

# CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 8<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2024

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: County & District Councillor Paul Hodgkinson

ABSENT: Mr A Cola

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> December 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: Mr Musgrave spoke about the road safety issues around the school which he said had not improved. Judy Tice suggested a path from the Village Hall to the school possibly funded by CIL funds. The applicant from the Alpaca shed planning application on Ballingers Row explained his planning application. Other members of the public present also gave their views on the application. Patricia Langley spoke about the meeting the Seven Tuns Action group had earlier today.

The Chairman brought forward the Seven Tuns item on the agenda.

Supporting the Seven Tuns: Mr Kingsley gave a brief report on the meeting the group had earlier today. He explained that they were considering setting up a Community Interest Company under the guidance of Christopher Stainforth. No move could be made until it was known what Simon was doing with the lease. A survey would then be taken in the village followed by an approach to Wellington Pubs. Patricia Langley said that getting an Asset of Community Value registered with CDC was most important. The Chairman reported that he had finally heard from the CDC solicitor who wanted addition information which he was in the process of supplying. It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr McLellan to allow a budget of £400.00 to cover any costs for printing etc. that the group may require, agreed.

PLANNING:

23/03836/FUL Alpaca Shed, Ballingers Row - Demolition of existing building and erection of a dwelling – After some discussion, it was proposed by Mr G Broad and seconded by Mr Morgan to object as it is in quite a prominent location within the Conservation Area. For some years the community have been keen to protect the lower slopes of the valley in this part of the Conservation Area below the line of Ballingers Row, from development. This property is below that level and the present structure is relatively non-descript and inoffensive being an animal shelter and not in domestic use. In addition to this objection in principle, the Council is concerned that a building of this type would give rise to light pollution by virtue of the large windows and liner form. The plan does not represent the Cotswold vernacular. Its form is linier, but it lacks the character of the nearby Ballingers Row with their gables and small doors and windows nestling into the hillside, as such it would neither conserve nor enhance the Conservation Area, agreed with one abstention.

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23/03699/FUL Cotswold House, Pancake Hill - Alteration and conversion of redundant stables to ancillary studio, wine storage and plant room – It was proposed by Mr Morgan and seconded by Mr McLellan to raise no objection, but request that the standard conditions are put in place to minimise light pollution from interior and exterior lighting.

23/03211/DMPO Rendcomb Airfield: An email had been received from Bella Amory stating that Vic Norman had sold his share in the airfield. It was agreed to find out from Mr Norman what the situation was with our agreement over flying over Chedworth. Mr Dentith agreed to speak to Mr Norman to seek clarification and report back. It was agreed to reply to Bella Amory advising her of this.

Neighbourhood Plan: Nothing further

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: Nothing further.

ii) Wildflower Trial Notices: Nothing further.

b) Cooks Hill, Reduced Width: Nothing further.

c) Tuns Hill Waterfall & The Stream: An email had been received from Susanne Humm before Christmas. The situation with the water was no better. Mr Kingsley agreed to contact Susanne Humm enquiring what was happening. Mr Morgan pointed out that on the Land Registry plan he obtained on the Seven Tuns site for the Asset of Community Value application, it showed a drain marked in the vicinity of the Tuns. The Chairman reported that he had made enquiries from The Cotswold National Landscape regarding getting a survey done, with no luck yet. It was agreed to put an item in Hill and Valley.

d) Road Safety around St Andrews School: After some further discussion, the Chairman agreed to speak to the school to suggest holding a stakeholder meeting to address the concerns raised.

e) Grit Bins: Mr McLellan reported that he had dropped the new bin off at Pinkwell but it had not been filled. The other bin was to be placed at the Tuns Hill triangle. It was reported that the damaged bin at the top of Cooks Hill had not been replaced by GCC. It was agreed to chase this up.

f) Road Conditions in Chedworth and surrounding area: An email reply had been received from Chris Pollington, GCC, stating in the last four weeks they have carried out 22 defect repair jobs in the parish. In addition to this work, they have also carried out temporary defect repairs along the ‘White Way/Chedworth Turn to Rendcomb Junction’ as they have a capital resurfacing scheme in the programme for January 8<sup>th</sup> that will properly address the road condition. They will continue to monitor the condition of the roads in Chedworth as they do with all roads in the county to ensure that the highways remain safe to use. The condition of the road from Fossebridge to Yanworth Mill was raised as it was in a poor condition in places. It was agreed to report this on the GCC website. It was also noted for the budget meeting that there was no grit bins at the bottom of Hensons Hill.

g) Traffic Speed on Fields Road: Mr McLellan reported that the checks to date had not showed any speeding mainly due to low sun and parked cars. He would draw up a list of what was required to obtain our own speed gun and accessories.

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Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust Chedworth Nature Reserve: Mr McLellan reported that he had attended the volunteering day recently. 16 volunteers were present but not many from Chedworth.

Footpaths: Nothing further.

The Grass Keep Field:

a) Tree Planting on Diggers Field: Nothing further.

Tennis Court Ash Trees: It was noted that works was due to start this week.

CDC Digital Inclusion Courses: Nothing further.

Village Hall Solar Energy Project: Nothing further.

FINANCE:

1. E Broad (Batteries for Christmas Lights £12.00, prop. G Broad, sec. I Morgan
2. IONOS (Hosting of Village Website December 2023) Direct Debit £4.80, prop. I Morgan, sec. G Broad
3. IONOS (Hosting of Parish Council Website January 2024) Direct Debit £7.20, prop. G Broad, sec. I Morgan
4. The Corporate Christmas Tree Co. (Lights) (£48.30 + VAT) £57.96 Retrospective prop. G Broad, sec. M Dentith
5. Community Heartbeat Trust (Battery) (£285.00 + VAT & Delivery) £357.00, prop. D Broad, sec. G Broad
6. Brian Brazington (Flail Cutting & Collection of Materials) (£990.00 + VAT) £1,188.00, prop. M Dentith, sec. A Kingsley
7. Council in receipt of £74.54 Water Reimburse & Ground Rent Underpayment of £50.00 from HVLTC
8. Setting of 2024/25 Precept – To be returned to CDC by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024 – It was agreed to email the Village Hall stating that The Parish Council is holding their budget meeting on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January to decide how much to take from the Council Tax for 2024/25. If they have any requests for funding for that period it would be helpful to let us know before the meeting so the Parish Council can consider whether to take up money from the community from this purpose.

OTHER BUSINESS:

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

The meeting concluded at 9.18pm.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 7.30pm.

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