

# CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 21<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2022

PRESENT: Mr David Broad (Chairman of the Parish Council in the Chair).  
Parish Councillors: Mrs B Amory, Mr G Broad, Mr A Kingsley, Mr I Morgan & Mrs E Broad (Parish Clerk)  
County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson  
5 Parishioners

APOLOGIES: Were received from Mr A McLellan, Mr J Theyer, Mr B Bowley, Mr R Isaac

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021 were read by the Clerk, agreed and signed as a true record, proposed B Amory, sec. I Robertson.

MATTERS ARISING: The Chairman reported that the road signs had been cleaned last year by Bella Amory, Ceri Powell & himself. He also reported that new signs to replace the faded ones were due to be installed shortly.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: The Chairman gave his report and it is attached to these minutes.

REPORTS FROM COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS: Councillor Hodgkinson gave a report from Gloucestershire County Council which included current Covid rates in Gloucestershire, river pollution, road resurfacing and his small pot of highway money which he can use to fund smaller project. He also spoke about the Covid Recovery Fund of £40,000 over 4 years for projects to help the community recover. He also reported that he had been re-elected since the last parish meeting. The Chairman thanked Councillor Hodgkinson. There was no report from Councillor Forde.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS: Mrs Amory reported on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan and the Parish Council taking over the Nature Reserve from Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust. Mr Kingsley reported on the 36ft by 12ft shed that had just been built and rented out to the Drama and Horticultural Society for storage. He also spoke about the need for youth transport in the village. Councillor Hodgkinson reported that GCC were in the early stages of planning an on-demand bus service which may be of interest. Mr Morgan reported on the wildlife verges being undertaken by the Parish Council since last year. The Chairman thanked Councillors.

## CHARITY REPORTS:

Chedworth Allotment Charity: Mrs Myra Burrige had provided a written report which was read by the Clerk. There was no balance sheet included for this year.

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Community Lands Charity: Mr Bryan Bowley had provided a written report, which was read by the Clerk. The balance sheet recorded an excess of income over expenditure of £7,166.22.

Hugh Westwood Educational Trust: Mrs Ros Marsden had provided a written report, which was read by the Clerk.

Chedworth Village Trust: Mr Richard Isaac had provided a written report, which was read by the Clerk.

Mr Hutton Potts said that he thought the charities did not advertise what they do enough and should put something in the Hill and Valley News.

Chedworth Village Hall: The Chairman, Mr Charles Hutton-Potts, gave a brief report on the village hall. As of 31.3.21 the hall had an income of £21,000 including £18,000 of grants and donations and there was around £17,000 in the bank account. He reported on the proposed Showcase event which was to take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> April and he also spoke of the retirement of John Selway, who had recently moved away from the village.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

a) What can Chedworth do to help Ukraine Refugees: Peter Seymour report that Iain Robertson and himself are currently working on seeing if it is possible to house some Ukrainian refugees in Chedworth, using some of the empty properties in the village. One family had already offered to help with the letting of accommodation they have available. Some discussion ensued and other suggestions were made.

b) Village Shop/Café: Charles Hutton Potts reported that the provision of a village shop/café was in the early stages. A meeting to explore the possibilities was to be held shortly. Some discussion ensued and suggestions were made.

c) Other Business: Mr Abraham asked what the situation was with getting the Chedworth Village Website up and running again following it being taken down by Iain Robertson as no one had come forward to take it over. George Broad explained that it had been hoped that the Parish Council could incorporate some of the content from the village website to the Parish Council website but this had not been possible at present. Discussion ensued including the possibility of a unified village website providing an umbrella for other organisations in the village to have their contact details all in one place.

Mr Hutton Potts gave a vote of thanks to the Parish Council.

The Chairman thanked people for attending and closed the meeting at 9.19pm.

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