

# CHRISTCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Christchurch Parish Council on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2014 in the Sports Pavilion, Christchurch

<b>Present</b>	Cllrs: N Russell (Chair); J Bliss; S Freeland; R Gladwin; W Poole; F Yeulett (CCC); M Tanfield (FDC); W Sutton (FDC) J Richardson (Clerk); and 5 members of the public
<b>Apologies for Absence:</b>	Cllr Beswick and Cllr H Poole
<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	Councillors to declare any interests under the Local Code of Conduct in respect of any item to be discussed at this meeting:-
	a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interest ) R Gladwin (Item 036/14) W Poole (Item 039/14)
	b) Non-Pecuniary Interest ) Cllr Russell (Item 039/14)
	c) Sensitive Pecuniary Interest )

## 19.32-19.50 Public Time

The issues of Euximoor Drove were raised, and a request for the update on the Highways meeting was received. This is covered on the Agenda at Item 031/14 a).

Resident informed the Council that his hedge has now been cut and this was not possible earlier due to birds nesting.

The issue of Road Sweeping was raised and Cllr Tanfield informed the meeting that you can contact FDC (Street Scene) and request this. Earlier publication of Parish Council Minutes were discussed and due to constraints of legislation this is not possible.

## 025/14 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2014 had amendments proposed.

Proposed by Cllr Freeland to amend Item 08/14 to read "The climbing frame cannot be moved". This was not seconded and therefore cannot be amended.

Proposed by Cllr Freeland to amend 013/14 to read "Structural Engineer instead of Architect". This was not seconded and therefore cannot be amended.

It was Proposed that the minutes as written be approved by Cllr Russell, AGREED and signed.

**Agreed**

## 026/14 Matters Arising

Reply sent to FDC re Planning Application F/YR14/0293/F. No objections raised.

Gully cleansing to take place in the village on 30<sup>th</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014. Cllr Yeulett is to raise with FDC the possibility of having the roads swept prior to this.

**Cllr Yeulett**

Fenland Local Plan adopted 08/05/14

## 027/14 Police Matters

Two crimes reported:-

Euximoor Fen, theft of 3 wheelie bins

Scotts Road, theft of diesel

On-going issues are:- Euximoor Fen is covered by the national speed limit, and Speedwatch monitoring cannot be operated in this area as it can only be operated in areas of 30 or 40 mph. If the speed limit changes then training can be given.

The next Rural Forum will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> September in Friday Bridge at Maltmas Drove. The Horizon Outreach Vehicle will be there from

- 12.00 with a meeting to decide priorities starting at 17.00
- 028/14 County Councillors Report**  
 Cllr Yeulett reported that under the new system at CCC he is on the Adults Committee and the Childrens Committee. At close of the financial year CCC underspent by £6M. There was a change to the taxi ranks in March last week. Work is to happen on the March bypass towards the end of June (Cllr Yeulett, post meeting, advised this is now Sept/Oct). CCC are looking at Childrens Social Care. There are moves to change the number of District Councillors from 69 to 63 and this could affect March area. Fenland do have a number of world leaders in business. Work is continuing on the Wisbech to March railway line and the business case is looking good, which should aid jobs in Fenland.  
 Cllr Tanfield reported there have been lots of changes at Fenland and she is dealing with Tourism, Leisure and Young People. At present everyone is settling into their new roles.  
 Cllr Sutton reported that the meeting at FDC on 06/06/14 re Concurrent Functions and Street Lighting produced various views from Parish Councils and Cllr Clark and Cllr Seaton have now gone away to discuss options and come back with an offer of resolution. The smaller village map has been placed in the Notice Board. Lots of work ongoing with the PAS review of the planning department, the action plan will go to a Cabinet Meeting tomorrow (10/06/14) the aim of Cllr Sutton is to achieve a gold standard for the Planning Department.
- 029/14 Recreation Ground**  
**a) Recreation Ground Charity**  
 The AGM of the Recreation Ground Charity will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2014 at 19.00  
 b) Meeting was held on site with Playdale on 06/06/14. The Parish Council's concerns over the floor covering was raised and Playdale stated that it is as it should be, i.e meets all legal and safety requirements. It was asked if any mowing advice was given and it was pointed out that Playdale mowed the area once it was completed. It was proposed by Cllr Russell, and AGREED that he contacts the grass contractor and instructs him to mow the area carefully and see if there are any issues.  
 c) The Insurance Claim for damage to Pavilion Hall has been submitted.  
 d) Letter has been sent by the Solicitors to the Charities Commission regarding the merger of the Recreation Ground and Memorial Hall Charities.
- 030/14 Village Hall Committee**  
 a) Village Hall Committee met on 27<sup>th</sup> May and Richard Guilford was co-opted onto the Committee.  
 The plans for a new build of a Village Hall were discussed and agreed subject to minor improvements being encompassed.  
 It was Proposed by Cllr Russell, and AGREED, that the Parish Council approves the recommendations of the Village Hall Committee to move forward with the new build plans for the Village Hall.  
 Letter has been received by the Clerk re costing's to take the plans to the next stage, from Morton and Hall. It was proposed by Cllr Russell, and AGREED, that the Council accept the estimate of £2400 for this work.  
 b) Email received from Nigel Eggar re construction of new footpath on Upwell Road. Cllr Russell to check if the Morton & Hall original costings involve the preparation of items regarding the new footpath. If

Cllr Yeulett

Agreed  
Cllr Russell

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Cllr Russell

this is the case then documentation is to be prepared for Highways in order to get quotes for the work.

Dyke still needs to be filled in near Pavilion Hall.

031/14

### Highways

#### a) Update on Highways Working Party Meeting

Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2014 report is:-

Letters sent to house owners on Church Road re overhanging hedges  
Upwell Road, tree branch obscuring 30mph sign. Standing water on

junction of Halfpenny Toll Road junction

Euximoor Drove grip cutting place to place throughout and possible  
scalping of some areas of verges

Scotts Road, potholes

Green Lane, request for No Through Road sign on Padgetts Road  
end.

Sixteen Foot, meeting to take place 25<sup>th</sup> June to discuss

Church Road bush overhanging the drain is to be removed

#### b) Local Highways Improvement Initiative Bid 2015-2016.

Closing date for bids is September 2014. This will be placed on next  
Agenda by the Clerk and Councillors are to identify possible items for  
consideration.

Clerk  
All Councillors

### Street Lighting

a) Report received from FDC on the condition survey of the street  
lights belonging to Christchurch Parish Council. The survey has  
highlighted that the Parish Council has:-

CAT 1, beyond design life/replace within 12 months 4 lights

CAT 2, replace within 3 years 14 lights

CAT 3, resurvey in 5 years 14 lights

It is not known which lights are in which category. More information is  
required and the Clerk is to contact FDC for clarification.

Clerk

b) The street light on Green Lane that is not working is outside  
Kimberley Cottage. This light may be in Norfolk but it is understood  
that for this instance the light is classed as Cambridgeshire.

Cllr Yeulett and Tanfield left the meeting

032/14

### The Heron

The first edition was good and the second one is excellent, and a  
good job is being done by all at The Heron.

033/14

### Income & Expenditure

a) Members considered and **APPROVED** the following accounts for  
payment:

**APPROVED**

J Richardson	Clerks Salary	£238.41
J Richardson	Office Expenses	£9.30
Christchurch Village Resource Centre	The Heron	£80.00

**SUB TOTAL** **£327.71**

c) Clerk reported on the current bank balances at end May 2014:-

Community Account	113,383.85
Business Premium	8,186.82
Business Bonus	27,503.25
New Village Hall	689.21
BoS Corp Bonus	10,689.99
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>£160,453.12</b>

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### Concurrent Functions Grant

Item discussed in County Councillors Report

035/14

### Parish Plan

No items to discuss

036/14

### Cllr Gladwin left the room Planning Applications

- a) FYR14/0369/F. No Objections **Clerk**
- Cllr Gladwin returned to the room**
- 037/14 Correspondence**
- a) Planning Advisory Service – Final report (emailed 19/05/14)  
b) Rural Services Network Bulletin (emailed 19/05/14)  
c) Notification of Mayors & Civic dates from Fenland, Whittlesey, Chatteris and St Ives (emailed 19/05/14)  
d) CAMBS ACRE News (emailed 02/06/14)
- 038/14 Donations/Grants 2014/15**  
Cllr Sutton has had no response regarding the 106 monies that may be used to help fund the new school swimming pool.  
**The Chairman decided to bring the following items forward**
- 040/14 CAPALC Membership**  
Membership of CAPALC was discussed and copies of the leaflets were handed to Councillors for them to have a look at prior to the next meeting. The Clerk is to place this on the July Agenda **Clerk**
- 041/14 Fenland Tourism Update**  
FDC provide a Tourism web site and would like details of any events being held in the villages  
**Cllr W Poole left the room**
- 039/14 Allotments**  
The entrance to the allotment needs to be piped 300mm, and filled in  
Cllr Russell is arranging this.  
A letter has been received regarding the ending of the tenancy of "Poole Field". The tenancy agreement was discussed and it was Proposed by Cllr Russell, and **AGREED** that the Parish Council should not give up the tenancy, and a reply with the correct wording is to be sent by the Clerk **Agreed**
- 042/14 Agenda Items/Next Meeting**  
The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Monday 14 July 2014. Items to be included on the agenda should be with the Clerk by Monday 7 July 2014. **Clerk**  
The date of the next Village Hall Committee Meeting will be held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2014 at 7.30pm. **ALL COUNCILLORS**

Meeting Closed at 9.30pm