

CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 10th JUNE 2024

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

APOLOGIES: Mr M Dentith, Mr A Kingsley & County & District Councillor Paul Hodgkinson

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 13th May 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 spoke about his email sent to the Parish Council regarding the possible provision of a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA). He explained that the idea came from the tennis club to initiate a discussion with the wider community to explore interest that would encompass a tennis practice wall, as well as facilitating other sports usage, open to all. They would like to locate the facility at a decent distance from the courts to minimise interference and disruption of tennis but on the playing field area. At this stage they could not make a financial commitment, but once an acceptable design and budget is established, they will consider an appropriate contribution relevant to the tennis practice wall element. He suggested that the next steps would be to form a group of interested parties and consider a number of potential designs and their cost implications. Mr Baker was questioned by Councillors regarding the projected cost of such a facility and Mr Baker stated he felt it would be around £60,000 to £70,000.

The Chairman brought item 02.5 (a) forward on the agenda

Multi Use Games Area: After some discussion it was proposed by Mr Morgan and seconded by Mr McLellan to agree in principle to look favourably on siting the MUGA on Parish Council land, subject to someone taking the project forward, agreed.

PLANNING:

24/00980/FUL Primrose Cottage, Middle Chedworth - Proposed two-storey extension, single-storey garage and associated landscaping works – It was proposed by Mr McLellan and seconded by Mr Morgan to object on the grounds that it is in effect over development of the site. The proposed modern additions do not reflect the character of the extant building which is believed to be early 19th century, if not earlier, and is thus far largely unspoiled, agreed.

24/01317/FUL New Barn Farm - Temporary retention of cabin providing soft-furnishing workshop premises for a period of 3 years (Retrospective) – It was proposed by Mr McLellan and seconded by Mr Morgan to raise no objection, agreed.

23/03211/DMPO Rendcomb Airfield: It was reported by Mr Musgrave that the application was not scheduled for the June CDC planning meeting.

Neighbourhood Plan: The Chairman invited Mr Harrison to speak. Mr Harrison confirmed that it was the design code that was with CDC awaiting verification with the Local Plan in the autumn.

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MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Mrs Amory joined the meeting at this point.

Traffic in Village and Road Matters:

- a) Roadside Verges: Mr Morgan reported that the visibility splays and bends had been cut by Brian Brazington. An email had been received from Mr Robertson concerning the visibility when pulling out onto Fields Road from the Laines junction. He said that a diseased Ash tree on the corner was blocking the view and suggested a mirror be provided at the junction. When we raised the matter of providing a mirror in the location previously and GCC Highways at that time said that providing mirrors was against policy. It was agreed to suggest to Mr Robertson that he speaks to Councillor Hodgkinson directly regarding this. It was further agreed to report the diseased Ash tree to GCC Highways in case there was an incident in this location.
- b) Cooks Hill, Reduced Width: Nothing further.
- c) Tuns Hill Waterfall & The Stream: The report from the survey had still not been received, Mr Kingsley had offered to chase up Susanne Humm regarding this and it was agreed to take him up on his offer. Mr Morgan reported that resident wish to clear silt from the bottom of the stream which runs alongside the road near their properties to reduce the flooding. The residents are prepared to remove this material but need someone to take away the arisings. It was agreed to write and ask GCC Highways if this is something they can help with.
- d) Road Safety around St Andrews School: The Chairman invited Mr Musgrave to speak. He raised concerns regarding vehicles, obviously collecting/delivering children, which park in the gateways both at the school playground and in the sewage works gateway near “Buffers”. Cars emerge from these locations are completely blind and feels an accident is inevitable. It was agreed that the Chairman would speak to Jamie Roffe and ask if a notice could be displayed in the gateway to the sewage works and it was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mrs Amory to write to Jennifer Glass, governor responsible for “safeguarding” as it was felt that this may fall under her remit.
- e) Road Conditions in Chedworth and surrounding area: Nothing further.

Mr G Broad joined the meeting at this point.

- f) Traffic Speed on Fields Road: Mr McLellan reported that he hoped that speed checks would recommence shortly.
- g) Road Surface at Hensons Hill/Raybrook Lane: A further reply had been received stating that no fault had been found. The Chairman would check this out again and if there was still a problem chase up GCC Highways again.
- h) Embankment maintenance adjoining The Paddocks: A further email had been received from Jennifer Hill stating that if she must maintain the hedge fronting her property and it cannot be maintained by the council, she might as well have the area it stands on transferred to her name as part of the Paddocks site. It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr G Broad to reply that changes of landownership are not something within the Parish Council’s remit, but we feel best forward would be for her to contact Gloucestershire County Council Highways and enquire if they would be willing to transfer the land to her, agreed with three in favour and two abstentions.

Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust Chedworth Nature Reserve: Nothing further. It was agreed to remove this item from the agenda at present, until something else arises.

Footpaths:

- a) KCH 47: Nothing further. Chairman.....

The Grass Keep Field:

a) Tree Planting on Diggers Field: Mr Kingsley had written reporting that a working party for strimming and painting was planned for next week. It was further agreed to ask Andy Cox to strim the field but not remove the arisings.

Playing Field:

a) Multi Use Games Area: Delt with earlier on the agenda.

Supporting the Seven Tuns: Nothing further.

Strimming of Tuns Hill Triangle/Chapel Graveyard: It was noted that a new contractor has come forward and will cut and clear the Tuns Hill Triangle & verge shortly.

CIL Levy: A reply had been received from CDC which Councillors felt was very helpful. The contributions were paid in instalments, the next one for the buildings next to the Village Hall were due in the autumn and the last one next spring.

Use of microphones to ensure all attending can hear what is being said: Mr Morgan would speak to Mr Robertson shortly.

FINANCE:

1. Clerk's Quarterly Salary (inc. 3% increase as agreed in the budget) £732.00, prop. A McLellan, Sec. I Morgan
2. Clerk's Quarterly Mileage £12.88, prop. I Morgan, sec. A McLellan
3. IONOS (Hosting of Village Website May 2024) Direct Debit £4.80, prop. G Broad, sec. I Morgan
4. IONOS (Hosting of Parish Council Website June 2024) Direct Debit £8.40, prop. G Broad, Sec. I Morgan
5. J L Designs (Rug for Village Hall) (£200.00 + VAT) £240.00 Retrospective, prop. I Morgan, sec. A McLellan, agreed with one abstention. It was agreed to take this payment from the CIL
6. Ray Randerson Carpets Ltd (Flooring for Village Hall) (800 + VAT) £960.00 Retrospective, prop. G Broad, sec. I Morgan, agreed with one abstention. It was agreed to take this payment from the CIL
7. Ray Randerson Carpets Ltd (Flooring for Village Hall) (£698 + VAT) £831.60 Retrospective, prop. G Broad, sec. I Morgan, agreed with one abstention.
8. Ray Randerson Carpets Ltd (Flooring for Village Hall) (£425 + VAT) £510.00 Retrospective, prop. G Broad, sec. A McLellan, agreed with one abstention. It was agreed to take this payment from the CIL
9. P Langley (STAG Plunkett Membership) (£200.00 + VAT) £240.00 Retrospective, prop. D Broad, sec. B Amory
10. Chedworth Village Hall (Rental & Cupboard) £268.00 Retrospective, prop. D Broad, sec. G Broad
11. Cotswold Curtains (Village Hall) £1,015.00 + VAT) £1,218.00 Retrospective, prop. B Amory, sec. G Broad. It was agreed to take this payment from the CIL
12. J L Designs (Rug for Village Hall) (£45.00 + VAT) £54.00 Retrospective, prop. D Broad, sec. I Morgan, agreed with one against and two abstentions. It was noted that there was several holes in this rug and it was a trip hazard. It was agreed to bring this to the attention of Jane Lanyon.

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13. Iain Robertson (STAG Payments) £228.08, prop. B Amory, sec. A McLellan
14. Chedworth Village Hall (Refurbishment costs incurred by Ian Taylor) £2,074.71, prop. B Amory, sec. G Broad. It was agreed to take this payment from the CIL
15. Peppermill Interiors (Refurbishment costs) £780.00 + VAT) £936.00, prop. A McLellan, sec. I Morgan agreed with one abstention. It was agreed to take this payment from the CIL
16. Peppermill Interiors (Refurbishment costs) £585.00 + VAT) £702.00, prop. I Morgan, sec. A McLellan, agreed with one abstention. It was agreed to take this payment from the CIL
17. Peppermill Interiors (Refurbishment costs) £390.00 + VAT & Carriage) £573.00, prop. I Morgan, sec. G Broad, agreed with one abstention.
18. Council in receipt of £2,078.08 VAT Refund 2023/24
19. Council in receipt of £20.35 Part Grass Keep Field Water Refund from HVLTC

OTHER BUSINESS:

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

The meeting concluded at 9.12pm.

NEXT MEETING: Parish Council meeting – Monday 8th July 2024 at 7.30pm.

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