

CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 14th NOVEMBER 2022

PRESENT: Mr D Broad (Chairman) Mr G Broad, Mr A Kingsley, Mr A McLellan, Mr I Morgan, and Mrs E Broad (Clerk)
County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson

APOLOGIES: Mr J Theyer
District Councillor Jenny Forde

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 although there was now no need to fill the vacancy as it was within six months of an election.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th October 2022 were agreed and signed as a true record.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: The Chairman reminded Councillors of the need to declare interests as necessary.

OPEN SESSION FOR THE PUBLIC: Councillor Hodgkinson gave a brief report including an update on the Cotswold school bus current situation, the resurfacing of the Whiteway which has been pushed back into the next financial year, Fossecross recycling site is now taking same day bookings and the future of the Seven Tuns. The Chairman thanked Councillor Hodgkinson and asked for an agenda item of supporting the Seven Tuns on the next agenda. Mr Kingsley and Mr McLellan agreed to make some enquiries and report back to the next meeting. Mr Musgrave reported on a near accident he witnessed near the school recently. The Chairman asked for an agenda item of the issue of road safety on the next agenda. Sue Callard explained about the funding request for a magician for the FoStA fundraising event in February.

The Chairman brought item 03.10 forward on the agenda.

Request for Funding from Sue Callard: Sue Callard had requested £250 for the cost of a magician for the FoStA children's event in February and any further support for refreshments. After some discussion it was agreed to donate £350 for the magician and refreshments, agreed 4 in favour with one abstention.

Mr Harrison spoke about the tree application on Calveshill which was not included on the agenda that had incorrect information about the land ownership included in it. The Clerk would look into why the Parish Council had not received the application.

The Chairman then moved to traffic and road matters on the agenda before Councillor Hodgkinson left.

Traffic in Village and Road Matters:

a) Roadside Verges: Mr Morgan reported that the cutting of some of the hedges would be done in December/January. He asked that a letter of thanks be sent to Toby Baxter for once again taking the

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arisings from the verge cut he also proposed that he purchase a couple of bottles of wine as a thank you, this was seconded by Mr Kingsley and agreed unanimously. He also reported that the verge group would meet in the new year at the Seven Tuns for further discussions, and he would purchase a round of drinks as agreed previously. He would also come up some figures for the verge cutting for the budget.

b) Road Signs: Nothing further.

c) Cooks Hill, Reduced Width: An email had been received from Graham Turner at Laurel Cottage regarding the ongoing problem of exceptionally large HGVs driving down Cooks Hill, causing regular and expensive repairs of damage to dry stone walls. The Chairman and Cllr George Broad had measured the lower part of Cooks Hill which is only 8ft 3inches in places and the width between the wall and the hedge is less than 8ft. It was agreed to write to Dan Tiffney again regarding the width and the issue of inadequate signage and also suggest a reduction in the width limit of 7ft or 2.1m.

d) Tuns Hill Waterfall:

i) To consider any update on the Tufa situation: Nothing further,

ii) Water running down Tuns Hill: It was reported that water was running down Tuns Hill from the waterfall, concern was expressed that this would be dangerous should it freeze. It was agreed to pass this on to Dan Tiffney at GCC Highways.

e) Overhanging Vegetation on Station Hill: This had not been cut back. The Chairman would speak to the landowner again.

f) Ash Die Back Trees on Highway: Nothing further.

g) Speed of Traffic on Fields Road: Mr McLellan reported that it was hoped to resume the speed checks in the spring. Councillor Hodgkinson asked for the letter to Dan Tiffney regarding the white lines to be copied to him.

h) Fencing Protecting the Former Railway on Fields Road: The Chairman reported that a member of the public had raised this potentially dangerous situation to GCC Highways directly. There are the remains of a post and rail fence along the back of the highway verge protecting a very steep drop into the former railway cutting which is estimated to be 30 to 40 feet deep. At one end this drop is almost vertical. An attempt was made to protect the drop by erecting barriers, but they were erected almost one mile away. Concerned residents have since moved the barriers to the correct place, but they are completely inadequate to protect the unwary from tumbling down this precipitous slope. It was agreed to pass this onto GCC Highways.

PLANNING:

22/03363/FUL The Stump - Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of extension to form restaurant – No objection

22/03364/LBC The Stump - Listed Building Consent – No objection

22/03856/AGFO Piccolo Farm Pinkwell - Forestry Notification for Prior approval for the formation of agricultural track – No objection

21/00911/DMPO Rendcomb Airfield: Nothing further.

Neighbourhood Plan: The Chairman invited Martin Harrison to speak. He reported that there had been no luck in the attempt to find someone to lead the plan. He asked that a decision on the plan be held over until the next meeting to allow him to speak to Joseph Walker at CDC regarding the design code. This was agreed.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:

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Footpaths:

a) Diversion of Stream below Chedworth House: In the absence of Mr Theyer there was nothing further to report.

Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust Chedworth Nature Reserve: The Chairman reported that he had spoken to our insurance company to ask what we needed to do to satisfy the underwriters, they were going to get back to us. The bridge at the Roman Villa was not included on the Network Rail list for maintenance.

The Grass Keep Field:

a) Tree Planting on Diggers Field: Mr Kingsley reported that he was in the process of applying for funding for some tree guards. Mr McLellan reported on enquiries he had been making about a name board for the orchard. It was agreed to think about what the orchard should be named.

Playing Field:

a) Broken Net Fixing on Goal Posts: The Chairman had made enquiries and on further inspection three of the four fixings were required. This would cost in the region of £127 + VAT. After some discussion it was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr G Broad to defer the purchase until the nets needed to be put up again, agreed.

Village Website: Mr George Broad reported that he had changed the details on the village website so now the monthly payment was made by direct debit, as was the Parish Council website payment.

Cotswold School Bus Timetable Change: It seemed that Councillor Hodgkinson had this in hand with GCC, it was agreed to send him a letter of support.

Chedworth Village Hall: A reply had been received from Charles Hutton Potts saying that the new front door was due to be installed soon. It was suggested that part of the CIL payment received could be used for this.

Village Hall Defibrillator: It was noted that Sarah Smith is willing to carry on checking the defibrillator at the Village Hall now that Pre School has moved.

CDC District & Parish Elections: An email had been received from CDC detailing the costs involved to be implemented from 2023. The cost of a contested election for the Parish Council in 2023 would be in the region of £450. £1,000 had already been precepted for this.

Lower End Chapel Graveyard: Sophia Blackwell had emailed to ask if the graveyard was to be cut this year. After some discussion it was agreed to reply that the growing season seems to have ended and the grass will have died off naturally before we could arrange a cut and ask her to send us a reminder, if necessary, in early October next year.

FINANCE:

1. E Broad (Quarterly Phone/Broadband Contribution) £99.50, prop. A McLellan, sec. A Kingsley
2. Cottage Garden Services (Playing Field Cutting October) (£88.00 + VAT) £105.60, prop. D Broad, sec. G Broad

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3. D Broad (Double Check Valve Non Return for Grass Keep Water Supply) £5.22, prop. A McLellan, sec. A Kingsley
4. Bibury (Tuns Hill Cutting & Path in Graveyard July to Oct) (£340 + VAT) £408.00, prop D Broad, sec. G Broad
5. IONOS (Website Hosting November 2022 Direct Debit) £7.20, prop. D Broad, sec. G Broad
6. Council in receipt of £1,000 Ground Rent from Cluttons (Vodafone Mast)
7. Council in receipt of £7.65 water reimbursement from HVLTC
8. Council in receipt of £2963.84 Verge Cutting reimbursement from GCC
9. Council in receipt of £2627.26 Neighbourhood CIL payment from CDC (£7368.27 in total CIL Levy received so far in 2022/23)
10. Request for Funding from Sue Callard – Dealt with earlier on the agenda.
11. Request for Funding from Village Hall for Blu ray Player – After some discussion it was proposed by Mr Morgan and seconded from the Chair to reply to the Village Hall saying the that Parish Council is happy to purchase a player for up to £200, however, if the player has already been purchased, it causes the Parish Council difficulties with reclaiming VAT and CIL, so not to commit to part purchase on this occasion, agreed. It was felt that some of the CIL payment could be used for this and also for the purchase of the new front door.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Additional Budget Meeting: It was agreed to hold an additional budget meeting on 23rd January 2023.

Suggested Meeting Date Changes 2023: It was agreed to move the following meetings in 2023:-
April to Monday 17th
May to Monday 15th
June to Monday 19th

Hill and Valley: Several items were identified to be included in the December/January edition.

The meeting concluded at 9.12pm.

NEXT MEETING: Parish Council Meeting - Monday 12th December 2022 at 7.30pm.

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