

CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 13th FEBRUARY 2023 – 7.30 pm.

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

ABSENT: Mr J Theyer

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of the Parish Council Budget meeting held on 23rd January 2023 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 update on County Council matters including reporting that he had allocated part of his Highway Local funding for repairs to the stretch of road near Chedworth Airfield, this would probably be done in the next financial year. He urged people to report any potholes through GCC report it, and the missing link consultation taking place in September. He also reported on the GCC budget which was due to rise by 5% this year with the CDC & Police portion also rising.

PLANNING:

23/00072/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 – Object – It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr Kingsley to object in principle to the change of use to tourism of this sensitive location. Previous proposals at this site were met with considerable opposition and it was felt that this area should remain agricultural, agreed 3 in favour, 1 against and 2 abstentions.

23/00197/TCONR Hartshill - Works to trees in conservation areas for 1 - Ash Tree. Fell to ground - Ash dieback

23/00194/TCONR Cowslip Corner - Works to trees in conservation areas for 3 Multi stemmed Ash trees with late-stage Ash dieback

23/00033/FUL Cherry Orchard, Fosse Cross - Removal of existing tennis court, erection of indoor swimming pool building, and change of use of associated land to incidental residential use (revised scheme) – No objection, proposed A McLellan, seconded by A Cola, agreed.

21/00911/DMPO Rendcomb Airfield: Nothing further

Neighbourhood Plan: Nothing further

Dark Skies: Mr Morgan asked if small grants could be given to individual properties from the CIL funding to help with compliance with dark skies. The Chairman would make enquiries from CDC and it was agreed to include on the next agenda.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Traffic in Village and Road Matters:

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- a) Roadside Verges:
 - i) To receive any update on hedge cutting in the village: Mr Morgan reported that some hedge cutting was due to be done before the end of the month.
 - ii) To receive any update on erosion of verges in the village: A reply had been received from GCC Highways that both areas had been logged for investigation.
- b) Cooks Hill, Reduced Width: Nothing further
- c) Tuns Hill Waterfall: Mr Kingsley reported that he was setting up a meeting with Rachel Quick. The Clerk reported that she understood that GCC were also doing investigations.
- d) Ash Die Back Trees on Highway: Nothing further.
- f) Speed of Traffic on Fields Road: Nothing further
- g) Fencing Protecting the Former Railway on Fields Road: Nothing further
- h) Road Safety around St Andrews School: Nothing further
- i) Water Trough/Laurel Cottage: An email had been received from Graham Turner regarding two water troughs situated adjacent to Queen Street which are leaking into the back yard of Laurel Cottage. After some discussion it was agreed to reply that this is something new to the Parish Council and none of the Councillors know who is responsible for the upkeep of the water trough. It is not something that the Parish Council would expect to be their responsibility and it seems unlikely that it is a County Council responsibility, and we don't believe we are in any position to assist with this problem.

Councillor Hodgkinson asked if he could report on the school bus timetable item which the Chairman brought forward on the agenda.

Cotswold School Bus Timetable Change: Councillor Hodgkinson reported that there was to be a review of all home school transport soon.

Footpaths:

- a) Whipps Piece Bridleway: A complaint had been received about low branches and brambles on the bridleway. Mr Kingsley agreed to have a word with Rita Prosser to see if she knew who the landowner was.

Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust Chedworth Nature Reserve: Nothing further

Playing Field:

- a) Use of Playing Field for Parking on 24th June for Horticultural Society Show: A request had been received from Simon Colbeck on behalf of the society. It was proposed by Mr Kingsley and seconded by Mr McLellan to charge £20.00, agreed with one against.
- b) Ash trees below tennis courts; summer tournament 10th June 2023: An email had been received from Robert Baker asking for permission to maintain the trees, adjacent to the tennis courts. This was agreed there was no objection to this. He also requested use of the field to erect a tent & access for the summer tournament on 10th June. It was proposed by Mr Cola and seconded by Mr Morgan to allow this and not to charge on this occasion, agreed.
- c) Monthly Produce Market Car Parking: Mr Hutton Potts had requested use the hall end of the playing field for parking for the Produce Market. It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr Morgan to allow this with no charge, agreed. It was agreed to ask them to be careful in wet weather.

The Grass Keep Field:

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a) Tree Planting on Diggers Field: Mr McLellan gave a brief update regarding tree planting, information boards and finger posts. A date for a meeting at the village hall with Martin from the Orchard Trust still had to be arranged. It was agreed to include on the agenda for further discussion at the next meeting

The Xbox Light: The Chairman reported that he had repaired the defibrillator light which was no longer working.

Supporting the Seven Tuns: Mr McLellan reported that the present landlord is trying to sell the lease due to adverse trading conditions, he understood that the lease costs £44,000 per annum and that the landlord is trying to sell the remaining years on the lease for £135,000. Some years ago, the Seven Tuns ceased trading, which caused great concern in the village, and at that time our ward councillor had it designated as an Asset of Community Value to prevent the freehold being sold without giving local residents a chance to make a bid to acquire said freehold. Subsequently the pub was revived under new management and the designation was allowed to lapse. After some discussion it was agreed to hold a village meeting, if required, and pay for the hire of the hall. As it now seems that we may be approaching a similar situation it was agreed to ask Jenny Forde if she would once again try to get the property listed as an Asset of Community Value.

District & Parish Elections 4th May 2023: Emails from CDC had been noted.

Village Litter Pick/Church Spring Clean: Iain Robertson had forwarded an email asking for the village litter pick not to clash with the church clean up on 1st April. After some discussion it was agreed to pencil in the weekend of the Coronation, 6th to 8th May 2023 for the village litter pick.

FINANCE:

1. E Broad Quarterly Phone/Broadband Contribution £86.70, prop. A Kingsley, sec. I Morgan
2. Community Heartbeat Trust (Battery and Pads) (£327.00 + VAT) £404.40, prop. D Broad, sec. I Morgan
3. IONOS (Hosting of Village Website January 2023) Direct Debit £2.40, prop. D Broad, sec. G Broad
4. IONOS (Hosting of Parish Council Website February 2023 & Domain Renewal) Direct Debit £19.20, prop. A Cola, sec. I Morgan
5. Funding Bids:
 - a) St Andrew's School PTA – It was felt this bid was out of the Parish Council's jurisdiction for funding, as it was for educational purposes.
 - b) St Andrew's Church PCC for Graveyard Maintenance – It was proposed by Mr G Broad and seconded by Mr A Cola to donate £300,00 for the upkeep of the church graveyard. This is to assist with maintaining the area around the back of the church, which may not otherwise be cut, without this assistance, agreed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Hugh Westwood Education Trust: No reply had been received from Ros Marsden, it was agreed to remind her again and also contact the secretary of the trust to ask for details of the appointment.

Hill & Valley: Several items were identified to be included in the March edition.

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Mr Kingsley reported on a digital group for older people, he would write an item for the Hill and Valley and it would be included on the next agenda.

The meeting concluded at 9.08pm.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 13th March 2023 at 7.30pm.
Annual Parish Meeting – Monday 20th March at 7.30pm.

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