

CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 10th OCTOBER 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)
District Councillor Jenny Forde

APOLOGIES: County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson

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 12th September 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: Councillor Forde gave a brief update on CDC matters including help with the cost of living, Rendcomb Airfield and the planning application for land N/E of the Village Hall. Other members of the public also spoke about the planning application.

The Chairman brought the following items forward on the agenda.

22/03157/FUL Land North East of 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 (revised) – Objection – Mr Harrison had submitted a suggested response which the Chairman read out. It was proposed by Mr Morgan and seconded by Mr G Broad to object using Mr Harrison’s response with a couple of amendments, agreed.

Neighbourhood Plan:

a) To receive a report on NH Plan meeting held on 26th September: The Chairman gave a brief report on the meeting, where no one had come forward to lead the steering group. Mr Harrison was invited to speak and reported that he had been in contact with Joseph Walker at CDC and had copied his emails to the Parish Council. He also said that he had someone interest in joining the steering group to push the plan forward. It was agreed to ask Mr Harrison to approach this person and consider whether to carry on with the plan at the next meeting.

PLANNING:

22/02987/FUL Cotswold House, Pancake Hill - Change of use from paddock to residential garden - No objection

22/01720/FUL Long Cottage - New Details – No objection

22/03286/FUL Land North of the Old Parlour, Manor Farm - Change of use of land to tourism and siting 1 shepherd hut to provide holiday accommodation together with associated parking –

Objection – It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr G Broad to object to the principle of this application as they feel the site is not suitable for this type of tourism use, agreed 3 in favour and 3 abstentions.

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21/00911/DMPO Rendcomb Airfield – Jenny Forde had already updated the Council on the application and reported that it would probably be considered at the December planning meeting.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Traffic in Village and Road Matters:

- a) Roadside Verges: Mr Morgan gave an update on the autumn cut of which the first phase had been done & reported that a cut of the Tuns Hill triangle & verge down to the waterwheel had been requested. An invoice could now be sent to GCC Highways. Mr Morgan also reported that he had been contacted by the owner of The Paddocks and asked if the verge outside adjacent to the telephone box could be cut by the parish. It was felt that there were several other areas similar to this in the village like this that could be cut, but the cost would be prohibitive, so only the regulation 1 metre cut should be done in these areas.
- b) Road Signs: Nothing further.
- c) Cooks Hill, Reduced Width: A reply had been received from Dan Tiffnay, GCC Highways, stating that the signs had been done. A further complaint had been received that a large coach had been observed trying to get up the hill recently. The Chairman and Mr George Broad would go up again with the pole and measure the width.
- d) Tuns Hill Waterfall: As nothing had been heard it was agreed to chase this up.
- e) Overhanging Vegetation on Station Hill: As nothing had been done, the Chairman would speak to Matthew Orman again.
- f) Ash Die Back Trees on Highway: As nothing had been heard it was agreed to chase this up.
- g) Speed of Traffic on Fields Road: Several comments had been received regarding the recently painted white lines on Fields Road which the Parish Council specifically asked not to be repainted when the road was recently resurfaced. However, the lines have been painted and we can see a benefit in retaining the short stretch of White lines at the Village Hall crossroads, as this discourages drivers from “cutting the corner”. There was however widespread agreement that the white lines along the largely residential stretch from The Coaches to beyond Romans Yard is detrimental to road safety, as it is believed this increase traffic speed and may cause vehicles to drive nearer to the accesses from which residents cars are emerging. It was agreed to write to Dan Tiffnay, GCC Highways, asking that in the spirit of compromise, for him to look into removing the lines along the said stretch from The Coaches to beyond Romans Yard and also ask him to look into repainting the worn out “Slow” sign outside Peel House, which we asked about some time ago. The Community Speed Watch bid submission to GCC was being considered. It was also agreed to look at doing the Community Speed Watch speed checks in the Spring.

Footpaths:

- a) KCH 64: An email regarding the digging of a trench along this path had been received from Alison Williams, but the trench has since been filled in. It was agreed to monitor this path.
- b) Diversion of Stream below Chedworth House: Mr Theyer reported that the stream had been diverted, he agreed to monitor the situation.

Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust Chedworth Nature Reserve: The Chairman had emailed the insurance company regarding the bridges, but had not yet received a reply. Mr Morgan had been and photographed the worse of the bridges, and councillors could see the poor condition it was in. Emma Barron had agreed that her report could be sent to GWT.

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The Grass Keep Field:

- a) Tree Planting on Diggers Field: Mr McLellan gave a brief update. The Chairman reported he had all the bits to fit the tee piece to the water supply.
- b) Encroaching trees touching monopole: Joe Musgrave had felled the tree. Mr Morgan reported that the wood from the tree had been left behind the pole enclosure for anyone to take for firewood. It was agreed to advertise the fact on social media and if it had not been taken by the next meeting, ask Mr Musgrave to take it away which he had agreed to do free of charge.
- c) Monopole: Mr Morgan had circulated a letter and asked the Council to consider the implications of Vodafone switch off of 3G in 2023. It was agreed to write to Vodaphone and seek assurances that 4G services will be retained and that 5G services will subsequently be provided from this location.

Playing Field:

- a) Broken Net Fixing on Goal Posts: In hand.
- b) Hire of Playing Field & Grass Keep Field for Jazz Evening/Family Picnic-Saturday 1st July 2023-FoStA: It was proposed by Mr Kingsley and seconded from the Chair to waive the fee on this occasion, agreed.

Village Website: It was reported that Julie Young had put up a temporary page with some links to village organisations. Mr George Broad would now transfer the payment details over.

Cotswold School Bus Timetable Change: It was reported that some steps have been taken to improve the afternoon school bus service to Chedworth. However, the morning services remains unsatisfactory, especially as winter approaches with dark mornings. It was proposed by Mr Kingsley and seconded from the Chair to write again to GCC saying that it was understood that negotiations are in place for an improved service and hope they will take all possible action to expedite the implementation of this improved service.

Chedworth Village Hall: A reply had been received from Charles Hutton Potts with an update on the making of the new front door. It was hoped this would be completed and installed soon.

Suggestion for the Village: An email had been received from Hugh Clayson suggesting the planting of Oak Tree in memory of HM Queen Elizabeth II. After some consideration it was agreed that as a tree had recently been planted to mark the Platinum Jubilee, a more fitting tribute will be to rename the Community Orchard in memory of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and purchase a suitable commemorative sign. Mr McLellan agreed to look into this. It was further agreed to reply to Mr Clayson to inform him of this.

FINANCE:

- 1. D Broad (Website Hosting Aug/Sept/Oct) £21.60, prop. A Kingsley, sec. I Morgan
- 2. Cottage Garden Services (Playing Field Cutting September) (£88.00 + VAT) £105.60, prop. D Broad, sec. G Broad
- 3. Corinium Arboreal (Tree felling) £560.00, prop. G Broad, sec. I Morgan
- 4. Community Heartbeat Trust (New Pads for Xbox Defib)(£39.00 + VAT & carriage) £51.60, prop. G Broad, sec. D Broad
- 5. Chedworth Village Hall (NH Plan Meeting 26/9) £18.00 NH Plan Payment, prop. D Broad, sec. G Broad

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- 6. Castle Water (Grass Keep field) £7.65, prop. A McLellan, sec. G Broad
- 7. Council in receipt of £100.00 P/F Rental from Cirencester Athletics Club
- 8. Council in receipt of £4,106 part Precept from CDC

OTHER BUSINESS:

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

The meeting concluded at 9.20pm.

NEXT MEETING: Parish Council Meeting - Monday 14th November 2022 at 7.30pm.

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