

CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 13th MAY 2023

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

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN: Mr David Broad was proposed by Mr G Broad and seconded by Mr I Morgan, agreed unanimously. Mr Broad then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office book.

The Chairman welcomed Mrs Amory back to the Council.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN: Mr Ian Morgan was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr Dentith, agreed unanimously. Mr Morgan then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office book.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 25th 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: Iain Robertson made a statement on behalf of STAG explaining the request that the Parish Council re-submit the Asset of Community Value application to CDC. STAG had prepared the document for the Parish Council to submit, it contained much more photographic evidence and letters of support from our MP and County & District Councillor. Councillor Hodgkinson spoke about the application process at CDC, he had spoken to the CEO regarding his misgivings as the process used by CDC did not have any member input. This process was now going to be reviewed by CDC shortly, but it may not be in time for this application. Councillor Hodgkinson would keep a close eye on the progress of the application at CDC and he commended STAG on the immense amount of work put into preparing this application.

The Chairman then took item 02.6 on the agenda.

Supporting the Seven Tuns:

a) ACV Notification: Mr Dentith and Mr McLellan commended the application as an excellent piece of work. It was proposed by Mrs Amory and seconded by Mr McLellan to submit the Asset of Community Value application prepared by STAG to CDC, agreed unanimously.

PLANNING:

23/03836/FUL - Land and Building at E405542 N211928 Ballingers Row Chedworth - Demolition of existing building and erection of dwelling with associated works – Object as previously
24/00945/CLEUD The Pump House, Middle Chedworth - Cert of Lawful Existing Use or Devt for Certificate of Lawful Existing Use or Development under Section 191 of the Town and Country Planning Act – Application Withdrawn
24/00684/FUL Ardmore House - New Details – No objection
24/00684/FUL Ardmore House - Alterations to existing house including new dormer windows in

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place of existing rooflights and extension to existing front entrance lobby – No objection.
24/00830/FUL Ashley House - Full Application for Installation of air source heat pump with associated works – No objection.

24/01095/FUL Coomb Cottage - Alterations to side of dwelling, demolition of existing garage and extension of parking area (Resubmission of 22/00665/FUL) – No objection.

24/00873/FUL York House - Erection of a two-bay timber stable – No objection.

24/01198/TCONR Peach Tree Cottage - Works to trees in conservation areas for Ash tree - To be felled due to die back and proximity to outbuildings – Noted.

23/03211/DMPO Rendcomb Airfield – Vary the obligation of the Section 106 agreement – Councillor Hodgkinson referred to his email from April which the officer had said that the application may go to the June meeting. It had heard nothing further about this.

Neighbourhood Plan: In abeyance.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Traffic in Village and Road Matters:

- a) Roadside Verges: Mr Morgan said that he would liaise with Brian Brazington about a cut of the visibility splays. We no longer had a contractor to cut the Tuns Hill triangle and the chapel graveyard since Bibury had closed. It was agreed to make enquires from other parishes to see who they use and include an item in the Hill and Valley.
- b) Cooks Hill, Reduced Width: Nothing further.
- c) Tuns Hill Waterfall & The Stream: The survey had been undertaken in April. It was reported that some of the Tufa had been removed from the pipes. They were supposed to be providing a report, Mr Kingsley agreed to chase this up with Susanne Humm.
- d) Road Safety around St Andrews School: Nothing further.
- e) Road Conditions in Chedworth and surrounding area: Nothing further.
- f) Traffic Speed on Fields Road: Mr McLellan gave a brief report, he hoped that speed checks will be resumed soon. The interactive speed sign was also raised, we had applied for a grant to purchase one but the relevant officer at GCC had now left. Councillor Hodgkinson agreed to chase this up again.
- g) Road Surface at Hensons Hill/Raybrook Lane: No repairs appeared to have been done here. The Clerk would case this up again.
- h) Embankment maintenance adjoining The Paddocks: An email had been received Jennifer Hill who lived at the Paddocks asking the Parish Council to take on the cutting of the bank where the telephone box was adjacent to The Paddocks. It was agreed to reply that we are currently having problems in finding a contractor to strim the areas we normally have done such as the Tuns Hill triangle and the Lower End graveyard. At present it looks like we will not be able to do anything until the autumn when the verges are cut with a tractor mounted mower. Meanwhile Mr Morgan would speak to Brian Brazington about this.

Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust Chedworth Nature Reserve: Nothing further.

Footpaths:

- a) KCH 47: Mr Dentith reported that he had walked the path in both directions and found no obstructions. It was agreed to write and inform the complainant of this asking him to let us know if the problems reoccur.

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The Grass Keep Field:

a) Tree Planting on Diggers Field: Mr Kingsley gave a brief update. A group would be formed to paint the shed with preservative. The Chairman reported that he had mended the gate that had been broken by installing a magnetic catch.

Playing Field:

a) Request to use the Playing Field for HVLTC Annual Tournament on 8th June: It was proposed by Mrs Amory and seconded by Mr Morgan to allow this and the fee to be waived on this occasion, agreed.

Supporting the Seven Tuns:

a) ACV Notification: Dealt with earlier on the agenda.

b) Any update: Mr Dentith reported that discussions with Simon are currently taking place.

Chapel Graveyard: Sophie Blackwell had emailed asking that the graveyard was not cut in May as was done last year. It was agreed to reply that we are currently having problems in finding a contractor to strim the areas we normally have done such as the Tuns Hill triangle and the Lower End graveyard. We will ensure that if we do find somebody they are properly briefed before being directed towards the graveyard.

FINANCE:

1. Clerk's Quarterly Phone/Broadband Contribution £99.90, prop. A Kingsley, sec. M Dentith
2. IONOS (Hosting of Village Website April 2024) Direct Debit £4.80, prop. I Morgan, sec. A McLellan
3. IONOS (Hosting of Parish Council Website May 2024) Direct Debit £7.20, prop. G Broad, sec. I Morgan
4. E Broad (100gms Paper for Minutes) £3.83, prop. I Morgan sec, A McLellan
5. A McLellan (Bags & Gloves for Litter Pick) £20.97, prop. D Broad, sec. I Morgan
6. I Morgan (Wine for Toby Baxter) £9.99, prop. D Broad, sec. M Dentith
7. Cottage Graden Services (Playing Field Cut March) (£44.00 + VAT) £52.80 Retrospective, prop. I Morgan sec. A McLellan
8. J L Interiors (Lights for Village Hall) (£500.00 + VAT) £600.00 Retrospective, prop. I Morgan, sec. A McLellan. It was agreed that this should be a CIL payment.
9. J L Interiors (Lights for Village Hall) (£557.95 + VAT) £669.54 Retrospective, prop. A McLellan, sec. M Dentith. It was agreed that this should be a CIL payment.
10. J L Interiors (Fabric for Village Hall) (£560.43 + VAT) £672.50 Retrospective, prop. D Broad, sec. G Broad. It was agreed that this should be a CIL payment.
11. Castle Water (Grass Keep Water 1/3/24 to 31.8/24) £52.02, prop. M Dentith, sec. A Kingsley
12. Council in receipt of £12,320 Part Precept from CDC
13. Council in receipt of £676.86 CIL Levy from CDC
14. Income & Expenditure Account 2023/24 – Circulated by email – Noted.
15. Annual Audit Return for 2023/24 Audit – Sections 1 & 2 were considered by Council in that order and agreed as required. It was further noted that as we did not meet the criteria to exempt the Council, an External Audit Review would have to be undertaken this year. Mrs Amory asked for it to be recorded, when discussing the accounts, that she was not on the Council last year.

OTHER BUSINESS:

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Appointment of two trustees, one for two years (to replace Sue Callard), and one for four years (currently David Broad) on the Chedworth Allotment Charity: Two parishioner have come forward to serve on the charity. Mr David Broad stated that he did not wish to seek re-election now that two people had come forward. It was therefore proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr Morgan that Jo Todd serves as a trustee for the two years remaining od Sue Callard’s term, agreed. It was further proposed by Mr G Broad and seconded by Mr Kingsley that Robert Young be appointed for a full four-year term, agreed. The Clerk would write to the charity to inform them.

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

The meeting concluded at 8.49pm.

NEXT MEETING: Parish Council meeting – Monday 10th June 2024 at 7.30pm.

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