

CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 11th SEPTEMBER 2023

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

APOLOGIES: Mr A Cola, County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 14th of August 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: Clive Poulton gave his opinion traffic speeds on Fields Road and suggested measures to slow traffic down many of which the Parish Council were already looking into. He also volunteered to join the speed watch team.

The Chairman brought the following item forward on the agenda.

Traffic Speed on Fields Road: A letter had been received from GCC introducing a new officer to deal with the speed watch grant scheme to which we applied for funding for a VAS last September and had heard nothing since. Mr Dentith also volunteered to join the speed watch scheme. As there were now enough volunteers, Mr McLellan would inform his police contact so that the training could be arranged. It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr G Broad to write to the new officer at GCC to chase up our grant, agreed. Mr G Broad agreed to get some up-to-date quotes for a VAS in case the prices quoted in our grant bid were out of date.

PLANNING:

23/02517/TCONR Glebe House - Ash tree (T1) located at the back of the property, reduce all over by approximately 3 metres to reduce weight. A limb has already broken off and fallen to the ground.

23/02476/TCONR Hills Farm - Removal of dead Ash

23/02255/FUL New Barn Farm - Erection of a workshop and change of use of home office to office-us - Object to the loss of the residential element of the scheme as there is a shortage of small low cost and live/work units within the village. The Parish Council feels the proposed workshop is rather large and may lead to an increase in traffic using Fields Road about which the Parish Council often receives complaints even at present levels of traffic.

23/02691/TCONR West House, Queen Street - Works to trees in conservation areas for T1 - Ash dismantle due to ash dieback, G2 - 2 x Rowan approx. 12ft - Reduce canopies up to 30%

21/00911/DMPO Rendcomb Airfield: Bella Amory had emailed the Chairman concerning her concerns that aircraft from Rendcomb were still flying over Chedworth Laines, which he had circulated to Councillors. Mr Dentith reported that he had spoken with Rendcomb personnel, and they deny flying anywhere near Chedworth Laines. After some discussion it was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr McLellan to reply to Mrs Amory asking that if the planes are over the Laines to try and get some video or stills on a mobile phone as clear evidence of the over flight and of the type of aircraft involved, agreed.

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Neighbourhood Plan: The Chairman invited Mr Harrison to speak. He reported that he had sent the design code independent document around for Councillors to look at. He now had to make enquiries as to what needed to be done now. The Chairman thanked Mr Harrison and asked Councillors to read the document before the next meeting.

Dark Skies: It was agreed to ask Mr Cola if he wished to do some copy on dark skies for the Hill and Valley.

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 GCC had cut the verge along Fields Road for the cycle race without consulting the Parish Council. He had circulated the verge analysis compiled by Susie Moore, Harvey Sherwood had arranged a working party to sow wildflower seeds in the Grass Keep field, he would not be charging for the seed. The verge cut would probably now be done in October followed by wildflower seed sowing of the verges.

ii) Wildflower Trial Notices: Robret Young had the purchase of these in hand.

iii) Kerb stones on the verge outside Whitegates: Nothing further, the Clerk was asked to chase this up.

b) Cooks Hill, Reduced Width: Nothing further.

c) Tuns Hill Waterfall & The Stream: A recent email had been received from Dan Tiffney outlining his intended works to alleviate the flooding in Queen Street. It was agreed to reply to Dan Tiffney asking that the works can be put in hand as soon as possible to avoid a repeat of the flooding.

d) Road Safety around St Andrews School: The Chairman reported that he had displayed signs by the hatched area asking people to park at the village hall as agreed in the travel plan, which currently seemed to be working.

e) Damage to Grit Bin by the Tuns Hill triangle: Nothing further.

f) Road Conditions in Chedworth and surrounding area: Nothing further. Mr Morgan asked what was happening on Tuns Hill where a small number of the many potholes had been filled and a large number have been left and the white markings around them have disappeared. It was agreed to write to Dan Tiffney bringing this to his attention.

g) Status of Green Lane: Emails had been received from Jayne King & Philip Hackett from the British Horse Society. The latter confirming that Green Lane was a class 5 road. The problem had occurred as a new Bridleway sign had been installed pointing in the wrong direction showing Green Lane as a Bridleway, instead of Whipps Piece. The Chairman had repositioned the new sign on Bleakmoor to the correct position.

Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust Chedworth Nature Reserve: Nothing further.

Lower End Graveyard: The Clerk was asked to remind Bibury that a cut and clear would be required before Remembrance Sunday and also the Tuns Hill triangle cut and clear and the verge down Tuns Hill would need cutting by the end of October.

Footpaths:

a) Stile on KCH 68: Nothing further, the Clerk was asked to chase this up.

b) Overgrown state of KCH 64: Notification had been received from Mark Day that the path clearance would be done by the Cotswold Wardens tomorrow.

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c) Dangerous stile on KCH 10 at the end of Courts Close: An email had been received from Ann Deamer drawing to the attention of the Parish Council that members of her family had injured themselves on the dangerous stile at the end of Courts Close. The Chairman had gone to look at the stile and removed the broken tread on the stile and had spoken to both Mrs Deamer & the landowner making them aware of what he had done.

The Grass Keep Field:

a) Tree Planting on Diggers Field: Mr Kingsley reported that he had finally managed to speak with someone from the school and Tom Lodwick from the school governors had been in touch with him. He also reported that he had priced up some wood preservative, it was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr McLellan to allow up to £150.00 for this, agreed. Mr Kingsley would purchase this.

The Xbox: Nothing further.

Seven Tuns Defibrillator: The new cabinet light had been received from CHT. The Chairman will have to co-ordinate with the Seven Tuns to turn off the power while he fits it.

Supporting the Seven Tuns: Nothing further.

Playing Field:

a) Condition of Playing Field fence: The Clerk would contact Philip Dickenson to see when he intends to do the repairs to the fence. The Chairman reported that he had mended the gate hinge and catch on the gate onto the playing field.

CDC Digital Inclusion Courses: Nothing further.

Tuns Hill Noticeboard: Mr Dentith had varnished the noticeboard and was duly thanked by the Chairman.

Shop/Café: It was agreed to remove from the agenda until there was more news.

FINANCE:

1. Clerks Quarterly Salary £710.00, prop. A McLellan, sec, I Morgan
2. Clerks Quarterly Mileage £9.65, prop. I Morgan, sec A Kingsley
3. Cottage Garden Services (Playing Field cutting August) (£88.00 + VAT) £105.60, prop. D Broad, sec G Broad
4. IONOS (Hosting of Village Website August 2023) Direct Debit £4.80, prop. D Broad, sec. I Morgan
5. IONOS (Hosting of Parish Council Website September 2023) Direct Debit £7.20, prop. D Broad, sec. I Morgan
6. A Kingsley (Strimmer Blade) £17.95, prop. G Broad, sec. A McLellan
7. M Dentith (Varnish) £19.50, prop. G Broad, sec. I Morgan
8. Community Heartbeat Trust (Replacement Light for Tuns Defibrillator) (£19.95 + VAT) £23.94, prop. D Broad, sec. I Morgan

OTHER BUSINESS:

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

The meeting concluded at 8.49pm.

NEXT MEETING: Parish Council Meeting Monday 9th October 2023 at 7.30pm.

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