2022

Talk about situation in Ukraine and any help Chedworth may be able to give took place before meeting commenced.

Councillor Hodgkinson gave a report from GCC, speaking about the latest Covid figures in Gloucestershire which were on the rise again, the GCC portion of the Council Tax and the proposed parliamentary boundary changes which were currently out for consultation. Chedworth and Churn Valley ward was currently proposed in the North Cotswold constituency but Councillor Hodgkinson thought it should be included in the Cirencester & North Wiltshire constituency which was also the view of CDC.

PRESENT: Mr D Broad (Chairman), Mrs B Amory, Mr G Broad, Mr A Kingsley, Mr I Morgan, Mrs E Broad (Clerk)
Mrs B Amory via Zoom
County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson

APOLOGIES: Mr A McLellan, Mr J Theyer

It was agreed that Mrs Amory would be able to vote at the meeting.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of the Parish Council budget meeting held on 14th February 2022 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: Nothing further.

The Chairman varied the order of item on the agenda

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Traffic in Village and Road Matters:

- a) Roadside Verges: Mr Morgan reported that Brian Brazington had not done the flailing & hedge cutting.
- b) Road Signs: These were waiting for GCC to install them.
- c) Broken Finger Post at the bottom of Hemplands Hill: This was waiting for GCC to install it.
- d) Drainage and Water on Tuns Hill: Nothing further, it was agreed to remove from the agenda at present.
- e) GCC Notification of Temporary Closure of various roads for Carriageway Patching works from 7th March 2022: Noted.
- f) Cooks Hill, Reduced Width: Mr Morgan was concerned about the Laurel hedge is narrowing this already very narrow road significantly, particular higher up, causing difficulty for larger vehicles and tractors. It was proposed by Mr Morgan and seconded from the Chair to write to the landowner asking him to cut it back to the wall and to a vertical line extending above the wall, agreed.

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Footpaths:

- a) KCH 4: Mr Morgan had circulated some photographs and reported that the barbed wire was still there under the protective wooden rail and he was concerned that people may inadvertently grasp the barbed wire together with the protective wooden rail and injure themselves, ideally that section of barbed wire should be removed completely. He also reported that a footstep is missing on a stile further along the path. It was proposed by Mr Morgan and seconded from the Chair to write to the landowner about this, agreed.
- b) KCH 53: In the absence of Mr Theyer, it was agreed to hold over to the next meeting.
- c) KCH 23: The Chairman asked Mr Harrison if the electric fence was still there. Mr Harrison confirmed that it was but the battery was missing. The Chairman agreed to have a word with Mrs Tice.
- d) KCH 54: Mr Boehm had emailed regarding the blockage on KCH 54 which he and his wife had cleared. He asked the Parish Council draw to the attention of those who have footpaths running though their land, their obligations to keep paths clear. It was agreed to include in the Hill and Valley.
- e) Broken Roman Villa Sign at Gallows Lane/Courts Close: The Chairman had the repairs in hand.

PLANNING:

22/00808/TCONR Chedworth House - Tree Works

22/00337/AGFO Hills Farm, Calves Hill - Agricultural or Forestry Notification for Agricultural building for the storage of farm machinery and equipment – No objection

22/00665/FUL- Coombe Cottage - Full Application for Extensions to side, demolition of existing garage and extension of parking area, temporary re-siting existing outbuilding - No objection but Council has concerns at the potential for light pollution from the extensive glazing. The Parish Council is very keen to promote dark skies.

22/00526/FUL Laurence Cottage - Single storey rear extension and garage conversion - No objection but Council has concerns at the potential for light pollution from the extensive glazing. The Parish Council is very keen to promote dark skies.

22/00534/FUL Orchard Barn - Conversion of Dutch Barn to provide a single residential dwelling with associated works - No objection but Council has concerns at the potential for light pollution from the extensive glazing. The Parish Council is very keen to promote dark skies and is concerned over the effect of additional lighting on the habitat and bio-diversity in this area away from the main built up environment of the village.

22/00658/FUL - Setts Farm - Erection of agricultural shed to house livestock, store fodder and store farm machinery – No objection.

Land North East of Chedworth Village Hall: Mrs Amory reported that the application had now gone to appeal. It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr Kingsley that when notification of the appeal was received from CDC to make a submission based on Mrs Amory's submission to the CDC planning meeting, agreed.

Neighbourhood Plan:

a) Chedworth Parish Questionnaire: Mrs Amory reported that the results were on the website and asked if they could go on the noticeboards.

b) First Consultation Questionnaire: Mrs Amory reported that the results were on the website and asked if they could go on the noticeboards.

c) Chedworth Design Code: This was now going to returned to AECOM. It was felt that an executive summary would be helpful.

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d) Designation Dark Sky: Mrs Amory was still looking into this.

Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust Chedworth Nature Reserve:

- a) To consider any update: Nothing further.
- b) To consider the insurance aspect for the site: The Clerk was currently querying the insurance aspect for the site with our insurance company.

The Grass Keep Field:

- a) Drama Group Storage: Mr Kingsley reported that some things had been moved into the shed. The gravel still had to be finished off. It was agreed to write to Rob Biddlecombe thanking him for his help with the shed. Mr Kingsley agreed to draft a letter of thanks.
- b) Tree Planting on Diggers Field: In hand.
- c) Grass Keep Tenancy: A reply had been received from Mrs Wall asking why the field is not being offered for let again, she also stated that all fencing will be repaired prior to 30th April.

Noticeboards:

- a) Well Hill Noticeboard: The noticeboard has been refurbished by Ray Hedger and it has made a tremendous difference to both the appearance and the ease of use of the board. It was agreed to write and thank Mr Hedger.

Playing Field:

- a) Provision of a dog poo bin: A reply had been received from CDC advising not to go ahead and purchase any bins yet as they are not installing any new bins at the moment. They will be launching a litter/dog waste bin review in April, where they will be reviewing the coverage of litter and dog waste bins across the district. They will be contacting Councils directly about bins in their area.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations:

- a) To receive any update resulting from the meeting on 7th March: The meeting was quite well attended, a further £250 each had been pledged from the Chedworth Society and from Mrs Tice. A beacon was also being considered.
- b) Request for additional £250 funding from Jubilee Picnic group: A letter had been received from Peter Heaps. It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr Kingsley that the Parish Council is still prepared to make an additional £250 available if it is needed due to unforeseen expenses or price inflation, agreed.

Village Website: George Broad explained that as he is now working full time as a computer analyst, he does not have time to migrate the Chedworth website, or parts of it, to either the Chedworth Society or Parish Council websites. It was agreed to ask Iain Robertson if he knew anyone who could resurrect the old Chedworth website and if he still has the old analytical data, specifically the number of hits the site had been achieving.

Chedworth Parish Litter Pick 2022: Mrs Amory reported about the litter pick on 12th March which had collected a lot of rubbish, but not that well attended.

Showcase Chedworth Event – Saturday 2nd April: An email had been received from Charles Hutton Potts. After some discussion it was agreed that the Chairman, David Broad and Ian Morgan would go to represent the Parish Council.

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Motion from CDC that we may be put into the North Wiltshire constituency. Currently Chedworth and Churn Valley is in the North Cotswold constituency: Mrs Amory raised this as it was currently out for consultation. After some discussion it was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr Kingsley to fully support the proposal that Chedworth together with the rest of the Chedworth and Churn Valley ward should remain in the North Cotswold constituency, agreed unanimously.

FINANCE:

1. Clerk’s Quarterly Salary £669.00, prop. I Morgan, sec. A Kingsley
2. Clerk’s Quarterly Mileage £12.44, prop. I Morgan, sec. A Kingsley
3. A Kingsley (Lock for Shed) £29.08, prop. D Broad, sec. G Broad
4. GAPTC Membership £207.16 – It was agreed not to subscribe this year.
5. A Heathcoat-Amory (Printing) £17.98 Neighbourhood Plan Payment, prop. D Broad, sec. G Broad
6. Ray Hedger (Materials for Noticeboard Refurbishment) £94.00, prop. G Broad, sec. D Broad

OTHER BUSINESS:

Annual Parish Meeting: Monday 21st March 2022 at 7.30pm.

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

The meeting concluded at 9.17pm.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 11th April 2022 at 7.30pm.

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