

CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 13th MARCH 2023

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

APOLOGIES: Mr J Theyer & County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th February 2023 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: Several members of the public spoke about several ideas to celebrate the forthcoming Coronation. Screening the ceremony live on the screen at the Village Hall on the Saturday with refreshments provided by members of the Pop Up Café and the bar were suggested, also providing celebration bunting for people to decorate their houses was suggested. Rosh Delany gave a report about an idea for providing a commemorative bench made by local wood carver, Eli Baxter, possibly using donated wood from the Highgrove Estate and also the possibility of moving the play area at the rear of the Village Hall. Sue Callard suggested planting a commemorative Oak Tree to be planted on the far end of the Playing Field. Mr Musgrave also spoke about the road safety around St Andrews School and corrected a point in the minutes of the February meeting where it stated that the police had been contacted, he stated that he had not contacted the police himself. The matter of the inadequate fence, protecting children from falling into the former railway cutting, by St Andrews School was also raised.

The Chairman then brought forward two items on the agenda.

Road Safety around St Andrews School: Mr Musgrave had commented that the road markings around the school needed repainting and the help in the past of the Gloucestershire Road Safety Partnership. After some discussion it was proposed by Mr G Broad and seconded by Mr McLellan to ask GCC Highways to repaint the road marking around the school and also contact the Gloucestershire Road Safety Partnership to ask for any advice they may be able to give, agreed.

The Coronation Weekend 6th to 8th May 2023:

a) Screening Event Saturday 6th May: It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr Kingsley to pay for the Village Hall from 9am until 4pm on Saturday 6th May for the live screening of the Coronation plus £50.00 for light refreshments, agreed. It was further proposed by Mr Kingsley and seconded by Mr Morgan to book the bar for the event, agreed with 2 abstentions. The litter pick was scheduled for Monday 8th May and the Pop Up Café would be operating on this day.

b) Commemorative Bench: After some discussion it was agreed to pay up to £1,000 for this. Rosh Delaney and Sophie Blackwell would liaise with Eli Baxter regarding the making of the bench, they were asked to keep the Parish Council in the loop.

c) Commemorative Mugs: These had been suggested to be given to school and pre-school children, it was felt that around 79 would be required for the children. The cost would be around

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£750 for just over 100, it was felt the remainder could be offered to people in the village. It was agreed to go ahead and order these and Rosh Delany, Sophie Blackwell, Tony Kingsley together with the Clerk would agree the design and wording.

d) Any Other Suggestions: The suggestion about purchasing celebration bunting was voted on. It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr G Broad not to support this suggestion, agreed 4 in favour with 2 abstentions. The commemorative Oak Tree as suggested by Sue Callard would likely cost around £140.00, it was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr Kingsley to go ahead with this, agreed with 1 abstention. Miss Callard would arrange the purchase of this.

PLANNING:

23/00538/TCONR Verge West of Buttress House, Queen Street - Works to trees in conservation areas for T1: The Goat Willow on highway verge to be repollarded back to its previous pollard points – Noted.

22/04270/FUL Silver Spring - Erection of replacement garden room, double height bay window, rear canopy, log store, addition of first floor side windows, and outdoor swimming pool – No objection.

23/00651/TCONR Winterwell House - T1 - Ash - Dismantle due to dieback. T2 - Ash – Dismantle due to dieback – Noted.

21/00911/DMPO Rendcomb Airfield: Nothing further.

Neighbourhood Plan: Nothing further.

Dark Skies: The Chairman had not been able to speak to the right person regarding providing small grants to households from the CIL Levy. It was suggested by Mr Morgan to ask people via the Hill and Valley if there would be interest in these small grants, this was agreed.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Traffic in Village and Road Matters:

a) Roadside Verges:

i) To receive any update on hedge cutting in the village: Mr Morgan reported that the hedge cutting had been done. The next thing would be the spring cut of the visibility splays.

ii) To receive any update on erosion of verges in the village: Nothing further.

b) Cooks Hill, Reduced Width: Nothing further.

c) Tuns Hill Waterfall: Mr Kingsley reported that he would be meeting Rachel Quick and he and the Chairman would be going around soon looking at the stream soon.

Mr Cola joined the meeting at this point.

d) The Stream Through Chedworth: The Chairman reported on the recent CHEG meeting where they had decided to wind it up, and he hoped that the Parish Council can pick the stream item up.

e) 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: As nothing further had been heard, it was agreed to write to GCC Highways again and also bring the matter of the inadequate fencing over the former railway bridge by the school.

h) Road Safety around St Andrews School: Dealt with earlier on the agenda.

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i) Drainage Overflow at Corner Cottage: Mr Morgan had been contacted by Mr Milne regarding the intermittent wastewater flowing out of the manhole near the front door. Mr Morgan agreed to try to obtain the details of the owner of Corner Cottage so we can write and make them aware of the situation.

Footpaths:

KCH 54 Whipps Piece: To note that Rita Prosser is going to lop the offending brambles and branches.

Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust Chedworth Nature Reserve: An email had been received from Ian Stevenson GWT. The Chairman was making enquiries if insurance could be obtained from another company. Discussion ensued and Mr McLellan reported that he had spoken with one of the volunteers from the GWT when out walking recently, and the volunteer had said that he was not sure that the takeover would now take place.

Lower End Graveyard: An email reply had been received from Mrs Blackwell. It was agreed to ask Mrs Blackwell if the graveyard needed a cut now. If so, it was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr G Broad to ask Bibury to undertake a cut, agreed. Meanwhile carry on cutting the path throughout the summer.

The Grass Keep Field:

a) Tree Planting on Diggers Field: Mr McLellan gave a brief update including the wooden sign to go on the fence. It was proposed by Mr McLellan and seconded by Mr Kingsley to set a ceiling of £150.00 for the sign, agreed.

b) Wildflowers: The Chairman had spoken to Harvey Sherwood regarding the possibility of planting a 40 square metre area of wildflowers in the vicinity of the Digger Field. It was agreed to look into the cost.

Playing Field:

a) Request for use for siting of a marquee from 18th to 21st August 2023: This was for a wedding reception at the Village Hall. It was agreed to charge the standard charges of £60.00 per day, which is three sessions, or £20.00 per session for how long the marquee is in place.

b) Request for use of playing field for DofE camping - Chipping Norton School 10th June: It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr McLellan that as it was for camping for the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, there will be no charge on this occasion, agreed.

The Xbox: An email had been received from Juliet Stainforth raising concerns at the condition of the Xbox. It was agreed that Councillors would have a look before the next meeting and meanwhile price up the repairs to see if it is viable.

The Coronation Weekend 6th to 8th May 2023: Dealt with earlier on the agenda.

Supporting the Seven Tuns: A reply had been received from Jenny Forde sending a link for listing as Asset of Community Value, the Chairman agreed to complete this application. Mr Morgan asked if it would be possible to take over leases on pubs. The Chairman agreed to look into this.

District & Parish Elections 4th May 2023: The Clerk agreed to email Councillors their individual elector numbers.

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Village Litter Pick: This was scheduled to be held on Bank Holiday Monday 8th May. Mr McLellan agreed to speak to CDC regarding borrowing the litter picking equipment.

CDC Digital Inclusion Courses: Mr Kingsley reported that he had included an item in the Hill and Valley but there had been little interest so far. It was agreed to keep on the agenda at present.

FINANCE:

1. E Broad Quarterly Salary £689.00, prop. I Morgan, sec. A Kingsley
2. E Broad Quarterly Mileage £12.88, prop. I Morgan, sec. A McLellan
3. IONOS (Hosting of Village Website February 2023) Direct Debit £2.40, prop. I Morgan, sec. A Cola
4. IONOS (Hosting of Parish Council Website March 2023) Direct Debit £7.20, prop. I Morgan, sec. A Cola
5. Brian Brazington (Hedge Cutting) (£848.75 + VAT) £1,018.50, prop. I Morgan, sec. G Broad
6. Castle Water (Grass Keep Water) £35.94, prop. I Morgan, sec. A McLellan – This bill was based on a high meter reading, the correct reading had now been submitted so the next bill would be in credit. After some discussion it was proposed by Mr Morgan and seconded by Mr Cola to ask the HVLTC to pay half of the standing charge, which would be £11.05, agreed.
7. Groundwork UK (Return of Unspent Neighbourhood Plan Grant) £2,830.00, prop. G Broad, sec. A Cola
8. Ian Morgan (Refreshments for Verge Meeting) £18.00, prop. D Broad, sec. G Broad
9. S Callard (FoSTA Magic Show Donation) £350.00 Retrospective, prop. G Broad, sec. A McLellan

OTHER BUSINESS:

Hugh Westwood Education Trust: A reply had been received from Ros Marsden saying that the trust understood that she was in post until advised otherwise. It was agreed to include on the agenda again for the May meeting when these appointments are usually made. The Clerk was asked to look into which other appointments were due to be made this year.

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

Annual Parish Meeting: Monday 20th March at 7.30pm.

The meeting concluded at 9.51pm.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 17th April 2023 at 7.30pm.

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