

# CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT: Mr D Broad (Chairman) Mr G Broad, Mr A Kingsley, Mr A McLellan, Mr J Theyer and Mrs E Broad (Clerk)

VACANCY ON CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL: Bella Heathcoat Amory had resigned from Chedworth Parish Council. CDC have been informed and have instigated the procedures necessary to fill the vacancy. It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr Theyer to write and thank Bella for her work on Council, agreed. It was further agreed that if CDC notifies the Council that no election has been called to set advertising for another Councillor to fill the vacancy in motion immediately.

APOLOGIES: Mr I Morgan, County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN: It was agreed to defer until the next meeting.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 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: Mr Harrison reported that the Chedworth Society did not own the waterwheel opposite the Seven Tuns, it had been handed back to the Manor around 2016. He also reported that the tufa build up problem was the responsibility of GCC.

PLANNING:

22/01919/FUL Seven Tuns - lean-to porch to rear elevation – No objection

22/01920/LBC Seven Tuns - Listed Building Consent – No objection

22/02361/TCONR Apple Cottage - Tree Works - Noted

21/00911/DMPO Rendcomb Airfield – An email response had been received from Jenny Forde who reported that the planning department are currently writing up the report and have reached a recommendation. Once this recommendation has been made then the report will go to a full planning committee meeting where representations will be able to be made. She also that she not sure a meeting between interested parties would serve any purpose. It was felt that when the application went to planning committee a representative from the Parish Council should attend the meeting.

Neighbourhood Plan: In view of Mrs Amory's resignation from the Parish Council it was agreed to clarify with her what her intention was with the Neighbourhood Plan. It was reported that a meeting of the steering group was due in September. Mr Harrison was invited to speak, he said he felt that if it was decided not to go ahead with the Neighbourhood Plan the Design Code should be finished off as a stand-alone document. A grant of £3,183 had been awarded, it was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr Theyer to ask Mrs Amory if she would be able to accept the grant application which she kindly initiated. Any grant money not spent would be returned at the end of the financial year.

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MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Traffic in Village and Road Matters:

- a) Roadside Verges: Nothing further
- b) Road Signs: The Chairman had the reporting of the faded road signs in hand. Mr McLellan reported that the slow sign painted on the road outside Peel House needed repainting. It was agreed to raise this with Councillor Hodgkinson.
- c) Cooks Hill, Reduced Width: Nothing further.
- d) Tuns Hill Waterfall: There was no flow through the protective grille at the Tuns Hill waterfall due to a build up of Tufa. Water is leaking from it and running down Tuns Hill, despite there being almost no flow of water down the waterfall at present. Several photographs had been received showing the build up prior to 2012 which showed nothing like this level of build up of Tufa. It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr Kingsley to bring this to the attention of GCC Highways and also agreed to seek advice from villager, Ceri Powell, who was a geologist, seeking her input.
- e) Temporary Road Closure - C155 - Road from Fosse Cross to Calmsden - Chedworth – North Cerney – 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> July: Noted.
- f) Ash Die Back Trees on Highway: The Chairman raised the matter of Ash Die Back in Ash trees on highway land adjacent to St Andrews School and Hawks Lane House. Coronium Arboreal recently felled two of the three trees adjacent to the highway near Hawks Lane House and explained that the third needed to be felled as well as it was dangerous, but unfortunately it is on highway land being just outside the boundary wall of Winterwell House. They also noted that self seeded Ash trees on the bank opposite the white railings on highways land adjacent to St Andrews School playground, also showed evidence of Ash Die Back and needed to be felled. It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr Theyer to bring this to the attention of GCC Highways, agreed.

Footpaths:

- a) KCH 4: It was agreed to remove from the agenda at present.

Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust Chedworth Nature Reserve:

- a) To consider any update: Nothing further, agreed to chase this up.
- b) To receive any update on the insurance aspect for the site: Nothing further, agreed to chase this up.

The Grass Keep Field:

- a) Drama Group Storage: The Drama Group rent has been paid. It was agreed to remove from the agenda.
- b) Tree Planting on Diggers Field: Mr McLellan gave a brief update. Mr Theyer had cut the field and was duly thanked by the Chairman.
- c) Grass Keep Tenancy: The water bill had been paid, Mr Theyer reported that he felt that the fencing had been repaired to an acceptable standard. It was agreed to remove this item from the agenda.

Playing Field:

- a) Broken Net Fixing on Goal Posts: Nothing further.
- b) Annual Inspection Report: The annual inspection report on the Adult Exercise Equipment had not raised any points which needed urgent attention.

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Village Website: Julie Young replied saying she felt the £300 would be sufficient to resurrect the village website.

Youth Transport: Mr Kingsley was still working on this.

Thames Water Outages: An email had been received from Paul Hodgkinson reporting that he had spoken to his contact at Thames Water, and they are very happy to agree a new siting for water bottles when the supply is interrupted. It was felt that the Village Hall car park was the obvious site and it was agreed to write and ask the Chairman, Charles Hutton Potts.

FINANCE:

1. D Broad (Quarterly website hosting + Annual Domain renewal) £33.60, prop. G Broad, Sec. J Theyer
2. A Kingsley (Additional Lock for Shed) £31.76 + £29.08 Mislaid Cheque from March, total £60.84, prop. D Broad, sec. A McLellan
3. J Theyer (Digger hire & aggregate for shed) (£321.00 + VAT) £385.20, prop. A Kingsley, sec. G Broad
4. Cottage Garden Services (Playing Field Cutting June) (£88.00 + VAT) £105.60, prop. D Broad, sec. J Theyer
5. Iain Selkirk (Internal Audit) £110.00, prop. G Broad, sec. A Kingsley
6. The Play Inspection Company (Annual Inspection) (£85.00 + VAT) £102.00, prop. A McLellan, sec. J Theyer
7. Chedworth Village Hall (Rental) £20.00 Neighbourhood Plan Payment – Although The invoice was for a one hour meeting, it did in fact take two hours. It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr Theyer to pay £20.00 for a two hour meeting.
8. 2021/22 Audit: The Annual Audit report from Mr Selkirk, Internal Auditor and there were no matters to be brought to the attention of Councillors. The Chairman thanked the Clerk for her work on the audit.

The meeting concluded at 8.34pm.

NEXT MEETING: Parish Council Meeting - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at 7.30pm.

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