

CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 19th JUNE 2023

PRESENT: Mr D Broad (Chairman) Mr G Broad, Mr A Cola. Mr M Dentith, Mr A Kingsley, Mr A McLellan, Mr I Morgan & Mrs E Broad (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting 15th May 2023 were agreed and signed as a true record. Mr Kingsley pointed out that the astronomical man referred to in page 2 of the minutes was in fact a member of the Cotswold Astronomical Society.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: The Chairman to remind Councillors of the need to declare interests as necessary. Mr Dentith said that he intended to declare an interest in the Rendcomb Airfield agenda item and asked for a chance to correct some inaccuracies before he left the meeting.

OPEN SESSION FOR THE PUBLIC: Mr Harrison spoke on behalf of Heather Robson who was concerned that one of her neighbours would not agree to improvements to the track leading to their properties. It was felt this was an item for the next agenda. Mr Milne spoke about the flooding in Queen Street and reported that he felt that it was not his bridge that was blocking the flow, but it was the Tufa in the pipes opposite the Tuns. Mrs Blackwell spoke about her concern that the Lower End Chapel graveyard had been cut at the wrong time destroying the wildflowers and asked if the Parish Council would put a notice on the grate outlining what was trying to be achieved in the graveyard. Mrs Amory spoke about her concerns about the planning application for Rendcomb Airfield. Some discussion ensued with people present at the meeting. The Chairman brought the following items forward on the agenda.

21/00911/DMPO Rendcomb Airfield: Mr Dentith explained some aspects of the application and then declared an interest and left the meeting. After some discussion it was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr McLellan to send the following letter to the owners of Rendcomb Airfield. The Parish Council would prefer the number of wing walking operating days to be restricted to 50 days per annum. The Parish Council would like Chedworth Laines, from Fields Road junction to the Whiteway Junction to be excluded from the wing walking flight path. The Parish Council would like the hours to be limited to 09.00 to 17.00. The Parish Council would like the wing walking operation restricted to Monday to Friday with no wing walking at weekends, agreed 5 in favour and 1 abstention. Mr Dentith rejoined the meeting.

Tuns Hill Waterfall & The Stream: Mr Kingsley reported on his discussions with Lawrence King from CDC. The main problem appears to be that Gloucestershire County Council is also involved in the highway aspect of the problem and both needed to work together to resolve the problems. After some discussion it was agreed to write to Paul Hodgkinson asking for his assistance. Mr Kingsley agreed to draft a note to Paul Hodgkinson.

PLANNING:

23/01384/FUL - York House - Erection of replacement extension, enclosed walled garden terrace and associated works – No objection subject to there being no additional external lighting which would be incompatible with the Parish Council's dark skies policy.

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23/01378/LBC York House - Listed Building Consent for Erection of replacement extension, enclosed walled garden terrace and associated works - No objection subject to there being no additional external lighting which would be incompatible with the Parish Council's dark skies policy.

23/01442/FUL The Old Parlour (Manor Farm) - Demolition of cow cubicles and erection of a new building for cheese production - No objection subject to there being no additional external lighting in this prominent location, which would be incompatible with the Parish Council's dark skies policy and potentially cause harm to the nighttime amenity of the area.

23/01596/TCONR Laburnum Cottage - Removal of eight ash trees that are diseased and situated next to neighbour's boundary.

Neighbourhood Plan: The Chairman invited Mr Harrison to report. Mr Harrison had circulated the design statement which he would speak to Joseph Walker at CDC about. The Chairman had retaken the photographs which had been taken from private land and would now send them through to Mr Harrison.

Dark Skies: Mr Cola reported that he had been in contact with the man from Cotswold Astronomical Society who offered to undertake a sky quality reading in Chedworth. It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr Morgan to accept this offer, agreed.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Traffic in Village and Road Matters:

a) Roadside Verges:

i) To receive any update on verge cutting in the village: Mr Morgan reported that the spring cut of visibility splays and bends had just been done.

ii) To receive any update on erosion of verges in the village emails: Emails had been received from GCC regarding the areas brought to their attention, opposite Brook House and outside Whitegates. The only suggestion they came up with was making a bid under the Community Offer. Mr Harrison stated that he did not want kerb stones outside Whitegates.

b) Cooks Hill, Reduced Width: Nothing further.

c) Tuns Hill Waterfall: Dealt with earlier on the agenda.

d) The Stream: Dealt with earlier on the agenda.

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

f) Speed of Traffic on Fields Road: Mr McLellan reported that he had had no volunteers come forward to help with the speed watch checks. He felt that the speed problem was not too bad at the moment. It was agreed that if no volunteers came forward following the request in the July Hill and Valley, to drop it.

g) Road Safety around St Andrews School:

i) To consider any update on meeting with Mr Musgrave & reply from School: Mr Musgrave thanked the Councillors who met him on site to hear the issues he has. Tom Lodwick, School Governor, was currently updating the School Travel Plan and would send it to the Parish Council when he has done this.

ii) To consider emails from Community Road Safety Hub: Noted.

iii) To consider Travelling & Parking Guidelines Email from Tom Lodwick: Dealt with above.

Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust Chedworth Nature Reserve: Mark Grimes acting on behalf of the GWT had spoken to the Chairman who explained the concerns to him. He would now visit the site and get back to us.

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Lower End Graveyard: Emails had been received from Sophia Blackwell concerning the cutting of the graveyard and from John Scott sending photographs of the damage to the verges due to the parking when Bibury were doing the work. After some discussion it was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr G Broad to send Mrs Blackwell's email and the photographs to Bibury for their consideration, agreed.

Footpaths:

- a) Gate on KCH 68: A quote had been received from Philip Dickenson of £275.00 + VAT to provide a pedestrian gate adjacent to the stile at the Fields Road end of KCH 68. It was proposed by Me G Broad and seconded by Mr Kingsley to accept this quotation, agreed.
- b) Church Row to Tuns Footpath: The path had been cleared by the Cotswold Wardens. It was agreed to write and thanks Mark Day from Fossebridge and the Wardens for doing this.

The Grass Keep Field:

- a) Tree Planting on Diggers Field: The strimmer had been purchased. Mr McLellan thanked the Chairman for repairing the leaking pipe from the water trough. The Clerk reported that both the Drama Group and the Horticultural Society had not paid their annual rent for the storage shed yet, despite an invoice being sent to them in May. The Clerk would chase this up. The Horticultural Society had asked for the Diggers Field to be cut before the show. Jeremy Theyer had agreed to do this again, hopefully before the weekend.
- b) Request for position on renting the Grass Keep Field: Dave Dearsley had emailed asking if there was any intention to rent out the Grass Keep field. It was agreed to reply that there were no plans at present.

The Xbox: Nothing further.

Seven Tuns Defibrillator: A reply had been received from the Community Heartbeat Trust offering to see if they could source a replacement light from an old unit as these were no longer available. The Clerk was asked to chase this up.

The Coronation Weekend 6th to 8th May 2023:

- a) Commemorative Bench: It was noted the bench has been sited on the mound at the Village Hall. It was proposed by Mr G Broad and seconded by Mr Kingsley to write and thanks Eli Baxter for the excellent job done, agreed.
- b) Commemorative Mugs: The pop-up café had transferred £250.00 for the 50 mugs they had sold.
- c) Commemorative Tree: It was noted that the tree has been planted on the mound at the Village Hall. Special thanks to Peter Carter and Alan McLellan.

Supporting the Seven Tuns: Nothing further.

Playing Field:

- a) Request for use by the Chedworth Silver Band on 16th July and for the fee to be waived: The Chairman and Councillor George Broad declared an interest and left the meeting. It was proposed by Mr Kingsley and seconded by Mr Dentith to allow this, agreed. The Chairman & Mr Broad rejoined the meeting.
- b) Condition of Playing Field fence: Philip Dickenson had sent a quotation for £700.00 + VAT. It was agreed to query whether this is simply the replacement of 8 posts, or does it also include the rails.

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- c) Request for use of Playing Field & Parking for Chedworth Roman Trail Race on 10/9/23: It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr McLellan to charge £100.00, as previously, agreed.
- d) Request for use of Playing Field for School Tag Rugby: It was proposed by Mr Kingsley and seconded by Mr Morgan to allow this with no charge, agreed.

CDC Digital Inclusion Courses: Nothing further.

Request for funding for Market Umbrellas from the Village Hall: A further 3rd estimate had been received from Charles Hutton Potts. After some discussion it was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr Morgan to accept the Village Hall Committee's preferred option from Zapp, for £1,373.62 + VAT, agreed 4 in favour, 3 against. It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr Morgan to take this from the Community Infrastructure Levy, agreed 4 in favour, 2 against with 1 abstention.

Request for funding for replacement Hand Dryer for Village Hall: It was noted that the hand dryer had been purchased.

Request for funding for Shed from St Andrews School: An email had been received from the school asking for financial assistance with improving with improving the outdoor space for younger children project. After some discussion it was proposed by Mr Dentith and seconded by Mr Cola to grant £2,000 from our allocation from the Community Infrastructure Levy, agreed with 5 in favour, 1 against with 1 abstention.

The Withdrawal of the Bus Service: The Chairman reported that he understood for some local residents that this was in the pipeline. Mr Kingsley reported that he had spoken to the relevant person at GCC and the service contract was up for renewal in September, but was likely to continue.

GCC Roads & Youth Service Email from Paul Hodgkinson: It was agreed to send the youth information interested parties within the village.

CDC Town & Parish Newsletter: Noted.

FINANCE:

1. Clerks Quarterly Salary (inc. 3% increase as agreed in the budget) £710.00, prop. I Morgan, sec. A Kingsley
2. Clerks Quarterly Mileage £9.65, prop. A Kingsley, sec. A Cola
3. Cottage Garden Services (Playing Field cutting May) (£88.00 + VAT) £105.60, prop. D Broad, sec. G Broad
4. IONOS (Hosting of Village Website May 2023) Direct Debit £2.40, prop. D Broad, sec. I Morgan
5. IONOS (Hosting of Parish Council Website June 2023) Direct Debit £14.82, prop. D Broad, sec. A Kingsley
6. J Bearcroft (Refreshments for Coronation Screening) £51.50 Retrospective, prop. A Kingsley, sec. A Cola
7. E Broad (Audit Postage & Stamps) £12.00, prop. I Morgan, sec. A McLellan
8. D Broad (Padlock for Small Shed on Playing Field) £16.00, prop. A Kingsley, sec. G Broad
9. Eli Baxter (Coronation Bench) £940.00 Retrospective, prop. A McLellan, sec. G Broad

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10. Hillside Commerce (Village Hall Hand Dryer) (£565.00 + VAT) £678.00 Retrospective, prop. I Morgan sec. A McLellan
11. Ron Smith & Co Ltd. (Brush Cutter) (£224.17 + VAT) £269.00 Retrospective, prop. A Kingsley, sec. A McLellan
12. Iain Selkirk (Internal Audit) £115.00, prop. D Broad, sec. A Cola
13. Information Commissioner (ICO Registration) £40.00, prop. G Broad, sec. A Cola
14. 2022/23 Audit: The Annual Audit report from Mr Selkirk, Internal Auditor, there were no matters to be brought to the attention of the Council.

The meeting concluded at 9.55pm.

NEXT MEETING: Parish Council Meeting Monday 10th July 2023 at 7.30pm.

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