

CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 9th JANUARY 2023

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:

District Councillor Jenny Forde

VACANCY ON CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL: No one came forward to fill the vacancy.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th December 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: Mr Watt spoke about the planning appeal at the Pump House opposite his property. He listed his objections to the application and urged the Parish Council and residents to object. Mr Harrison and Mr Miles also spoke about this application.

The Chairman then brought forward item 01.2 on the agenda.

APP/F1610/W/22/3308446 The Pump House Middle Chedworth - Permission in Principle application for up to 1 self-build dwelling – When Council reconvened the Chairman read the Parish Council’s previous objection from the CDC website and after some discussion it was proposed by Mr G Broad and seconded by Mr McLellan to object again to the Planning Inspectorate using our previous objection fleshing it out with other matters that have been mentioned, agreed.

The Chairman then reopened the public speaking. Mr Miles explained his planning application for a variation of planning condition. He also reported that a decision on the Rendcomb Airfield application had been held up due to the planning officer being on long term sick leave. Mr Cola spoke about litter around the village. It was agreed to include an item on the February agenda.

PLANNING:

22/04270/FUL Silver Spring House - Demolition of existing sun lounge and garage and erection of new garage with ancillary annex over and outdoor swimming pool – No objection subject to concerns over outside lights, particularly the outdoor swimming pool, as Chedworth Parish Council has recently adopted a dark skies policy and is seeking to reduce the impact of light pollution in the parish.

19/03964/FUL Umona Fields Road - Variation of condition 2 (Approved plans) of planning permission - Demolition of existing dwelling and double garage and erection of three dwellings with garages – No objection.

Appeal:

APP/F1610/W/22/3308446 The Pump House Middle Chedworth - Permission in Principle application for up to 1 self-build dwelling – Dealt with earlier on the agenda.

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21/00911/DMPO Rendcomb Airfield – As reported earlier in the meeting, a decision on the Rendcomb Airfield application had been held up due to the planning officer being on long term sick leave.

Neighbourhood Plan:

- a) To receive any update: The Chairman invited Mr Harrison to speak, he reported that no one new had come forward, but he would like to carry on until he has had a chance to speak to Joseph Walker at CDC regarding the design code. To be attached as Appendix A.
- b) To consider formally adopting the Dark Skies and Tranquillity extract of the NP as our policy: Mr Morgan had circulated this prior to the meeting, it was proposed by Mr Morgan and seconded by Mr McLellan to adopt this, agreed with one abstention.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Traffic in Village and Road Matters:

- a) Roadside Verges: Mr Morgan reported that a meeting of the verge group would be held on 17th January. Mr Harrison had emailed regarding the erosion of the highway verge outside his property which was threatening to undermine the dry-stone wall above it. The Chairman invited him to explain the problem. Mr Kingsley commented that the verges were being eroded in other areas of the village as well. After some discussion it was proposed by Mr Theyer and seconded by Mr Kingsley to write to GCC Highways asking for advice to mitigate the erosion, agreed,
- b) Cooks Hill, Reduced Width: Nothing further.
- c) Tuns Hill Waterfall: Dan Tiffney had emailed explaining what GCC was doing regarding this. Mr Kingsley had circulated a leaflet called Riparian Tool Kit which contained some helpful information. After some discussion it was agreed that Mr Kingsley and the Chairman would speak to our Riparian (Riverside) landowners in the Queen Street area encouraging them to maintain their watercourses.
- d) Ash Die Back Trees on Highway: A reply had been received from GCC stating they are currently prioritising work and the trees we have identified do not have the disease to badly and are situated on a minor road. It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr G Broad to reply stating the Parish Council is disappointed by their response. The owner of the adjoining trees was able to make an assessment when the trees were in full leaf and decided that his needed to be felled urgently. Their inspection was done when the leaves had fallen, making such an assessment more difficult, the Parish Council still feels that it would be failing in its duty towards the safety of our residents if it did not press them once again to bring the felling of the affected trees forward on their works program, agreed.
- e) Speed of Traffic on Fields Road: Nothing further, Mr McLellan reported that more training for further speed checks would be held in the spring.
- e) Fencing Protecting the Former Railway on Fields Road: Nothing further.
- f) Road Safety around St Andrews School: The Chairman read the email reply from the Chairman of Governors at St Andrews School.

Footpaths:

- a) Diversion of Stream below Chedworth House: The Chairman invited Mr Harrison to speak, and he reported that the stream was flowing well. It was felt that residents' concerns have been addressed and it was agreed to remove from the agenda at present.

Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust Chedworth Nature Reserve: Nothing further.

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The Grass Keep Field:

- a) Tree Planting on Diggers Field: Mr Kingsley reported that the orchard was to be featured on Points West. 34 mixed trees had been received from the Orchard Trust free of charge. Mr Kingsley and Mr McLellan agreed to go and speak to the school. It was proposed by Mr Kingsley and seconded by Mr McLellan to name the orchard the Chedworth Community Orchard, agreed.
- b) The Orchard Trust: It was proposed by Mr Kingsley and seconded by Mr McLellan to join the Orchard Trust for £20.00, agreed. Mr McLellan reported that Martin Hayes from the Orchard Trust wanted to come and give a talk in Chedworth. It was proposed by Mr Theyer and seconded by Mr Morgan to cover the cost of the Village Hall for this meeting, agreed.

Cotswold School Bus Timetable Change: Nothing further.

The Xbox Light: The Chairman reported that he had fitted new bulbs to the Xbox but the defibrillator light was no longer working. He was unable to take off the back panel to have a look and may have to get an electrician to have a look.

Supporting the Seven Tuns: Mr McLellan agreed to visit the Tuns and report back.

FINANCE:

1. D Broad (Bulbs for Xbox) £11.90, prop. J Theyer, sec. I Morgan
2. Colin Peirce (Fitting Christmas Lights & New Batteries) £73.80, prop. G Broad, sec. D Broad
3. Brian Brazington (Verge Cutting & Flail Cutting) (£1,525 + VAT) £1,830, prop. I Morgan, sec. A McLellan
4. IONOS (Hosting of Village Website December 2022) Direct Debit £2.40, prop. A Kingsley, sec. G Broad
5. IONOS (Hosting of Parish Council Website January 2023) Direct Debit £7.20, prop. G Broad. Sec. A Kingsley
6. C & K Joinery Ltd (Village Hall Front Door) (£5233.34 + VAT) £4,710, prop. G Broad, sec. I Morgan – It was also agreed to contact the Village Hall to make sure they are happy for the cheque to be sent as there are problems with the door lock not working. It was agreed to pay for the doors using CIL money received in the 2022/23 financial year.
7. Quarterly Financial Review – Will be undertaken by Cllr Morgan & the Clerk.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Hugh Westwood Education Trust: No reply had been received from Ros Marsden, it was agreed to chase this up. It was also agreed to include an item in the Hill and Valley asking for interest in people becoming charity trustees. The Clerk would look up which appointments were coming up.

Hill & Valley: Several items were agreed to be included in the February edition.

Mr McLellan reported that a pallet of salt had been delivered by GCC.

The meeting concluded at 9.25pm.

NEXT MEETING: Budget Meeting – Monday 23rd January 2023 at 7.30pm.

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