

**MINUTES OF THE CHRISTCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY 10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2012 – MEMORIAL HALL CHRISTCHURCH AT  
7:30pm**

Present: Councillors – Jacky Wincote (Chair), Nigel Russell (arrived at the end of item 6), Jill Bliss, Simon Freeland (arrived at the end of item 4), William Beswick, Wes Poole, Will Sutton (FDC) and Fred Yeulett (CCC).

Stephen Cowell (Clerk) and 2 members 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. Hannah Poole, Cllr. Cotterell MBE (FDC) and PCSO Russ.

**2. Signing of Minutes**

The minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> November 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:

- A New ‘No Dogs’ sign for the Recreation Ground has been purchased. **Cllr. Wes Poole and the Clerk agreed to fix it to the wall of the Sports Pavilion.**
- Roddons have asked for details of the properties with overgrown hedges so they can consider the work required.
- The Council’s intention to pay for the retention of all County Council owned street lights, over and above those to be funded by the RFI Project, has been fed back into the project and as yet no indication of any extra costs other than those highlighted by the Clerk at the last meeting has been received. The maintenance and power costs have been fed into next year’s Council Budget. Cllr. Yeulett reported that the County Council and Balfour Beattie are in discussion relating to the project and that those discussions may change the current proposals making them more beneficial to Town and Parish Councils. He has also made representations regarding the different treatment of the lights on main thoroughfares and residential streets.
- Items raised under Village Concerns, full bins, out of order street lights and pot holes have been notified to the appropriate people.
- Councillor Bliss has been sent an updated copy of the Parish Plan – Action Plan.

**5. Public Adjournment**

Only 1 item was raised:

- Concern was expressed about the number of speeding and noisy lorries that go through the village at all hours of the day even at 4am in the morning on a Sunday and that properties are showing signs of damaged due to the vibrations caused. It was explained that the Council had tried to get a HGV ban through the village but was not successful. It was also mentioned that even if there was a ban many lorries would still need to come into the village to serve the farmers based there. Following a discussion it was agreed that the **Clerk should write to all local hauliers asking them to be more considerate and drive around the village** especially in the early hours of the day when people are sleeping.

**6. Police Update**

PCSO Russ has issued a monthly report that has been sent to all Members. The report includes 1 incident of Road Rage on the Sixteen Foot Bank Road and reports of suspicious attempts to sell Broadband in the area. 2 Speedwatch checks have been undertaken in Christchurch with no incidents of speeding.

**7. Correspondence Received**

Details of all items received have been e-mailed to Councillors prior to the meeting.

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**8. Local Highways Improvements Scheme 2013/14**

The Clerk reported that the cost of the speed limit change had totalled around £900.00 but no invoice has yet been received for the work undertaken at the junction of The Croft and Church Road. Any unspent money for improvements in the 2012/13 budget will be carried forward into 2013/14.

Options for additional schemes were discussed and it was agreed that the **Clerk should submit schemes** to improve the pavement near to the Old Shop and to improve the signage, specifically reflective bollards, on the riverbank at the Padgett's Road and Upwell Road junctions with the Sixteen Foot Bank Road.

**9. Finance**

The Clerk issued to Members, prior to the meeting, a proposed 2013/14 Budget. The Clerk highlighted the practice of budgeting for large contingency items such as By-Elections and Play Park repairs and carrying forward unspent amounts into the next year.

Councillors agreed that the proposed budget and resulting action to freeze the Precept for another year was acceptable. The Clerk stated that a formal proposal to this effect would come before Council next month.

Councillors Yeulett and Sutton reported that County and District may face some issues regarding the setting of the Precept as those Councils have yet to receive information from Central Government regarding funds received by them from Central Government. It is not expected that this will impact in any way on the Parish Council.

The Clerk reported total bank balances of £55,227.67, with cheques written amounting to £1,480.08 to come from this, and brought to Councillor's attention the earmarked funds (funds that must be spent on specific purposes) that total a little over £33k.

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

- 10.1 Clerk's Salary £183.78
- 10.2 The Heron £65.00
- 10.3 Warden and Son Ltd £540.00 (installation of new Speed Limit signs)
- 10.4 Hall Hire (Nov-Dec) £28.00
- 10.5 Seton Signs £35.64 (includes £7.97 shipping and £5.94 VAT)

**10. Invitation**

Following a discussion it was agreed to invite a FACT representative to the March meeting. However, it was felt that if the main reason for the visit was to spread the word of their services they might be better served by putting details in The Heron and by providing leaflets for circulation at the February Pensioners Meal.

**The Clerk was asked to discuss the matter further with FACT.**

**11. Planning Applications**

F/YR12/0912/F – Erection of a single-storey front extension and 2-storey rear extension with balcony and insertion of 3-first floor windows to existing dwelling – Melrose Cottage, Euximoor Drove, Christchurch. This application was reviewed and supported by the Council

**12. Parish Plan – Update**

Nothing to report.

**13. Raising of Village Concerns**

The following items were reported/discussed:

1. Permission has been asked to trim back the trees and shrubs that overhang the dyke that borders the Picnic area. Permission was granted.

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2. There has been a further complaint by a resident regarding scrubs overgrowing footpaths. **The Clerk was asked to forward, to Cllr. Yeulett, recent correspondence with the Highway's Department so that he can follow the complaint up.**
3. Damage to the road side near to where the recent Cotton's Corner bridge work was completed has caused an accident. **Cllr. Yeulett was asked to review the damage and liaise with Highway's Department to get the road reinstated.**
4. Cllr. Russell asked if it was the District Council's responsibility to empty the bin near to the Village Shop, which reopened on Friday, Cllr. Sutton felt it was.
5. Cllr. Sutton stated that he was glad to see the village shop open again and hoped the village would support it. This view was echoed by Parish Councillors.

Chair closed the meeting at 8:24pm