CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES - PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - 8th APRIL 2024

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

APOLOGIES: County & District Councillor Paul Hodgkinson

<u>CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES</u>: The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 11th March 2024 were agreed and signed as a true record.

<u>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:</u> The Chairman to remind Councillors of the need to declare interests as necessary.

<u>VACANCY ON CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL:</u> To consider the co-option of a new Councillor to fill the vacancy. It was agreed to consider this at the end of the meeting.

<u>OPEN SESSION FOR THE PUBLIC:</u> Mr Musgrave asked if the Parish Council meetings could be amplified as he was having trouble hearing the proceedings. The Chairman agreed to have a word with Mr Hutton Potts to see if the amplifying system in the hall could be used. Mr Kingsley spoke about Nicky Jones using an area in the village hall for a village history area, as a couple of old villagers had passed away recently. This was a gem of an idea, and it was agreed to include on the agenda next month.

It was agreed to bring the Seven Tuns and Flooding in Queen Street item forward on the agenda.

Supporting the Seven Tuns: The Asset of Community Value nomination has been turned down by CDC. The Chairman invited Patricia Langley from STAG to speak. Patricia Langley spoke about her surprise that CDC had decided not to grant the Asset of Community Value although they had previously done so, and nothing had changed. She suggested that the Parish Council should ask for a review of the decision, and she offered to draft a letter. STAG had asked for photographs of events at the Tuns as CDC had sited the lack of photographic evidence in their reasons for refusal. Councillor Hodgkinson was on the case and was due to speak to an officer regarding this shortly. It was proposed by Mr Dentith and seconded by Mr G Broad to send the letter drafted by Patricia Langley and supply any photographic evidence that can be found, agreed.

<u>Tuns Hill Waterfall & The Stream</u>: The Chairman invited Mr Harrison to speak. Mr Harrison spoke about the previous survey done by Lawrence King from CDC. He had a couple of points that he asked to be passed onto Susanne Humm, GCC. It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr G Broad that Mr Kingsley would pass these points on when Mr Harrison had sent them to him, agreed.

PLANNING:

23/03836/FUL Land and Building at E405542 N211928 Ballingers Row Chedworth - Demolition of
existing building and erection of dwelling with associated work – Object as before
24/00632/FUL York House - Erection of Oak framed orangery to the side and rear following
removal of existing extension – No objection.

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24/00633/LBC York House - Listed Building Consent for Erection of oak framed orangery to the side and rear following removal of existing extension – No objection.

24/00684/FUL Ardmore House - Alterations to existing house including new dormer windows in place of existing rooflights and extension to existing front entrance lobby – No objection.

23/03211/DMPO Rendcomb Airfield – Vary the obligation of the Section 106 agreement – Councillor Hodgkinson had emailed to say this may go to the June planning meeting at CDC.

Neighbourhood Plan: In abeyance.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Traffic in Village and Road Matters:

- a) Roadside Verges: Mr Morgan reported that he had purchased the wine for Toby Baxter and asked the Clerk for a letter to go with it.
- b) Cooks Hill, Reduced Width: Nothing further.
- c) <u>Road Safety around St Andrews School</u>: It was noted that the final draft of the School Travel plan is available on the Parish Council website. The Chairman had met with Nikita Smith, one of the headteachers at the school, although she was not aware of any further incidents, she said that projected numbers of pupils will be down to around 49 in September, so the situation should be better with less pupils.
- e) <u>Grit Bins</u>: Three new bins have been received, Mr McLellan reported hat they were currently being stored in the Village Hall shed.
- f) Road Conditions in Chedworth and surrounding area: Nothing further.
- g) <u>Traffic Speed on Fields Road</u>: It was noted that the Community Speed Watch administrator has left GCC. Mr McLellan reported that there were no plans for further speed checks on Fields Road until the building works had been completed.
- h) Road Surface at Hensons Hill/Raybrook Lane: Nothing further.
- i) <u>Condition of the road from Chedworth to Calmsden</u>: The Clerk reported that GCC Highways had been out to survey the road directly following the last meeting. Some of the worst potholes had been filled but there were plenty of smaller ones still present.

Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust Chedworth Nature Reserve: Nothing further.

Footpaths:

i) <u>KCH 47:</u> – To note an email from Ben Pridgeon concerning the obstructions on this path which he has reported to GCC PROW. The problem was the catch on the gate on the western end was broken and a dumper truck has been parked blocking the path. Mr Dentith agreed to go and check the path.

The Grass Keep Field:

a) <u>Tree Planting on Diggers Field</u>: Mr Kingsley gave a brief update. The Chairman reported that he had been contacted by Brian Wembridge who reported that the new gate that had been installed last year had been vandalised and the catch broken. The Chairman agreed to go and have a look and see if he could mend it.

<u>Land Query</u>: The Chairman and Mr McLellan had met with Zaphira Cormack at the Grass Keep field. Nothing further had been heard since the meeting. It was agreed to wait for a formal approach.

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<u>Litter Pick</u>: Mr McLellan had arranged with the volunteers to hold the litter pick on Saturday 27th April. He had contacted CDC and they no longer lent out the litter pickers etc. It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr Morgan to agree a budget of £50.00 to purchase some and plastic bags etc, agreed. CDC would take away the rubbish collected.

FINANCE:

- 1. IONOS (Hosting of Village Website March 2024 + Domain Renewal) Direct Debit £16.80, prop. G Broad, sec. D Broad
- 2. IONOS (Hosting of Parish Council Website March 2024) Direct Debit £7.20, prop. I Morgan, sec. G Broad
- 3. Kingfisher Direct (3 Grit Bins) (£300.00 + VAT) £360.00 Retrospective, prop. G Broad, sec. A Kingsley
- 4. Request for funding for new stage curtains from Chedworth Village Hall Three quotes had been received. After some discussion it was proposed by Mr Morgan and seconded by Mr McLellan to accept the quote of £1,218 inc. VAT from Cotswold Curtains, agreed.
- 5. Council in receipt of £100.00 Playing Field booking fee from Cirencester Athletics Club for Roman Run

OTHER BUSINESS:

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

<u>Resignation of Sue Callard from the Allotment Charity</u>: There were two years left for this appointment. It was agreed to advertise for a replacement trustee.

<u>Vacancy on Chedworth Parish Council</u>: Two parishioners had shown an interest in being co-opted and both were present at the meeting. The Chairman proposed and Mr G Broad seconded 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. The Chairman invited Mrs Amory to say a few words as to why she wished to fill the vacancy. The other parishioner said that he did not wish to be considered and left the meeting. It was therefore proposed By Mr Morgan and seconded by Mr McLellan to appoint Mrs Annabel Heathcoat Amory to fill the vacancy, agreed with two abstentions. Mrs Amory then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office book and the Code of Conduct form.

The meeting concluded at 8.53pm.

NEXT MEETING:	Annual Parish	Council meeting -	- Monday 13 ^t	th May 2024 at 7.3	0pm.
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