

# CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 9<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2023

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

APOLOGIES: Mr A McLellan

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 11th of September 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: Councillor Hodgkinson reported on the CIL update that had been sent out from CDC today. He also reported on the Boundary Commission recommendations for the new boundary changes for the County Council divisions. There were no proposed changes to the Bourton and Northleach division. He reminded people that the Flu and Covid jabs were currently being done and eligible people should be contacted by their GP surgery. He reported that the first section of the Whiteway from the North Cerney turn past Rendcomb Airfield was due to be done in November. CDC had not had the resubmitted application for Rendcomb Airfield and were unable to contact Mr Norman and now CDC were considering enforcement action. He also reported on the late return of the Cotswold School bus which had happened since the return to school after the summer holidays despite all the work last year to ensure an earlier return in the evenings. The Chairman thanked Councillor Hodgkinson.

Automated Cafe and Shop to be located at the Village Hall: Seb Clarke & Charles Hutton Potts reported on their plans for a self-service coffee machine and fridge selling Manor Farm products to be sited at the Village Hall. After some discussion and when Council reconvened, it was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr Morgan, that the Parish Council were supportive and wished them well, agreed.

The Chairman asked Mr Hutton Potts about the Village Hall's position on the Solar Energy project currently being looked into by Iain Robertson. Mr Hutton Potts confirmed that Mr Robertson was currently undertaking a feasibility study to be presented to the Village Hall committee. He foresaw some possible problems with the strength of the Village Hall roof not being able to take Solar Panels and a structural engineer would be required to look into this.

## PLANNING:

23/02777/TCONR Springfield House, Calveshill - Works to trees in conservation areas for 1. Beech - reduce crown all over back to previous pollard points 2. 10 large poplars - fell to ground level.  
23/02939/TCONR 2 The Old Forge - Works to trees in conservation areas for 1 & 2 Walnut - reasons for work, light and safety.  
23/02255/FUL New Barn Farm - Erection of a workshop and change of use of home office to office-use – New Details – It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr G Broad to object on the same basis as previously as these concerns had not been addressed in the new details, agreed.

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23/02922/FUL Greenhill Farm - Conversion of existing annexe to provide an additional bedroom, bathroom and storage area – No objection

23/02922/FUL Greenhill Farm – Listed Building Consent – No objection

23/01384/FUL York House - Erection of replacement extension, enclosed walled garden terrace and associated works – no objection

23/01378/LBC York House - Listed Building Consent – No objection

23/02609/FUL The Summer House - Erection of agricultural storage building, retaining wall and ancillary works – No objection

21/00911/DMPO Rendcomb Airfield: Councillor Hodgkinson had already given an update. Mr Dentith offered to try to contact Vic Norman.

Neighbourhood Plan: The Chairman invited Mr Harrison to report. Mr Harrison referred to his email to Council following the last meeting. It had been suggested by Joseph Walker at CDC that there were a couple of options available for the design code, it could be published community guidance with a warning that it had not been formally adopted, or it could wait on the district level review in September next year could then be reviewed and published. The Chairman thanked Mr Harrison.

Dark Skies: Mr Cola offered to contact the gentleman who agreed to undertake survey.

#### 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 first phase of the verge cutting had been done and the invoice could now be sent to GCC Highways

ii) Wildflower Trial Notices: These had been purchased and were with Robert Young.

iii) Kerb stones on the verge outside Whitegates: An estimate had been from GCC Highways for the work to install kerb stones in this location for £4,809, this was felt to be excessive. The Chairman invited Mr Harrison to speak, he offered to get a quotation for a cheaper solution. The Clerk was asked to find out the legal position of the Parish Council ordering the work as it was not the Highway authority.

b) Cooks Hill, Reduced Width: Nothing further.

c) Tuns Hill Waterfall & The Stream: The works to remove the tree root were due to start today. Nothing seemed to have happened so far and Mr Morgan agreed to update Councillor Hodgkinson on the situation on Thursday as he was due to speak to Dan Tiffeny on Friday.

d) Road Safety around St Andrews School: The Chairman had replaced the notices by the hatched section opposite the school. The Chairma invited Mr Musgrave to speak, he said that there were still issues around the school despite the no parking notices. The Chairman offered to speak to the school again.

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

f) Road Conditions in Chedworth and surrounding area: No reply or acknowledgement had been received from the two Councillors; the Clerk was asked to email them again.

g) Road Surface on Tuns Hill: A standard reply had been received from GCC. It was agreed to wait until the flooding works here were completed and then raise this again if necessary.

h) Traffic Speed on Fields Road: Nothing further in the absence of Mr McLellan, although Jayne King, another speed watch volunteer, had come forward.

Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust Chedworth Nature Reserve: In abeyance.

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Footpaths:

- a) Stile on KCH 68: The new gate had been installed by Philip Dickenson.
- b) Overgrown state of KCH 64: Mr & Mrs Harrison reported that the path had not been cleared satisfactorily. The Clerk had emailed Mark Day from the Cotswold Wardens to ask what the situation was but had not yet received a reply.
- c) Damaged Stiles: Mr Cola had sent details of two paths which had broken stiles. One had been repaired and the other one, on KCH 16 on the Airfield, was owned by Manor Farm. It was agreed to email Seb Clarke bringing it to his attention.

The Grass Keep Field:

- a) Tree Planting on Diggers Field: Mr Kingsley reported on a strimming working party which it was hoped would be done soon. He reported that unfortunately two of the trees had been lost. He had purchased 20 litres of preservative for the shed, but it would probably not get done now until the Spring.

Tennis Court Ash Trees: An email had been received from Robert Baker bringing the condition of the large Ash Trees which had Ash Dieback and were shedding debris on the tennis courts. The Chairman had met Mr Baker on site and reported that the HVLTC would like to prune one other tree, it was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr G Broad to let them at their own expense. Regarding the trees with Ash Dieback, the Chairman had made enquiries at CDC and a tree felling licence may be required to fell these trees. As the landowner it was felt that the Parish Council should bare the cost of the felling for safety reasons and the trees were not in the area leased by HVLTC. It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr G Broad to ask Mr Baker to obtain 3 quotations for the felling of the Ash trees for further consideration at the next meeting.

The Xbox: Nothing further.

Seven Tuns Defibrillator: The Chairman had fitted the replacement light to the cabinet at the Seven Tuns. Mr Morgan would do an inspection and report it to Webnos so the defibrillator can be recommissioned.

Supporting the Seven Tuns: Nothing further.

Playing Field:

- a) Condition of Playing Field fence: The roadside fence had been repaired by Philip Dickenson. An invoice had been received too late to be included on the agenda, but as it was as quoted, it was agreed to pay it now and agree at the next meeting.

CDC Digital Inclusion Courses: Mr Cola agreed to try to contact the person again.

Request from Robert Young on behalf of FoStA for funding for Magic Show: An email had been received asking for funding for FoStA who are planning to hold another Childrens Party with a Magician at St Andrew's School next February and wondered if the Parish Council would again like to fund the cost of the magician? It is anticipated that it will be in the order of £300.00. After some discussion it was proposed by Mr Dentith and seconded by Mr Kingsley to donate £300.00 for this, agreed with one abstention.

Village Hall Solar Energy Project: An email had been received from Iain Robertson outlining his

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ideas for the installation of a solar panel array which he was investigating on behalf of the Village Hall Committee and asked if the Parish Council could bear this project in mind when deciding how to make use of funding from the Community Infrastructure Levy. After some discussion it was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr G Broad to reply to Mr Robertson, that the Parish Council is very interested in the project but would like to see some costs and financial forecasts to ensure the project is viable before committing financial support, agreed.

FINANCE:

1. Zurich Insurance Renewal £477.57, prop. D Broad, sec M Dentith
2. J Young (Wildflower Notices) £61.66, prop. G Broad, sec. I Morgan
3. Cottage Garden Services (Playing Field cutting September) (£88.00 + VAT) £105.60, prop. G Broad, sec. A Cola
4. IONOS (Hosting of Village Website September 2023) Direct Debit £4.80, prop. G Broad, sec. M Dentith
5. IONOS (Hosting of Parish Council Website October 2023) Direct Debit £7.20, prop. G Broad, sec. I Morgan
6. PKF Littlejohn LLP (2022/23 External Audit) £210.00 + VAT) £252.00, prop. M Dentith, sec. G Broad
7. Viking (Stamps & Paper) (£39.45 + VAT) £43.74, prop. G Broad, sec. A Kingsley
8. Council in receipt of £4,106 Part Precept from CDC
9. Council in receipt of £300.00 Playing Field Rental for 2024 from KTA
10. Limited Assurance Review of AGAR Return for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 – It was noted that the 2022/23 Audit has been completed and the statutory notices posted on the Parish Council website and Village Hall notice board. There was nothing to bring to the attention of Councillors. The Clerk was duly thanked by the Chairman.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Hill & Valley News: – Several items were identified to be included in the November edition.

The meeting concluded at 9.24pm.

NEXT MEETING: Parish Council Meeting Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 7.30pm.

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