

# CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 10<sup>th</sup> JULY 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 Parish Council Meeting 19th June 2023 were agreed and signed as a true record.

OPEN SESSION FOR THE PUBLIC: Councillor Hodgkinson spoke about Crowd Fund Cotswold which has just launched again, he also spoke about his portfolio on CDC cabinet of Health, Leisure and Culture and he asked if people using the leisure centres give feedback as they will change provider on 1<sup>st</sup> August. Mr Musgrave thanked the Parish Council for their help with the school traffic problems including have the lines repainted. Mr Harrison referred to an email his wife had sent complaining about the overgrown state of KCH 64 which he expected to be on the agenda. The Clerk explained that the email had been received too late to be included on the agenda which closes the Wednesday prior to the meeting. The Chairman explained that a decision cannot be made at this meeting but suggested that the Cotswold Wardens could be informed of the problem. Mr Arbuthnott, from North Cerney parish, spoke about his concerns about the flying at Rendcomb Airfield. Mr Vic Norman from Rendcomb Airfield then explained about the application for changes to the section 106 agreement. Mr Norman, referring to the letter he received from the Parish Council last month, offered to reduce the number of wing walking days to 100 per year, from Monday to Saturday with no flying on Sundays, between the hours of 10am to 4pm. He also gave verbal agreement not to fly over Chedworth Laines, although this could not be written into the agreement.

The Chairman then brought forward the Rendcomb Airfield item on the agenda.

21/00911/DMPO Rendcomb Airfield: After some further questions Mr Dentith declared an interest and left the meeting. After some further discussion it was proposed by Mr G Broad and seconded by Mr Kingsley that the Parish Council will agree to withdraw their objection to a change in section 106 agreement if the proposed wording is changed to reflect a reduction in wing walking days to 100 per annum, no flying over Chedworth Laines, no wing walking on Sundays and the reduction in wing walking hours to 10am until 4pm, agreed unanimously.

## PLANNING:

23/01524/FUL Newport - Erection of rear extension, detached garage, alterations to lean-to structure and associated works – Objection, proposed by Mr Cola, seconded by Mr Kingsley to object as the metal roof and wooden cladding do not respect the Cotswold vernacular and the Parish Council would prefer the use of more traditional materials, agreed 6 in favour, 1 abstention.

23/01990/FUL Orchard Barn - Erection of single storey extension, to enlarge utility room – No objection, proposed from the Chair, seconded G Broad, agreed unanimously.

Neighbourhood Plan: The Chairman invited Mr Harrison to speak. Mr Harrison thanked the Chairman for sending through the photographs for the Design Statement. He had submitted them along with the corrected statement.

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Dark Skies: A reply had been received from Neil Harvard agreeing to do a sky quality reading in the autumn. It was agreed to put the item back on the agenda in September.

### MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

#### Traffic in Village and Road Matters:

##### a) Roadside Verges

- i) To receive any update on verge cutting in the village: The Clerk reported that she had received an invoice from Bibury for the cutting of the Graveyard and Tuns Hill although this had been consolidated into one portion of the bill and should have been itemised separately. The bank above the beer garden had only received a one meter cut and should have been done completely. Shed had asked Bibury to rectify these matters. The matter of visibility at road junctions was raised and mirrors were suggested. It was agreed to include on the next agenda.
- ii) To consider kerb stones on the verge outside Whitegates: An email had been received from Mr Harrison after reconsideration he asked the Parish Council to go ahead and ask for kerb stones to be provided. GCC Highways have already suggested that the parish may like to undertake these works under the Community Offer. It was agreed to look into the information about this and consider further at the next meeting. Meanwhile Mr Harrison agreed to measure the length required.
- b) Cooks Hill, Reduced Width: Nothing further.
- c) Tuns Hill Waterfall: Dealt with in agenda item below.
- d) The Stream: Mr Kingsley gave a brief update & Councillor Hodgkinson reported that he had written to the parties concerned and hopefully works will be undertaken soon.
- e) Ash Die Back Trees on Highway: Nothing further.
- f) Speed of Traffic on Fields Road: It was agreed to remove from the agenda at present and include again if the problem reoccurs.
- g) Road Safety around St Andrews School: The lines had been repainted by the school.
- h) Condition of track to the Elmridge, Lower Chedworth: Mr Harrison had raised this on behalf of Mrs Robson from Elmridge, who was concerned that one of her neighbours would not agree to improvements to the track leading to their properties. After some discussion it was felt that this was a civil matter between the parties concerned and not a matter for the Parish Council as the status of the track was a footpath only. Mr Harrison was asked to report this back to Mrs Robson.
- i) Damage to Grit Bin by the Tuns Hill triangle: The Chairman reported that the grit bin on the Tuns Hill triangle has been damaged, and the lid no longer fits allowing the ingress of rainwater. Councillor Hodgkinson suggested asking Highways for a replacement. It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr McLellan to ask Highways to provide a replacement bin.

Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust Chedworth Nature Reserve: Nothing further.

#### Lower End Graveyard:

- a) Annual schedule of the works to be carried out: Bibury had suggested that a schedule of works should be drawn up to allow them to plan their work programme. It was agreed that the Council would like the graveyard cut in late October, ready for the remembrance wreath laying in early November and also to continue with the regular cutting of the graveyard path through the summer. We would like the Tuns Hill triangle and the bank above the beer garden cut and cleared in late April or early May. Also ask them to give us a quote for these works and to notify us of any price increases.

#### Footpaths:

- a) Stile on KCH 68: It was agreed to chase this up if not done by the next meeting.

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The Grass Keep Field:

- a) Tree Planting on Diggers Field: Mr Kingsley reported that a stronger blade might be required for the strimmer. It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr G Broad to agree up to £30.00 to purchase this, agreed. Mr Kingsley also reported that he had not had any luck in contacting the school regarding the community involvement. It was also reported that the shed would need some preservative and guttering. It was agreed to price this up for the next meeting.
- b) Cutting of Grass Keep Field: The Clerk was asked to remind Jeremy Theyer.

The Xbox:

- a) To receive any update on the condition of the Xbox: Nothing further.
- b) DVD Advice: Juliet Stainforth had emailed reporting that DVD's were being left in the Xbox despite her displaying a notice asking for them not to be left. Mr Dentith offered to keep an eye and remove any unwanted DVD's.

Seven Tuns Defibrillator: The Clerk reported that no reply had been received from CHT regarding the replacement light. It was agreed to chase this up.

Supporting the Seven Tuns: Nothing further.

Playing Field:

- a) Condition of Playing Field Fence: Philip Dickenson had replied confirming the quote was for the new posts only. It was agreed to ask whether he is proposing to reuse the existing rails with new posts on the roadside fence at the Playing Field, as per his quote.

CDC Digital Inclusion Courses: Mr Cola had an enquiry about this who he will now contact.

Request for funding for Market Umbrellas from the Village Hall: There had been a considerable escalation in cost compared with the original proposal put forward when the pro-forma invoice had been received. After some discussion it was proposed by Mr G Broad and seconded by Mr Cola not to offer any more money towards this project. However, no one sought to change the original decision to purchase the items listed in the original proposal, so there is no reason the Village Hall cannot continue with the purchase of those items. It was agreed that if the Village Hall requires the extra items, the frames etc., with the additional delivery cost, they should be purchased separately by the Village Hall. Although the Village Hall had offered to pay the difference to the Parish Council, VAT cannot be recovered on funding provided by 3rd parties. It was agreed to write to the Village Hall saying if they wish to proceed, they need to have the supplier provide a pro-forma invoice for the original figures.

Tuns Hill Noticeboard – Needs Re-staining: Mr Dentith agreed to do this and was thanked by the Chairman.

FINANCE:

- 1. E Broad (Postage of Audit Papers to External Auditor) £1.60, prop. G Broad, sec. A Kingsley
- 2. D Broad (Pipe & Fittings for repairs to water trough at Grass Keep Field) £3.50, prop. G Broad, sec. A Kingsley
- 3. Cottage Garden Services (Playing Field cutting June) (£88.00 + VAT) £105.60, prop. D Broad, sec. A McLellan

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4. IONOS (Hosting of Village Website June 2023) Direct Debit £2.40, prop. G Broad, sec. D Broad
5. IONOS (Hosting of Parish Council Website & Domain Renewal July 2023) Direct Debit £19.20, prop. D Broad, sec. A Cola
6. St Andrew’s School (Grant towards improving the outdoor space for younger children) £2,000, prop. D Broad, sec. G Broad
7. Council in receipt of £250.00 Commemorative Mugs Sale from Pop-up Café
8. Council in receipt of £200.00 Storage Shed Rental from Drama Group
9. Council in receipt of £100.00 Playing Field Rental from Cirencester Athletics Club
10. Council in receipt of £40.00 Playing Field Rental from Horticultural Society
11. Council in receipt of £100.00 Storage Shed Rental from Horticultural Society

The meeting concluded at 9.32pm.

NEXT MEETING: Parish Council Meeting Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at 7.30pm.

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