

CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 11th MARCH 2023

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

APOLOGIES: Mr A McLellan & County & District Councillor Paul Hodgkinson

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 12th February 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: Mrs Amory and Mr Musgrave spoke about the current Rendcomb Airfield application.

PLANNING:

23/03211/DMPO Rendcomb Airfield – Vary the obligation of the Section 106 agreement – Mr Dentith declared an interest and left the meeting. After some discussion it was proposed by Mr Morgan to object, this did not gain a seconder. It was proposed by Mr Kingsley proposed and seconded by Mr G Broad to raise no objection, this was defeated 2 votes for and 3 votes against. The Chairman read out a comment “Chedworth Parish Council is disappointed that the restriction preventing wing walking flights overflying Chedworth Laines from the Whiteway to Fields Road as agreed between the operators and Chedworth Parish Council has still not been included in the draft s. 106 agreement”. It was proposed by Mr Morgan and seconded from the Chair to submit this as a comment from the Parish Council, agreed 3 in favour and 1 against. Mr Dentith rejoined the meeting.

Neighbourhood Plan: Nothing further.

Dark Skies: It was agreed to remove this item from the agenda at present.

CDC Local Plan Consultation: It was agreed not to make any comment.

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 hedges had been cut. Some of the arisings from the grass cutting had been disposed of by Toby Baxter and it was proposed by Mr Morgan and seconded from the Chair to give Toby Baxter a bottle of wine, agreed. Mr Morgan would purchase the wine.

ii) Wildflower Trial Notices: The notices are available from Robert Young.

b) Cooks Hill, Reduced Width: Nothing further.

c) Tuns Hill Waterfall & The Stream: A reply had been received from Susanne Humm, GCC, stating that a survey of the drainage system would be done w/c 29th April. The Tufa on the waterfall

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would also be removed at the same time. She asked for the landowners contact details in Queen Street and for Seb Clarke to be contacted to lower the water in the pond in advance of 29th April. The Clerk agreed to provide contact details of landowners and Mr Kingsley agreed to contact them and Seb Clarke.

d) Road Safety around St Andrews School: Several replies from both co-headteachers had been received both resisting the requested face to face meeting and stating the original School Travel Plan could not be found. The Chairman invited Mr Musgrave to speak. He had a copy of the final draft of the Travel Plan which he agreed to send to the Parish Council. It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr Kingsley to send this to the school with the request it be reinstated on their website, agreed.

e) Grit Bins: Three bins have been ordered.

f) Road Conditions in Chedworth and surrounding area: Nothing further.

g) Traffic Speed on Fields Road: The speed gun had been purchased.

h) Road Surface at Hensons Hill/Raybrook Lane: Councillor Hodgkinson has taken this up on our behalf and an email had been received stating that GCC would assess the road again.

i) Condition of the road from Chedworth to Calmsden: The Chairman reported that several residents had reported that the road from Chedworth Village Hall crossroads, south to Calmsden, has a considerable number of potholes especially in the Ashwell/dog walking field area, which cannot be avoided due to the narrow width of this single-track road. Several had reported a number of these potholes on the “Fix my Street” website and council operatives have subsequently painted white circles around some of the potholes and left them and now the white paint has worn off and the potholes remain. It was agreed to ask GCC Highways to investigate this for us.

Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust Chedworth Nature Reserve: Nothing further.

The Grass Keep Field:

a) Tree Planting on Diggers Field: Mr Kingsley gave a brief update. The Chairman reported that he had replaced the stopcock, but the water remains turned off until the amount in the water trough drops.

b) Land Query: An email had been received from Zaphira Cormack asking to site a static caravan on the Grass Keep field on behalf of ADHD Hub. It was felt that it would be useful for some councillors to meet with her when she came to the village hall over Easter, so they can see what she has in mind. This was proposed by Mr Kingsley and seconded by Mr G Broad, agreed with one against.

Supporting the Seven Tuns: Emails had been received from Alexander Kirk, CDC, regarding Asset of Community Value nomination including a reply from the solicitors acting on behalf of Wellington Pubs. Several points were raised in the letter including that the application had not been determined in the required eight-week timescale. Patricia Langley, a member of STAG, had drafted a reply to the letter answering several points made. This had been sent to Alexander Kirk from the Parish Council as the applicants. It was agreed to wait and see what happens.

Village Hall Defibrillator: It was noted that Neil Compton & members of the VH Committee have agreed to undertake the monthly checks. The Chairman & Clerk had met with them to show them what was required.

FINANCE:

1. E Broad (Quarterly Salary) £710.00, prop. A Kingsley, sec I Morgan

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2. E Broad (Quarterly Mileage) £16.10, prop. I Morgan, sec. A Kingsley
3. IONOS (Hosting of Village Website February 2024) Direct Debit £4.80, prop. G Broad, sec. M Dentith
4. IONOS (Hosting of Parish Council Website March 2024) Direct Debit £7.20, prop. I Morgan, sec. M Dentith
5. FoSTA (Donation towards Magician) £300.00, prop. G Broad, sec. M Dentith
6. A McLellan (Speed Gun) £164.37 Retrospective, D Broad, sec. G Broad
7. St Andrews PCC (Donation towards cutting the Churchyard) £300.00 prop. I Morgan, sec. G Broad
8. Viking (Ink & Paper) (£33.97 + VAT) £40.76, prop. D Broad, sec. G Broad
9. Brian Brazington (Hedge Cutting) (£625.00 + VAT) £750.00, prop. I Morgan, sec. G Broad
10. Council in receipt of £40.00 Playing Field booking fee for wedding on 24th August 2024
11. Quarterly Financial Review - Has been undertaken by Clerk & Cllr. Morgan following the February meeting

OTHER BUSINESS:

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

Annual Parish Meeting: This was to be held on Monday 18th March 2024 at 7.30pm.

It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr G Broad that in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 the public and press will be excluded during consideration of the following item due to fact that individuals may be considered, agreed. The members of the public present left the meeting.

Vacancy on Chedworth Parish Council: After some discussion it was noted that no election has been requested so the Parish Council can now co-opt to fill the vacancy. Councillors were aware that other councils have been criticised for not advertising vacancies before filling them by co-option. So therefore, it was decided to advertise the vacancy in the Hill & Valley, the website, social media, noticeboards etc. before considering any applications at the start of the April meeting.

The meeting concluded at 8.55pm.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 8th April 2024 at 7.30pm.

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