

# CHRISTCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of a meeting of the Christchurch Parish Council on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2015 in the Sports Pavilion, Christchurch

**Present:** Cllrs; N Russell (Chair), J Bliss, S Freeland, R Gladwin, W Beswick, F Yeulett (CCC), J Richardson (Clerk) and 6 members of the public

**178/14 Apologies for Absence:** M Tanfield (FDC); Cllr Sutton (FDC)

**179/14 Declarations of Interest**

Councillors to declare any interests in respect of any item to be discussed at this meeting:-

- a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interest ) Cllr Gladwin Item 188/14a
- b) Non-Pecuniary Interest )
- c) Sensitive Pecuniary Interest )

**180/14 PUBLIC TIME**

New pavement on LHI improvement because of where the post is it may be too narrow for wheelchairs etc. It also slopes. Could there be a bollard on the corner. No markings on the road yet either. Is the sign on wrong side of road? The Clerk to email Highways.

**Clerk**

The Heron are offering any potential Parish Council candidates 200 words for an election address, this is to be emailed or sent to The Heron, or help to write can be provided if needed.

Is there a footpath continuing through Green Lane. Richard Guilford has details which he will share.

Where is Hereward Way path after Christchurch Farm, no signage. Will explore further following discussion. Advised to look on CCC web site.

No signage of Welney High Street closure by Norfolk County Council. The Clerk to email Norfolk County Council to ask for any items to be sent to Christchurch Parish Council in future.

**Clerk**

Public Time Closed at 7.45

**181/14 Confirmation of Minutes**

Proposed by Cllr Russell and AGREED to sign and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

**Agreed**

**182/14 Matters Arising**

Trees overhanging on Crown Road reported again to Highways (02/03/2015). Now awaiting school to contact Parish Council. Two school governors in attendance will take the matter back to the school.

**183/14 Police Matters**

Crime figures for February. No report but there now two PCSO's for this area. Cllr Yeulett has spoken to the Inspector regarding lack of attendance. **Post Meeting Note** 1 crime in February Common Assault in Primrose Gardens

**184/14 County & District Councillors Reports**

Cllr Yeulett reported that 50mph posts now in on 16Foot Bank. Still liaising about other improvements. Recent County and District Council meetings have been about budget setting. Lots of savings to be made at County and District level next year. There is a lack of infrastructure in the area and looking at the rail link from Wisbech to Cambridge, and also A47 improvements to try to sell Fenland to people to attract skills etc to the area.

Attending Children and Young Peoples Committee which is working with schools in March for special education needs of young children. There is a new Head Teacher at Townley School (Maria Higgins) from June.

County Council are now looking at deprivation within the matrix of assessment of projects.

The number of locality managers will remain to work with schools and families with needs.

Home to school transport costs will be looked into by Cllr Yeulett for the 16-18 year olds.

**Cllr Yeulett**

Cllr Yeulett is to discuss why Padgett's Road and Upwell Road do not have 50mph signs like 16Foot Bank has.

**Cllr Yeulett**

**185/14 Recreation Ground**

a) Update on Charity merger Memorial Hall & Recreation Ground. Emailed and

completed forms required on 27/01/15, for changes to objects of charity, no changes yet to details on line and no further communication received from Charities Commission. Have advised solicitors of actions taken.

b) To discuss and agree the date of the AGM in April. 7.30pm Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2015

c) Report on February Bank balances

Cheque Account £4429

Saver Account £7252.01

**186/14 Village Hall Committee**

a) Four quotes had been received from builders range from (£343K to £379K. In order to analyse the quotes in more detail a working party group consisting of Nigel Russell, Roger Gladwin, Richard Guilford and Matthew Hall was held. At this meeting the 3 quotes were gone through in detail and the group was advised by Matthew Hall to look at certain areas of the quotes which he believed could be reduced significantly.

Once all the quotes had been looked at it was agreed that the Clerk would draft a letter to each of the builders which would provide more information on some areas e.g heating specification, and ask for clarification and re quoting in some other areas.

Following on from the Village Hall Committee Meeting the letter was sent and all the builders have been asked to respond by 14th March (1 reply to date £10K reduction).

Following the receipt of the revised tenders can the Parish Council please agree that the Working Party meets again to look at the quotes in the same way as last time. Proposed by Cllr Russell and AGREED. Date is to be 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> March (Cllr Gladwin to contact Matthew to get agreement on date)

**Agreed  
Cllr Gladwin**

Following that Working Party Meeting can the Parish Council please agree that an interview process be held with the builders. This is in line with the guidance that has been given by Matthew Hall. It was Proposed by Cllr Russell and AGREED that the interviews take place and consists of Cllr Russell, Cllr Gladwin, Cllr Sutton & Matthew Hall (if willing)

**Agreed**

Received the Fire Safety Order and this has been scanned in and sent to Matthew Hall.

Building Regs approval has been received with 7 conditions attached to.

Received the request for Morton & Hall to proceed with the request to the drainage board for the consent to discharge surface water at a cost of £679.18 was Proposed by Cllr Russell and AGREED

**Agreed**

**187/14 Highways/Street Lighting  
Highways**

a) Update on 2014-15 LHI bid was covered in Public Time

b) To raise any other Highways issues in the village, could the sign for Christchurch, only, be put back on Padgetts Road. Clerk to contact Highways Pot holes down Euximoor Drove have been done.

**Clerk**

**188/14 Planning/Development  
Planning Applications**

Councillor Gladwin left the room

a) F/YR15/0104/F Erection of 4no dwellings comprising of 2x3-storey 5-bed with detached garages and 2x2-storey 4/5-bed with integral garages. Site of former shrub house, 46 Church Road, Christchurch. It was Proposed by Cllr Russell and AGREED no objections

**Agreed (Clerk)**

Cllr Gladwin returned to the room

b) F/YR15/0109/F Erection of a 2x2-storey 3-bed dwellings. Land South West of The Rectory, Church Road, Christchurch. Proposed by Cllr Russell no objections was AGREED

**Agreed (Clerk)**

**Development**

a) To update on investigation relating to "Tourism" Signs being put up to highlight the village shop and public house. Awaiting further information from Cllr Tanfield.

**189/14 Information Commissioners Office**

There is a requirement for registration re Data Protection Act 1998. Proposed by Cllr Russell, and AGREED, to complete the registration and the Clerk to arrange

**Agreed  
Clerk**

**190/14 Income & Expenditure**

a) Rec'd £1719.10 VAT reclaim

b) Members to consider and approve the following accounts for payment

Proposed Cllr Russell and **AGREED**

J Richardson	Clerks Salary	£336.33
J Richardson	Expenses	£7.50
Christchurch Village Resource Centre	The Heron	£80.00
Maxey Grounds & Co	Professional Services	£360.00
Helyg Energy Services	Building Regs Assessment	£400.00
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>£1183.83</b>

c) Report on the February Bank Balances

Current Account £ 62,192.05

Deposit Account £146,515.26

Earmarked reserves £182,292.09 Village Hall, £200 Mrs Spalls request, £75.07 Recreation Ground Monies. General Balance £26,140.15

d) Asset Register 2015, to agree and record any disposals or acquisitions

Write off £26K for the small play park, when removed, Add 1 new Dog Bin

(bought in 2013), Write off Newsletter printer (sold and proceeds donated to

The Heron), 4 acre field reduced to 2.75 acre, building plots sold off, reduced

from 16K to £11K

Proposed by Cllr Beswick and AGREED

**Agreed (Clerk)**

Cllr Freeland left the meeting

**191/14 Time Banking**

Discussion on timebanking for Christchurch (info emailed 30/12/14). This item will be left until after the Election

**192/14 Elections**

Cllr Yeulett left the room

Update from Clerk re Elections briefing meeting attended at FDC on 25/02/15.

**193/14 Donations**

Request for funding received from F.A.C.T Proposed by Cllr Russell that no donation be made AGREED

**Agreed (Clerk)****194/14 Correspondence**

a) Rural Services Network Bulletin (emailed 11/02/15, 12/02/15, 02/03/15)

b) Police &amp; Crime Commissioner bulletin (emailed 11/02/15, 23/02/15)

c) Election information from FDC (emailed 11/02/15)

d) Cambs Acre Newsletter (emailed 11/02/15)

e) Precept Notification (emailed 12/02/15)

f) Cambridge City Deal Transport update (emailed 23/02/15)

g) Fly a Flag Invite

**195/14 Agenda Items/Next Meeting**The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

Items to be included on Agenda should be with the Clerk by Monday 13th April 2015

Meeting Closed at 9.05 pm