

# CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 12<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022

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

APOLOGIES: County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson & District Councillor Jenny Forde

The Chairman reported on a meeting held before this meeting with Councillor Hodgkinson and parents of pupils at Cotswold School who were concerned that the school bus timetable had been revised from an 08.00 departure to a 07.35 departure from Chedworth Village Hall. Arrival at Cotswold School is now 40 minutes before school starts and that is some time before staff are available on site to supervise the children leading to safeguarding issues. The return is now also some 40 minutes after the school day ends. Parents present at the meeting voiced their concerns about this.

The Chairman brought item 02.7 forward on the agenda.

Cotswold School Bus Timetable Change: After some discussion which included concern at the lateness of this information being made public and the fact that Councillor Hodgkinson was meeting officers at County Council on Wednesday to discuss the issue, it was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr Theyer to write to GCC raising the concerns of the parents, agreed.

The Chairman asked Council to have a brief moment of reflection to mark the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II.

VACANCY ON CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL: The Chairman invited any member of the public in the room to put their name forward, no one did. It was agreed to carry on looking for someone to fill the vacancy and include another item in the Hill and Valley.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> August 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 was raised at this point.

PLANNING:

22/02625/FUL Wheelwrights Barn - Construction of a wooden pergola to side of house – No objection

22/02912/FUL 4 Courts Close - Installation of packaged treatment plant at 4 (rear garden) Courts Close. Disconnection from existing system located in rear garden of 3 Courts Close – No objection

21/00911/DMPO Rendcomb Airfield: Jenny Forde has sent a Ward Councillor Update through. One of the items included was a reference that the application would now not be at Planning Committee until December.

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Neighbourhood Plan: The Chairman reported that the proposed meeting scheduled for 5<sup>th</sup> September had been postponed. The meeting had been rebooked for 19<sup>th</sup> September but this was now a Bank Holiday due to the funeral of the late Queen. It was now agreed to hold the meeting on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September and inform Judy Tice and members of the NH Plan group.

### MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

#### Traffic in Village and Road Matters:

- a) Roadside Verges: Mr Morgan gave a brief update on the autumn cut which would be done soon. Fields Road had already been cut by GCC for the Tour of Britain race.
- b) Road Signs: These had been passed on to GCC.
- c) Cooks Hill, Reduced Width: Nothing further, it was agreed to chase this up.
- d) Tuns Hill Waterfall: Nothing further, it was agreed to chase this up
- e) Overhanging Vegetation on Station Hill: The Chairman reported that he had spoken to Matthew Orman and asked him to cut back the offending vegetation, which he agreed to do.
- f) Ash Die Back Trees on Highway: Nothing further, it was agreed to chase this up
- g) Speed of Traffic on Fields Road: An application had been submitted to GCC for a grant towards two electronic speed signs. Confirmation of receipt of the application, which had to be submitted before 31<sup>st</sup> August, had been received and the next stage of the application would be notified in due course. Mr Kingsley thanked the Chairman and Mr McLellan for their work on this.

#### Footpaths:

- a) KCH 4: It was agreed to remove from the agenda and write to Mr Finch saying we look forward to the steps tread being replaced.

Mr Theyer reported on the field below Chedworth House in which the owners are apparently diverting the stream. It was agreed to include on the next agenda.

#### Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust Chedworth Nature Reserve:

- a) To consider any update: The Chairman reported that we were still experiencing problems with Network Rail taking responsibility for the underline bridges on the site. Gareth Parry was leaving GWT and someone else would be taking over.
- b) To receive any update on the insurance aspect for the site: Nothing further.
- c) To receive the report on Biodiversity Audit at the reserve provided by Emma Barron and discuss any matters arising: Mr Morgan had circulated this prior to the meeting. It was agreed to write and thank Emma for the document and point out that the nature reserve is not a public right of way. Mr Morgan would ask Emma if the document could be sent to GWT.

#### The Grass Keep Field:

- a) Tree Planting on Diggers Field: Mr McLellan gave a brief update. The Chairman reported that he was trying to find a tee piece for the water supply, Mr McLellan said there was no urgency.
- b) Encroaching trees touching monopole: Cluttons, the owners of the monopole had been in touch asking for the tree touching the monopole to be cut back. Two quotes to cut back the tree, which has Ash Die back, had been received from Central Tree Services £580 + VAT and Corinium Arboreal for £560. It was proposed by Mr Morgan and seconded by Mr G Broad to ask Corinium Arboreal to undertake the work asap, agreed.

#### Playing Field:

- a) Broken Net Fixing on Goal Posts: Nothing further.

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b) Hire of Playing Field & Grass Keep Field for parking for the Roman Run, 11<sup>th</sup> September: As the fields for parking had been requested after the last meeting, it was brought to the meeting to decide how much should be charged. It was proposed by Mr G Broad and seconded by Mr McLellan to charge £100 the same as last time, agreed.

Village Website: Mr Robertson had emailed to say he had set up an account with Ionos for a special price of £2.40 for a year and £4.80 thereafter. He asked the Parish Council to transfer the payment details from himself to the Parish Council, although he had made the first payment of £2.40, which would be reimbursed. George Broad agreed to do this. Special thanks were given to George Broad and Julie Young.

Cotswold School Bus Timetable Change: Dealt with earlier on the agenda.

FINANCE:

1. E Broad (Quarterly Salary) £689.00, prop. I Morgan, sec. A Kingsley
2. E Broad (Quarterly Mileage) £9.65, prop. A McLellan, sec. I Morgan
3. Cottage Garden Services (Playing Field Cutting August) (£88.00 + VAT) £105.60, prop. G Broad, sec. A Kingsley
4. Viking (Stamps, Envelopes & Ink) (£62.57 + VAT) £78.89, prop. G Broad, sec. A Kingsley
5. Iain Robertson (Web Hosting for Village Website) £2.40, prop. D Broad, sec. I Morgan
6. Zurich Municipal (Insurance Renewal) £457.97, prop. G Broad, sec. J Theyer
7. Council in receipt of £3,183 from Groundwork UK N/H Plan Grant

OTHER BUSINESS:

Hill and Valley: Several items were identified to be included in the October edition.

The fact that nothing had been heard about the new front door for the Village Hall, for which we had paid a deposit earlier in the year, was raised. The Clerk would make enquiries for the next meeting.

The meeting concluded at 9.00pm.

NEXT MEETING: Parish Council Meeting - Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 7.30pm.

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