

**MINUTES OF THE CHRISTCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY 12th NOVEMBER 2012 – MEMORIAL HALL CHRISTCHURCH AT
7:30pm**

Present: Councillors – Jacky Wincote (Chair), Nigel Russell, Jill Bliss, Simon Freeland, William Beswick, Hannah Poole, Wes Poole, Will Sutton (FDC) and Fred Yeulett (CCC).
Stephen Cowell (Clerk) and 1 member of the public were also in attendance.

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Cotterell MBE (FDC) and PCSO Russ.

2. Signing of Minutes

The minutes of the 8th October meeting were signed, by the Chair, as true record of the meeting.

3. Disclosure and Declarations of Pecuniary Interests

No interests were declared.

4. Update on action points from previous meeting

It was reported that:

- Costs for a new 400mm x 300mm ‘No Dogs’ sign for the Recreation Ground would be approx £22.00 plus VAT. **Members authorised the purchase of one new sign.**
- A notice was placed in The Heron asking for people using the Recreation Ground to place rubbish in the bins provided.
- The Clerk will contact Roddons again regarding help with overgrown hedges at properties belonging to them.
- Cllr. Sutton has done some research into the timing of the Public Adjournment item and in other Council meetings it is either at the start or finish of the meeting’s business. Members agreed to leave the item where it is on the agenda as to move it would mean decisions could be made by the Council prior to members of the public being given the opportunity to make their views known at the meeting.

5. Public Adjournment

Only one item was raised:

- What is happening to the upturned trailer on the land adjacent to Upwell Road? It was reported that it will be moved once insurance assessors have inspected it.

6. Police Update

PCSO Russ sent his apologies for not being able to attend the meeting as he is attending the Newton Parish Council meeting. In the report he sent to the Council he reported that during a recent Speed Check in a 15 minutes period 24 vehicles were observed and none were breaking the speed limit. He also reported that there has been a spate of break-ins to garden sheds in the Wisbech area but none in Christchurch.

7. Correspondence Received

The Clerk brought to the attention of Councillors:

- Winter Gritting Volunteer Training.
- A request MAGPAS for a donation. The letter was taken by the Chair.
- A proposed road closure in Three Holes where the diversion will be along Padgett’s Road and Upwell Road.
- Details of an authorised change in the public right of way near Well End Farm. Details were discussed at a previous meeting and circulated for Members to see.
- Details of a request by the Drainage Board for an Environmental Impact statement to be produced in relation to the proposed piping and filling of a small stretch of ditch in front of the land to be sold along Upwell Road. The Clerk reported that the statement has been produced and sent to the Drainage Board. Cllr. Russell reported that he has approached Lincs Drainage for a donation of the piping required and they have agreed to provide it.

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8. County Council Street Lighting Project

The Clerk summarised the project and reminded Members that only lights owned by the County Council are affected i.e. those in Fenview and 5 lights in Upwell Road (4 near it's junction with the Sixteen Foot Bank Road and one near its junction with Church Road) Following a discussion it was agreed that the Council would offer to keep all the lights rather than take a 20% reduction. This would mean a cost of a little under £50 per annum per light retained that would otherwise be removed. Total cost per annum would not exceed £100 per annum. **The Clerk was asked to confirm that there were no additional costs regarding new lamps for the retained columns.**

It was reported that the new columns would produce more light and therefore the Upwell Road/Church Road junction lighting would improve as the column between that junction and Fenview would be replaced with a better quality lamp.

9. Church Road house numbering

Cllr. Freeland reported that the FDC numbering project has been completed but due to the usage by some companies of the data base provided by the Council there could be issues as some of the data is held in a way that could result in incomplete addresses being held on company files.

The Clerk was asked to put a notice in The Heron to remind house owners that it is in their best interests if house numbers and/or names are clearly visible especially to ensure that emergency services attend in a timely way.

10. Local Highways Improvements Scheme 2013/14

The Clerk reported that the 2013/14 Scheme is now open for suggested minor highways improvements. He suggested that all the Council's previous proposed Schemes had either been implemented during the last 3 years or assessed and shelved as being too costly and as the final cost of the Church Road/The Croft improvement has not been received that Councillors consider carefully the financial impact of proposing another Scheme in the coming financial year.

It was agreed to review the Scheme at the December meeting when Councillors have had time to consider potential improvements and the cost of the recent work has been ascertained.

11. Finance

The Clerk reported total bank balances of £57,555.72, with cheques written amounting to £2,963.39 to come from this, and brought to Councillor's attention the earmarked funds (funds that must be spent on specific purposed) that total a little over £33k.

The following items, listed on the agenda, were agreed for payment

- 10.1 Clerk's Salary £183.58
- 10.2 The Heron £65.00
- 10.3 Hall Hire (July-Oct) £56.00
- 10.4 IRS Ltd £209.28 (New 30mph Speed Limit signs)
- 10.5 Remembrance Day Wreath £22.00

12. Planning Applications

No applications to consider.

13. Parish Plan – Update

Nothing to report. Up to date copies of the action plan have been e-mailed to all councillors apart from Cllr. Bliss. **The Clerk to e-mail a copy to Cllr. Bliss.**

14. Raising of Village Concerns

The following items were reported/discussed:

1. Rubbish Bins and Dog Bins are full and require emptying.
2. Rubbish dropped on the floor after football matches and by other users of the Recreation Ground has been cut up by the grass cutters.
3. The cross roads sign near Padgett's Farm is obscuring the sight of drivers leaving the farm.

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4. Rubbish has been dumped in one corner of the playing field and there is a broken pallet near the Skateboard Park. **Cllr. W Poole agreed to remove the pallet.**
5. Two Street lights are out of order in Euximoor.
6. Road surfacing on the bridge over the Sixteen Foot drain from Euximoor is breaking up and there are some large pot holes on Euximoor Drove.
7. Willow trees at the Recreation Ground require trimming. **Cllr. Bliss to discuss with the contractor who trimmed them two years ago.**

The Chair closed the meeting at 8:36pm