

CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 13th NOVEMBER 2023

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

APOLOGIES: Mr A Cola, Mr A Kingsley, County & District Councillor Paul Hodgkinson

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 9th October 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: Several members of the public spoke against the Rendcomb Airfield application. Before they spoke, Mr Dentith declared an interest and left the meeting.

The Chairman brought this item forward on the agenda.

23/03211/DMPO Rendcomb Airfield - Discharge/modification planning oblig for vary the obligation of the Section 106 Agreement: Discussion ensued, it was proposed by Mr Mogan and seconded by Mr McLellan to object as the agreement not to fly over Chedworth Laines had not been included in the application, this was lost 2 votes for and 3 votes against. It was then proposed by Mr G Broad and seconded from the Chair to raise no objection, agreed 3 votes for. The Chairman's casting vote was used in both votes.

PLANNING:

23/01980/FUL Tall Trees Cheap Street - Erection of single storey side extension, addition of roof lights and PV array with associated works – No objection

23/03378/TCONR Elm Villa, Fossebridge -Works to trees in conservation areas for T1 - Ash - Pollard at hedge height - Larger sized tree with signs of die-back – Noted.

23/03379/TCONR Inn at Fossebridge - Works to trees in conservation areas for T1 - Ash - Dismantle - Signs of die back in public area - concerns about root plate holding – Noted.

Neighbourhood Plan: The Chairman invited Mr Harrison to update the Council. He reported that the Council would be consulted on the Design Code by CDC next September.

Dark Skies: Nothing further.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Traffic in Village and Road Matters:

a) Roadside Verges:

i) To receive any update on verge cutting/flailing in the village: Mr Morgan reported that the Autumn cut had been done and the arising were due to be collected on Wednesday.

ii) Wildflower Trial Notices: These were currently being made by Men in Sheds. Mr Young will look after these when they are done.

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- iii) Kerb stones on the verge outside Whitegates: Legal advice had been received from SLCC advising that any works would have to be done with the approval of Highways. Mr Harrison had received a quote from Ian Hernandez for £2,269. In view of the legal advice received, Mr Harrison would speak to Paul Hodgkinson about this.
- b) Cooks Hill, Reduced Width: Nothing further.
- c) Tuns Hill Waterfall & The Stream: Mr Morgan reported on the meeting with Dan Tiffney and interested parties on site. An email had been received from Dan Tiffney saying that given the size of pipe that they need to install and the presence of other utility apparatus in the carriageway there is not sufficient space to install a new drainage pipe. They are already in discussion with CDC and GCC's flood team to see how we can work together to combine highway work and work on non-highway (private) land to improve the drainage in the village. It was agreed to write to the Flood Mitigation Officer at CDC asking what they were doing regarding the water from the Manor Pond flooding down Tuns Hill and what progress was being made. Also raising concerns that the water will freeze causing hazardous conditions. It was further agreed that in principle there was no objection to using CIL money for flood mitigation purposes. It was further agreed to contact Paul Sibbald who had a great knowledge of the water system in this area asking if he had any advice.
- d) Road Safety around St Andrews School: Mr Musgrave was invited to speak, he enquired about the revised School Travel Plan which was supposed to be on the school website. The Chairman agreed to speak to the school again.
- e) Grit Bins:
 - i) Damaged one on the Tuns Hill triangle: This was parish property so GCC Highways would not be replacing it.
 - ii) Damaged one at the top of Cooks Hill: This one had been badly damaged, GCC Highways agreed to replace this one.
 - iii) Displaced one at Pinkwell: This one had been damaged and turned around 180 degrees. Again, this was a parish bin. It was proposed by Mr McLellan and seconded by Mr Dentith to purchase two new grit bins for £200.00 + VAT, agreed. Mr McLellan asked the Clerk to chase up the requested pallet of salt for the storage shed from GCC Highways.
- f) Road Conditions in Chedworth and surrounding area: No reply had been received from either GCC Councillor.
- g) Traffic Speed on Fields Road:
 - a) To consider any update: Mr McLellan reported that a training session for the volunteers had taken place, and the first check was due to take place on Wednesday morning.
 - b) Purchase of Radar Gun: To purchase our own device would cost in the region of £200.00.
 - c) VAS Speed Sign: Information on a speed sign had been received, the signs were in the region of £2,000. It was agreed to wait and see the result of the grant application.
 - h) Broken Fence between the The Hemplands & Lower Barn Entrance: The roadside fence had been demolished by a car. It was agreed to bring this to the attention of GCC Highways.

Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust Chedworth Nature Reserve:

- a) To consider any update: Nothing further.
- b) To consider email from Emma Barron: An email had been received from Emma Barron offering to sign up people as GWT volunteers so that they can continue with managing the site under GWT insurance until transfer has completed. It was agreed to place an item in the Hill and Valley asking for volunteers to sign up to the GWT. It was agreed to check with Emma if she was happy for her details to be put in the Hill and Valley.

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Footpaths:

- a) KCH 64: Emails have been received from Ivan Tommasini and Lousia Rankin, GCC PROW. It seems that Mr Tommasini is the owner of the land which is apparently obstructed by overhanging hedges. It was therefore proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr G Broad to write to Mr Tommasini asking him to clear the path.

- b) KCH 47: An email had been received from Jayne King asking for confirmation that the footpath was still open as there were no signs and shut, but no locked, gates. It was agreed to confirm that the path was still open and write to the owners of Chedworth House bringing this to their attention. It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr Morgan to put up some way marks showing the path in this area.

The Grass Keep Field:

- a) Tree Planting on Diggers Field: Nothing further.

Tennis Court Ash Trees: Three quotes were still awaited from Mr Baker.

The Xbox: The Chairman reported that he was not getting anywhere with this and asked for another volunteer to take over.

Supporting the Seven Tuns: Mr Dentith reported that the Seven Tuns was due to close at the end of November. Talks were currently taking place and one idea was that a few evenings a week the bar could be opened at the Village Hall and some soft furnishings could be purchased to make the area more comfortable. It was suggested that they needed to speak to the Village Hall about this. The Chairman would chase up the Asset of Community Value application with CDC.

CDC Digital Inclusion Courses: Nothing further.

Village Hall Solar Energy Project: Nothing further.

Christmas Lights: The Chairman reported that the lights had not been removed last and only the battery box removed. He would see shortly if the lights still worked when putting in new batteries. It was proposed by Mr Dentith and seconded by Mr G Broad to purchase new lights if necessary and engage the services of a cherry picker if required, agreed. £250.00 had been included in the budget for the Christmas Lights.

Cotswold District Council Budget Consultation 2024/25: Noted.

FINANCE:

1. Clerks Quarterly Phone/Broadband Contribution £84.80, prop. M Dentith, sec. G Broad
2. Cottage Garden Services (Playing Field cutting October) (£132.00 + VAT) £158.40, prop. D Broad, sec. M Dentith
3. IONOS (Hosting of Village Website October 2023) Direct Debit £4.80, prop. D Broad, sec. G Broad
4. IONOS (Hosting of Parish Council Website Novem 2023) Direct Debit £7.20, prop. D Broad sec. G Broad
5. Bibury (Path through Graveyard, cut & clear Graveyard & cut & clear Tuns Hill Triangle & Verge) (£721.00 + VAT) £865.20, prop. G Broad, sec. A McLellan

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6. Brian Brazington (Verge Cutting) (£1050.00 + VAT) £1260.00, prop. I Morgan sec. A McLellan
7. P A Dickenson (Fence Repairs & Footpath Gate) (£975.00 +VAT) £1170.00 Retrospective, prop. D Broad, sec. I Morgan
8. A Kingsley (Preservative for Shed) £63.54 Retrospective, prop. A McLellan, sec. G Broad
9. Council in receipt of £5133.69 CIL Levy from CDC
10. Quarterly Financial Review – To be undertaken by Cllr. Morgan & the Clerk following this meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

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

Additional Precept Meeting: It was agreed to hold an additional Precept on Monday 22nd January 2024.

The meeting concluded at 9.38pm.

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

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