

# CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 11<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2022

PRESENT: Mr D Broad (Chairman), Mr G Broad, Mr A Kingsley, Mr A McLellan, Mrs E Broad (Clerk)  
Mrs B Amory via Zoom

APOLOGIES: Mr I Morgan and County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson

ABSENT: Mr J Theyer

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 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: Sue Callard spoke about the plans for the Jubilee lunch and asked for the Parish Council to give permission for a commemorative tree and bench to be sited in the corner of the Playing Field. Councillors had visited to proposed site prior to the meeting.

The Chairman brought this item forward on the agenda.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations: There was some concern about the gang mower not being able to mow around the bench and tree. Sue Callard said she was looking into how to keep the area tidy. It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr McLellan to allow the Jubilee group to site a commemorative bench and tree in the area identified, agreed

## PLANNING:

22/00854/FUL - Wolds Cottage, Chedworth Laines Erection of garage and ancillary office building with associated works. Demolition of existing garage and outbuilding – No objection  
22/00864/FUL – Perran House - Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) re permission  
14/03291/FUL for proposed two storey side extension, to regularise construction as built (retrospective) – No objection

22/00945/FUL - Rookery Cottage - Erection of single storey extension – No objection  
22/01047/FUL Belmont, Fields Road - Change of use from equestrian, to provide 3 glamping pods with associated work for holiday use – It was proposed by Mr McLellan and seconded by Mr G Broad to object about the access from the glamping area being onto the narrow but well used bridleway, which is part of the Monarch's Way. There has been a recent permission for three dwellings in this area, two of which are being constructed, which also rely on this narrow bridleway for access and the junction between the bridleway and the main Fields Road is at an angle with restricted visibility to the east, agreed with one against.

22/01064/TCONR Saffron Hill – Tree Works – No objection

22/01035/PLP The Pump House Middle Chedworth - Permission in Principle application for up to one self-build dwelling – It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mrs Amory to object to this application on several grounds. The present building in merely a small shed erected to house water pumping equipment for the water board which has now been superseded. The site is several

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feet below highway level, access down steps, and there is no obvious way to provide a vehicular access to the site. The site is adjacent to a landslip which causes the road above and adjacent to constantly move and crack requiring frequent repair. The site is on the downhill side of the main village road and for many years local residents have resisted building any structures on this side of the road. Properties on this side of the road several hundred yards to the east and west are both 18th century or earlier. The emerging Chedworth Neighbourhood Plan specifically mentions this area and seeks to keep it free of development. Any residential development on this site will clearly harm the visual amenity of the setting of the Chedworth valley and Conservation Area, agreed.

Appeal:

21/00650/FUL 22/00007/REFUSE | Land North East Of Chedworth Village Hall Application for 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) – To note that this appeal is currently only at ‘lodged’ status with the Planning Inspectorate and therefore not in the public domain. It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr G Broad that when the appeal goes live to send comments based on Mrs Amory’s submission to the planning committee, agreed.

21/03709/FUL Cotswold Farm Fayre, Denfurlong Farm, Fields Road - Development of a rural exception scheme comprising 5 affordable dwellings and 4 open market dwellings – It was noted that the Parish Council comments on this application had mistakenly been marked sensitive and not included on the CDC website. This had now been rectified.

CDC Planning Issues: A copy of an email to CDC had been received from Ben Rambaut, Quenington PC. This was noted.

Neighbourhood Plan:

- a) To receive any updates: Nothing further
- b) Chedworth Design Code: Nothing further
- c) Designation Dark Sky: Nothing further

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Traffic in Village and Road Matters:

- a) Roadside Verges: Nothing further
- b) Road Signs: These were still outstanding.
- c) Broken Finger Post at the bottom of Hemplands Hill: This had now been done.
- d) Cooks Hill, Reduced Width: A reply had been received from the owner of Laurel Cottage, saying the hedge is presently in the process of being substantially reduced in height, works which began in February and which should be completed soon. He also raised concerns that excessively wide vehicles are using Cooks Hill, causing damage and subsidence. The signage is not appropriate and needs revising. It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr McLellan to write to GCC Highways again and copy to Paul Hodgkinson to see if he can help, agreed.
- e) Box balls adjacent to Chedworth House Entrance: An email had been received from Mr Harrison regarding a number of “Box Balls” ball shaped box bushes, have been planted on the highway verge near Chedworth House. It was felt that the bushes are incongruous and out of place in a rural environment. It was proposed by Mr G Broad and seconded by Mr McLellan to contact GCC Highways asking that these obstructions removed, agreed.

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Footpaths:

- a) KCH 4: Nothing further.
- b) KCH 53: Nothing further.
- c) KCH 23: Nothing further.
- d) Broken Roman Villa Sign at Gallows Lane/Courts Close: Nothing further.

Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust Chedworth Nature Reserve:

- a) To consider any update: Mrs Amory gave a brief report on the site.
- b) To receive any update on the insurance aspect for the site: Nothing further. The matter was still with our insurance company who were concerned about the safety of the bridges on the site.

The Grass Keep Field:

- a) Drama Group Storage: Mr Kingsley reported that equipment had been moved in. The Clerk reminded Councillors that no rent had been received from either party. Mr Kingsley agreed to chase this up. Mr Kingsley reported that a water butt was required to save some rainwater and draw it off as needed for the orchard project. It was recollected that Mr Theyer had previously offered a water butt, it was agreed to ask him if it was still available.
- b) Tree Planting on Diggers Field: Mr McLellan reported that the free trees from GCC needed to be planted in the hedgerow. He would arrange a small working party to do this. He also reported that Heather Robson and Alison Oldershaw had both attended a course to help with the orchard project, this had cost them £20.00 each and asked if they could be reimbursed by the Parish Council. It was proposed by Mr McLellan and seconded from the Chair to reimburse both ladies £20.00 each, agreed.
- c) Grass Keep Tenancy: The tenancy ends on the 30<sup>th</sup> April. It was felt that the fences needed to be inspected at the termination of the tenancy. It was agreed to ask Mr Theyer if he would be able to do this.

Noticeboards:

- a) To consider an offer from Mr Hedger to re-stain the Village Hall Noticeboard: This offer was gratefully received. All out of pocket expenses would be reimbursed.

Playing Field: Nothing further.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations: Dealt with earlier on the agenda.

Village Website: Bella Amory and Julie Young offered to resurrect the village website, this offer was gratefully received. Mrs Amory had emailed Mr Robertson regarding this but had not received a reply. It was agreed that the Parish Council would pay the hosting fee and any expenses.

Paul Hodgkinson's Weekly Covid Reports: Iain Robertson had emailed asking if there was a reason why such useful information is not communicated to the parish. After some discussion it was agreed to ask Paul Hodgkinson to consider making this information available through his own Nextdoor account.

Village Shop/Café: The Chairman gave a brief report on the recent Zoom meeting which had, unfortunately, not been well attended.

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FINANCE:

1. D Broad (quarterly website hosting) £21.60, prop. A Kingsley, sec G Broad
2. S Chapman £2275.00 Neighbourhood Plan Payment – Retrospective, prop. D Broad, sec. B Amory
3. E Broad (Photocopying & Postage) £6.13 Neighbourhood Plan Payment – Retrospective, prop. D Broad, sec. G Broad
4. Groundworks UK (Return of unspent Neighbourhood Plan Grant) £4,269.00 Neighbourhood Plan Payment – Retrospective, prop. D Broad, sec. G Broad

OTHER BUSINESS:

Hill & Valley News: Several items were identified to be included in the May edition.

Mr Kingsley asked for youth transport to be included on the next agenda.

The meeting concluded at 9.05pm.

NEXT MEETING: Annual Parish Council Meeting - Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7.30pm.

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