

CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 14th AUGUST 2023

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

APOLOGIES: Mr A Kingsley

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 10th July 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.

Shop/Café: The Chairman invited Sian Jones to present her ideas on an alternative plan for a Shop/Café. She explained her initial ideas for a building alongside Fields Road on her land by the crossroads. Several members of the public and Councillors questioned Ms Jones about her plans.

OPEN SESSION FOR THE PUBLIC:

Mr Peirce explained about the emails he had been sending regarding the appalling state of the road in and around Chedworth. Councillor Hodgkinson explained that he had proposed a roads emergency in Gloucestershire at County Council, but this was rejected. He urged people to report pothole problems to GCC. He did explain that he understood that a section of the Whiteway was to be resurfaced in November and a further section next year. Mr Robertson suggested that Councillors consider holding a pop in session at the pop up café.

PLANNING:

23/02059/CLEUD Field Cottage, Chedworth Laines - Cert of Lawful Existing Use or Devt for Certificate of Lawful Existing Use or Development under Section 191 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 – for information only.

23/02297/FUL Land North East of Village Hall - Variation of condition 2 (plans) to amend garages and external appearance of permission 23/02297/FUL - Application for Technical Details Consent – No objection

23/02242/FUL Hills Farm - Erection of a glasshouse – No objection

21/00911/DMPO Rendcomb Airfield: It was noted that the current application has been withdrawn & a new application will be submitted in due course.

Neighbourhood Plan: The Chairman invited Mr Harrison to speak. Mr Harrison reported that the photographs had been accepted. He would now speak to Joseph Walker at CDC before asking the Parish Council to adopt the documents.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Traffic in Village and Road Matters:

a) Roadside Verges:

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- i) To receive any update on verge cutting in the village: Mr Morgan asked for approval to purchase £200 of wildflower seeds from Harvey Sherwood for the verges, it was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr Dentith to purchase this, agreed.
- ii) Wildflower Trial Notices: Mr Morgan requested that notices for the verges for around £30.00 for 12. It was proposed by Mr McLellan and seconded by Mr Morgan to purchase two dozen, agreed. Mr Morgan agreed to circulate the survey results, complied by Susie Moore.
- iii) To consider kerb stones on the verge outside Whitegates: Mr Harrison had emailed to say the area was around 15 metres. It was agreed to contact GCC Highway for a firm price for the kerb stones. GCC Highways had suggested that if kerb stones were required it could be done under the Community Offer scheme. Councillor Hodgkinson asked to be copied the email from Highways.
- b) Cooks Hill, Reduced Width: Nothing further.
- c) Tuns Hill Waterfall & The Stream: Mr Kingsley had written to Dan Tiffney, GCC Local Highways Manager, asking for the root ball in Queen Street to be removed before the autumn to help prevent more flooding in Queen Street. As no reply had been received, it was agreed to write to Mr Tiffney asking for the root ball to be done as a matter of urgency.
- d) Road Safety around St Andrews School: It was agreed to write to the head asking if she would kindly ensure that new parents are provided with guidance regarding pick up and drop off at the commencement of the new term.
- e) Damage to Grit Bin by the Tuns Hill triangle: The Clerk had completed a request form for a new bin, provided by Councillor Hodgkinson, and was awaiting a response.
- f) Road Conditions in Chedworth and surrounding area: Mr Pierce had provided information on the appalling condition of the roads in Chedworth and the surrounding area. Mr Peirce had drafted a letter to Cllrs Mark Hawthorne and Dominic Morris at GCC who were responsible for the roads and asked the Parish Council to send it to the gentlemen. After some discussion it was proposed by Mr Cola and seconded by Mr Dentith to send the letter, agreed.
- g) GCC Winter Update 2023/24: GCC had sent an email setting down the winter arrangements. The information held for Chedworth was correct. It was agreed to request on pallet of salt and advertise it the Hill and Valley for people to report any empty grit bins so they can be refilled before winter.
- h) Speeding & Volume of Traffic: An email had been received from Jayne King expressing concern at the volume and speed of traffic throughout the village particularly the effect on horse riders. She also mistakenly referred to Green Lane as a bridleway whereas it was in fact a class 5 road. After some discussion it was proposed by Mr G Broad and seconded by Mr Cola to reply to Mrs King telling her that the Parish Council made efforts recently to recruit members to undertake training to recommence the Community Speed Watch, but no volunteers came forward. It was also agreed to correct her about the status of Green Lane, agreed.
- i) Visibility at Road Junctions: This was raised at the last meeting, after some discussion it was agreed to take no further action.

Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust Chedworth Nature Reserve: Nothing further.

Lower End Graveyard:

- a) To consider reply from Bibury: They had replied giving prices for strimming for next year. It was agreed to ask them to add a cut and clear of Tuns Hill in October to the list.

Mr Cola left the meeting at this point.

Footpaths:

- a) Stile on KCH 68: Nothing further.

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b) Overgrown state of KCH 64: An email had been received from Mark Day, Cotswold Wardens saying they are arranging a working party to clear the path.

The Grass Keep Field:

- a) Tree Planting on Diggers Field: Mr Kingsley had left a written report stating the grafting workshop was held on site and went well.
- b) Cutting of Grass Keep Field: Jeremy Theyer had cut the paddocks and diggers field; it was agreed to email and thank him.
- c) Wildflower Meadow: An email had been received from John Bearcroft suggesting that the Grass Keep field is seeded and made into a wildflower meadow. It was agreed to reply that the Parish Council is not seeking to let the field at present. We have taken advice from Cotswold National Landscape regarding wildflower meadows, and the purchase of a limited amount of wildflower seed for the orchard is already in hand. Our advice is that there are plenty of species in the field already and these will flourish best if left alone. Mr Morgan agreed to purchase some extra wildflower seed from Harvey Sherwood for the Grass Keep field.

The Xbox: Nothing further.

Seven Tuns Defibrillator: Someone had rung from the CHT regarding the cabinet light, but nothing had been received. It was agreed to chase this up.

Supporting the Seven Tuns: The Chairman would chase up the asset of community value application with CDC as nothing further had been heard.

Playing Field:

- a) Condition of Playing Field fence: Philip Dickenson had replied confirming that he intended to reuse the rails. It was proposed by Mr G Broad and seconded by Mr McLellan to accept the quote of £700.00 + VAT to renew the posts and sure up the fence, agreed.
- b) Request for hire of Playing Field for Camping by KTA 25th to 30th July 2024: It was proposed by Mr G Broad and seconded by Mr Morgan to charge £60.00 per day, the same as in 2021, that is £240.00 for four nights or £300.00 for five nights, agreed.

CDC Digital Inclusion Courses: Nothing further.

Request for funding for Market Umbrellas from the Village Hall: It was noted that the order had been placed for the amount originally quoted.

Tuns Hill Noticeboard: Mr Dentith reported that the noticeboard just needed the final coat of varnish.

Shop/Café: It was agreed to write to Sian Jones thanking her for giving her presentation and stating that the Parish Council is very supportive of any project likely to bring back a shop to Chedworth. The Council was very interested to hear her plans and ask her to keep us informed as the project progresses.

FINANCE:

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1. Clerks Quarterly Phone/Broadband Contribution £89.40, prop. A McLellan, sec. I Morgan
2. Cottage Garden Services (Playing Field cutting July) (£132.00 + VAT) £158.40, prop. D Broad, sec. G Broad
3. IONOS (Hosting of Village Website July 2023) Direct Debit £2.40, prop. G Broad, sec. D Broad
4. IONOS (Hosting of Parish Council Website August 2023) Direct Debit £7.20, prop. D Broad, sec. G Broad
5. G Broad (Microsoft Word 365 Renewal) £79.99, prop. D Broad, sec. A McLellan
6. A&E Leisure Ltd. (Market Umbrellas for VH) (£1373.62 + VAT) £1648.34 Retrospective, prop. D Broad, sec. I Morgan, agreed with one abstention.
7. A McLellan (Beer for Martin Spooner) £24.00, prop. D Broad, sec. I Morgan
8. Bibury (Tuns Hill, Chapel Graveyard & Path) (£696.50 + VAT) £835.80, prop. D Broad, sec. I Morgan
9. The Play Inspection Company (Annual Inspection of Exercise Equipment) (£95.00 + VAT) £114.00, prop. G Broad, sec. A McLellan
10. Council in receipt of £200.00 Annual Ground Rent from HVLTC
11. To note that the Quarterly Financial Review has been undertaken by Councillor Morgan and the Clerk following the July meeting.
12. Two payment amendments recorded in the minutes.
 1. April - Central Design Ceramics £835.02 amended to £883.02
 2. June – J Bearcroft (Refreshments for Coronation) £51.50 amended to £51.87

OTHER BUSINESS:

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

The meeting concluded at 9.13pm.

NEXT MEETING: Parish Council Meeting Monday 11th September 2023 at 7.30pm.

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