

CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 25th APRIL 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: Mrs B Amory & County & District Councillor Paul Hodgkinson

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 8th April 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: The Chairman invited the young couple, Elliott & Kathleen Cree, who had put in an offer for the lease on the Seven Tuns to introduce themselves and outline what they hoped to do at the Tuns if they were successful in their bid. They were questioned by members of the public present, who wished them all the best with their bid. Mr Robertson spoke on behalf of STAG, who were an independent stand-alone group, wishing to see the Seven Tuns open again, and outlined their objectives in helping the Parish Council put in another bid to get the Seven Tuns registered as an Asset of Community Value. He also spoke about a possible community buy out, if necessary, in the future. Several members of the public questioned Mr Robertson. The Chairman then announced that the Council would go back into Council to discuss the items on the agenda.

ALL OTHER MATTERS TO BE HELD OVER UNTIL THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 13th MAY 2024:

Matters pertaining to the continued closure of the Seven Tuns pub:

a) Refurbishment of the Village Hall Social Room to enhance its suitability as a bar/social hub: Mr Hutton Potts spoke about the refurbishment of the Village Hall social room which had already started. There had been some confusion about the funding the Parish Council had included in the budget. The Clerk explained the rules the Parish Council needs to follow regarding donations including section 137 expenditure and explained that if the donations were given to the Village Hall, this was covered under enabling legislation. Mr Hutton Potts offered to feed this through the Village Hall. It was proposed by Mr Dentith and seconded by Mr McLellan to grant up to £10,000 for the refurbishment, and reclaim the VAT where it was possible, agreed.

b) The bid for a community buy out of the Seven Tuns: The Chairman of STAG, Patricia Langley, asked the Parish Council to reimburse her for information of a community buy out, this would be £500.00. It was proposed by Mr Dentith and seconded by Mr Kingsley to reimburse this if required, agreed.

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c) Support for the reopening of the Seven Tuns on a commercial basis: After all of the comments this evening, it was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr G Broad that the Parish Council fully support the re-opening of the Seven Tuns, agreed unanimously.

The meeting concluded at 8.42pm.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 13th May 2023 at 7.30pm.

Chairman.....

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