

CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 12th FEBRUARY 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)

The Chairman announced that he understood County & District Councillor Paul Hodgkinson would join the meeting around 8.00pm.

VACANCY ON CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL: To note that Councillor Andreas Cola had resigned from the Parish Council as he was leaving the village. CDC have been informed and the statutory notices displayed. Parishioners had until 16th February to request an election, if this did not happen the Parish Council would be asked to co-opt to fill the vacancy.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the Parish Council Budget Meeting held on the 22nd January 2024 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 Baker explained his email of 22nd January regarding new planting around the tennis courts.

The Chairman brought forward item 2.6 on the agenda.

Ash Trees & Cherry Tree by Tennis Courts, height reduction, new planting: After some discussion it was agreed to raise no objection to the plans set out in Mr Baker's email. It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr Kingsley to put aside £500 to purchase more mature trees, if the tennis club wish to go this route, agreed. A site visit could be arranged if necessary.

Mrs Amory spoke about the Rendcomb Airfield application. Cllr. Hodgkinson joined the meeting at this point. Mrs Amory asked the Council to request CDC include in the section 106 agreement not to fly over Chedworth or Chedworth Laines. Cllr. Hodgkinson also spoke about the application.

The Chairman brought forward item forward on the agenda.

23/03211/DMPO Rendcomb Airfield: Mr Dentith declared an interest and left the meeting. An email from David Barrell, a pilot at the airfield, attaching a letter from the planning agent regarding alterations with regard to the variation of the Section 106 agreement at Rendcomb Airfield had been received. This had not been included on the CDC website. After further discussion it was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr McLellan to request that the section 106 agreement should include no wing walking over the settlements of Chedworth or Chedworth Laines, agreed with three in favour and two against. The Chairman also agreed to call an addition meeting to discuss the amended planning application if it would not be possible to discuss it at the next scheduled meeting, as it was likely there would be only a short consultation period of three weeks.

PLANNING:

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24/00174/DMPO Denfurlong Farm, Fields Road - Development of a rural exception scheme comprising 5 affordable dwellings and 4 open market dwellings – Mr McLellan reported that he understood that the number of affordable units was not sufficient to gain the backing of a housing association. It was proposed by Mr McLellan and seconded by Mr Kingsley to reply to CDC to suggest that the development should be 8 affordable units and 2 open market houses to make the take up of the affordable units more attractive to a housing association. The Council also feels that having the affordable units as shared equity might ease the problems of take up of the aforesaid affordable units, agreed with five in favour and one abstention.

24/00093/FUL Gilgal, Pancake Hill - Installation of ground-mounted solar array for residential use

24/00194/TCONR Chelbo House - Removal of whitebeam tree – Noted.

24/00204/TCONR Meadowside - Works to trees in conservation areas for 1- Beech, fell to ground level. 2- Apple, fell to ground level (reason for felling)- to omit more light into small garden - Noted

Neighbourhood Plan: Nothing further

Dark Skies: Dark Sky readings for Chedworth had been received from Neil Havard. These were noted. Mr Morgan noted that these readings were worse than the ones he took two years ago, but they had been taken in different places. He pointed out the need to reiterate to CDC when considering planning applications, the need to take on board dark skies policy.

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 hedge cutting has not yet been done. It was intended to do the visibility splays in the spring.

ii) Wildflower Trial Notices: Robert Young had the made-up signs in his garage. It was agreed to write and thank Men in Sheds and Robert Young.

b) Cooks Hill, Reduced Width: An email had been received from Dan Tiffney, GCC stating that one of his colleagues is doing a comprehensive audit of the existing signing around Cooks Hill and then will be checking the signing regulations to see what improvements are needed or could be made. They will update us in due course.

c) Tuns Hill Waterfall & The Stream: Emails had been received from Susanne Humm & Dan Tiffney, GCC. Nothing had been heard recently, Mr Kingsley agreed to chase up Susanne Humm. Dan Tiffney had emailed to say there would be a gully clean soon.

d) Road Safety around St Andrews School: The Chairman has made several tentative approaches regarding arranging a meeting to discuss traffic, school travel plan, parking, danger to pedestrians etc. in the school area. It was felt that the time has come to ask formally for a meeting where representatives from the Parish Council, school management and governors and concerned local residents can sit down and discuss it. It was agreed to write to the Head Teacher and Chairman of the school governors to arrange a meeting.

e) Grit Bins:

i) To consider email from GCC regarding broken Grit Bin on Cooks Hill: GCC had emailed to say the broken grit bin was the responsibility of the parish.

ii) Proposal to purchase two new Grit Bins: It was proposed by Mr Dentith and seconded from the Chair to purchase three new grit bins so that one could replace the damaged one on Cooks Hill, agreed. The chairman thanked Mr McLellan for siting a new grit bin opposite the Tuns Hill triangle, Mr McLellan reported that Seb Clarke had done it.

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- f) Road Conditions in Chedworth and surrounding area: The Whiteway had been resurfaced and a good job had been done. The Chairman thanked Cllr Hodgkinson for his help in getting this done.
- g) Traffic Speed on Fields Road: An email had been received regarding VAS sign from the Community Speed Watch Project Officer. Mr McLellan said that he felt that we would not qualify from reading the information sent with the email. Mr McLellan reported that he had now received the new speed gun.
- h) Road Surface at Hensons Hill/Raybrook Lane: An email had been received from GCC stating that there was no fault found in this area. Cllr. Hodgkinson asked if some photographs could be sent to him, and he will take this up with GCC officers.

Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust Chedworth Nature Reserve: Nothing further.

The Playing Field:

- a) Request for use for camping from Chipping Norton School for DOE Award Scheme pupils on 8th June 2024: This was agreed, free of charge, as per last year.
- b) Request for use and parking from Cirencester Athletics Club email for Roman Run on 22nd September 2024: It was proposed by Mr G Broad and seconded by Mr Kingsley to charge £100, as per last year, agreed.

The Grass Keep Field:

- a) Tree Planting on Diggers Field: Nothing further.
- b) Water Leak at Water Trough: An email had been received from Lucy Hatherell reporting that the tap on the trough was dripping. The Chairman had been to inspect it and a new stopcock was required. He had purchased a stopcock and would fit it. The pipework around the trough was not in good condition. He had in the meantime turned the water off at the trough.

Supporting the Seven Tuns: An email had been received from Alexander Kirk, CDC, regarding Asset of Community Value nomination, which was noted.

CDC Digital Inclusion Courses: It was agreed to remove this from the agenda at present.

Village Hall Solar Energy Project: The Chairman invited Mr Robertson to speak. He reported that the Village Hall committee had missed the date for applying for a grant in January, they now intended to do it at the next opportunity in the summer.

Village Hall Defibrillator: It was noted that Sarah Smith is unable to undertake the monthly checks. It was agreed to write to the Village Hall committee to ask if someone there could take on the task.

FINANCE:

1. E Broad (Quarterly Phone/Broadband contribution) £84.30, prop. A Kingsley, sec. A McLellan
2. IONOS (Hosting of Village Website January 2023) Direct Debit £4.80, prop. G Broad, sec. McLellan
3. IONOS (Hosting of Parish Council Website February 2024 & Domain renewal) Direct Debit £19.20, prop. D Broad, sec. I Morgan
4. E Broad (Stopcock for Grass Keep Trough) £7.50, prop. A McLellan, sec. A Kingsley
5. Corinium Arboreal (Ash Tree Felling by Tennis Courts) £800.00, prop. D Broad, sec. G Broad
6. Community Heartbeat Trust (Pads for VH Defibrillator & Carriage) (£46.95 + VAT) £56.34, prop. M Dentith, sec. A Kingsley

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OTHER BUSINESS:

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

Annual Parish Meeting: Monday 18th March 2024 at 7.30pm. It was suggested from a parishioner present that the charities should send someone along to the meeting to answer questions, rather than just send through written reports and the balance sheet. It was agreed to ask the charities to do this.

The meeting concluded at 9.30pm.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 11th March 2024 at 7.30pm.

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