

CHRISTCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Christchurch Parish Council on Monday 13th October 2014 in the Sports Pavilion, Christchurch

Present	Cllrs: N Russell (Chair); J Bliss; S Freeland; W Poole; H Poole; R Gladwin; W Sutton (FDC); F Yeulett (CCC); J Richardson (Clerk); and 6 members of the public
Apologies for Absence:	Cllrs: W Beswick; M Tanfield (FDC)
Declarations of Interest	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) Cllrs Russell, H Poole & W Poole Item 110/14
	b) Non-Pecuniary Interest) Cllr Bliss Item 108/14
	c) Sensitive Pecuniary Interest)

19.39-19.50 Public Time

Members of the public were interested in the double yellow lines item on the agenda.

Neighborhood Watch is in the process of being set up and Church Road residents would like to make a start, the Parish Council were asked if they could fund the signs. Details to be sent to Clerk and included on next month's agenda.

A date is being arranged with Highways to discuss the proposed scheme and the alternative (change of give way priority) suggested by the Residents Association, date of meeting to be passed to Parish Council.

Interest in "Drive Slowly" sign in Euximoor Drove and it has been said that "Charlottes Way" Charity are prepared to provide some funds.

Dog fouling on paths is still an issue.

Privet Hedge overhanging footpath, address to be found out.

Gully opposite the Church keeps filling with leaves, report to Highways

The fund for the Pool at the school has gone over £8K.

Lorries are still exceeding the speed limit through the village and Cllr Russell is to speak to local lorry companies

The trees at the school are overhanging Crown Road and are a potential safety hazard. Clerk to discuss with Highways

096/14

Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th September 2014 were Proposed for approval by Cllr Russell, AGREED and signed

The minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Meeting held on 29th September 2014 were Proposed for approval by Cllr Russell, AGREED and signed

Clerk

Clerk

Cllr Russell

Clerk

Agreed

Agreed

097/14

Matters Arising

Playsafety (RoSPA) Inspections cancelled for the future

Letter sent to claim back drainage rates overpaid re Plots of Land sales

Letter sent to Solicitors re Poole Field

098/14

Police Matters

Crimes

March Road, Tipps End, Theft of Cycle stolen from outside front of house

EMERGING ISSUES

There have been a number of thefts of diesel and heating oil across

the rural area in the past month. There has also been a theft of motor vehicles stolen which have been left unlocked and with the keys in the ignition.

099/14

County Councillors Report

Cllr Yeulett reported that there is a full council meeting tomorrow at Cambridge County Council with motions to ask the Chief Executive to look at the way that Councils in the area deliver services

There are still savings required at County level to balance the budgets, and there could be impacts on street lighting, gritting, and asking communities to do more over the next 5-6 years.

Cllr Sutton echoed the view on savings at District Council level.

He has spoke to a member of the public who indicates that the tree pruning on Recreation Ground was not done very well (willow tree).

Cllr Yeulett reported that there is a drop in meeting, regarding the recent flooding, to speak with residents in March Library 14/10/14.

Richard (The Heron) will attend to put Christchurch point of view.

Cllr Sutton reported that consultation is still ongoing for the re-cycling centres.

100/14

Donations

Discussion took place re request from Citizens Advice Bureau and it was Proposed by Cllr Russell and AGREED that there would be no donation given

Agreed

101/14

Recreation Ground

a) It was Proposed by Cllr Russell and AGREED that the Terms and Conditions, and estimate of costs supplied by Bowsers, to deal with the Charities Merger, be signed.

Agreed

b) One quote re the removal of Play equipment has been received and two further quotes are now to be sought

c) Metal bin insert quote has been asked for by Councillor Russell from Sharman's and this is still awaited

Cllr Russell

d) The grass cutting of the Recreation Ground has been looked at and members of the public are happy with the latest cut

e) Community Payback team are to paint the Skate Park, when there is a dry Monday

f) Bank Accounts are:- Current Account £5054.75 Saver Account £7250.28

102/14

Village Hall Committee

a) Planning permission has been approved for the building of the new Village Hall

b) The work on the new footpath on Upwell Road is still ongoing and more information should be available in the next few days

c) Email has been received from FDC to confirm that the Rural Capital Grant from FDC is ring fenced

d) It was Proposed by Cllr Russell and AGREED that the next Village Hall Committee Meeting to be held on Monday 20th October 2014 at 7.30p.m.

**Agreed
Clerk**

e) A donation of £100 has been received from "The Little Local" and their customers

103/14

Village Litter Pick

The village litter pick will take place in conjunction with the cleaning of the war memorial on 25th October and equipment for 10 people to be sourced from FDC

Clerk

104/14

The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014

The report attached at Appendix 1 was noted and Proposed by Cllr Russell, for adoption, and AGREED. Changes to Standing Orders and future agenda's to be made

**Agreed
Clerk**

105/14

Highways

- a) Awaiting meeting with Highways re 2014/15 Highways Bid
 b) Panel Meeting on 24th October re 2015/16 Highways Bid is to be attended by Clerk

Clerk

- c) Meeting on Public Rights of Way and Paths was attended by Cllr Russell and The Clerk.

A request to move Pathway 5 has been received and it was Proposed by Cllr Bliss, and AGREED that the Parish Council have no objections.

Clerk

- d) A request has been received by the Parish Council to look into a "Drive Slowly" sign at the end of Euximoor Drove. This was discussed and it was Proposed by Cllr Russell and AGREED that the Clerk investigates the possibility of this and also the costs involved.

Clerk

- e) A request for double yellow lines on Church Road was discussed and it was decided not to take this forward at this time but it will be kept under review.

Street Lighting

- a) Email rec'd from Balfour Beatty saying that the street light lantern on Green Lane FPC2 is damaged. Cllr H Poole is to check if the light is damaged and inform the Clerk. If it is working then the Clerk is to inform Balfour Beatty that no quote is required.

Cllr H Poole
Clerk

106/14

Income & Expenditure

- a) 2nd Inst Precept 14/15 FDC £4473.00 rec'd

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

APPROVED

J Richardson	Clerks Salary	£289.18
J Richardson	Expenses re Wreath	£25.00
Christchurch Village Resource Centre	The Heron	£80.00
PKF Littlejohn	External Audit	£480.00
J Seaton	Poole Field Rent	£206.25
L Negus	Poole Field Rent	£206.25
	TOTALS	£1286.68

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

Community Account	£56,786.62
Business Bonus	£146,481.32
TOTALS:	£203,267.94

Current earmarked reserved funds are:-

New Village Hall	£187,871.59
Recreation Ground	£75.07
Mrs Spall Request	£200.00

- d) Payment for re-cycling credits are to be paid annually from 2015
 e) Budget performance report has been circulated to all Councillors, currently running to budget

107/14

Concurrent Functions Grant

Meeting at Fenland on 16th October 2014 to discuss the Concurrent Functions Grant.

108/14

Cllr Bliss left the room

Planning/Development

- a) F/YR14/0786/TRTPO Works to 6no Ash Trees covered by TPO 02/2003. Land South West of Green Lane, Christchurch
 It was Proposed by Cllr W Poole, and AGREED, that the Parish Council have no objections to raise.

Agreed
Clerk

109/14

Cllr Bliss returned

Correspondence

- a) Rural Forum results (emailed 12/09/14)
 b) Rural Services Network Bulletin (emailed 12/09/14, 22/09/14, 29/09/14)

- c) Police & Crime Commissioner update (emailed 12/09/14, 15/09/14)
- d) Invite to Citizens Advice Bureau AGM & Donation request (emailed 15/09/14)
- e) Independent Living Fund update (emailed 15/09/14)
- f) Cambridgeshire Children's Centres update (emailed 15/09/14)
- g) Cambs Acre Invitation, and venue change, to AGM
- h) Welney Emergency Plan
- i) Ouse Washes Landscape Partnership (OWLP) Annual Conference on Wednesday 19th November 2014 in St Ives

111/14 The Chairman brought this item forward

Audit Report

Audit report received and circulated, notice posted on Notice Board for required timescale. Observations noted for next year, asset register amended for next year

110/14 **A Motion to exclude the Press & Public was Proposed by Cllr Russell and AGREED**

Agreed

Cllrs Russell, W Poole and H Poole left the room and Cllr Bliss took over the chair

Allotments

Further action authorised was Proposed by Cllr Gladwin and AGREED

Agreed

112/14 Cllr Russell returned to the room and took over the chair

Agenda Items/Next Meeting

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Monday 10 November 2014. Items to be included on the agenda should be with the Clerk by Monday 3 October 2014.

**ALL
COUNCILLORS**

Meeting Closed at 9.23 pm