

CHRISTCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Christchurch Parish Council held in the Community Centre on Monday 13 December 2021 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs P Owen (Chairman), S Aldridge, J Bliss, G Harper, J Hughes, K Miller
D Gibbs (Clerk), A Nason, N Russell (Parishioners)

090/21-22 Apologies for Absence
Cllr R Gladwin, Cllr W Sutton (FDC)

091/21-22 Declarations of Interest
None

092/21-22 Chairman's Announcements
The Chairman wished everybody a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

093/21-22 Public Time
Mr Russell wished to raise a matter relating to policing. The Chairman suggested that he raised it during the policing item later in the meeting. Cllr Hughes raised several matters on behalf of residents. Vehicle impacts at Stonea Bridge continue despite the new signage and protective barriers. Automated crossing barriers may be required. A recent serious collision at the junction of Upwell Road and Sixteen Foot Bank has raised further questions about signage and junction safety. Residents have expressed concern about the condition of Euximoor Drove and Sixteen Foot Bank. The Clerk will report these concerns.

094/21-22 Confirmation of Minutes
Minutes of the meeting held on 8 November 2021 were correctly recorded and signed as being a true record.

095/21-22 Matters Outstanding

- a) Bus shelter improvement project - No update.
- b) Pavement outside Field Lodge, Upwell Road - it is hoped that the works will take place early in the New Year.
- c) Roadside drains - No update on re-routing blocked drain.
- d) Annual report to residents - to be distributed with The Heron when ready.
- e) Benches, play equipment, outdoor gym - A visit to other local play areas will be arranged in January. Cllr Aldridge has spoken to Fenland Leisure Products.
- f) W.I Anniversary Tree - No update.

096/21-22 Police Report
Mr Russell reported that vehicles had been seen in his yard late at night. Details had been reported to the police, but the police did not attend. Mr Russell will provide the Clerk with further details. The Clerk reported issues from the previous meeting with the Police. A new inspector has been appointed and would like to visit Parish Councils. The annual Christmas toy appeal is under way. Neighbourhood Watch will be launching Dogwatch next year, encouraging dog owners to report suspicious activity while walking their dogs. They also have online resources on tackling anti-social behaviour and burglary.

097/21-22 County & District Councillors Reports

In the absence of Cllr Sutton, there was no report

098/21-22 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported on meetings attended and correspondence received, including the following:

- a) Meetings
 - Cambridgeshire ACRE Village Hall websites seminar - 18 November
 - Wisbech Neighbourhood Police - 23 November
 - Cambridgeshire County Council snow volunteer training - 7 December
- b) Correspondence
 - Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority
 - Consultation on budget and new way of working to 31 December
 - Updates
 - Cambridgeshire County Council
 - Funding and support for youth work
 - Cambridgeshire Local Councils Conference 2022 - 14 January
 - Fenland District Council
 - Pride in Fenland awards
 - Cycling, walking and mobility improvement strategy consultation to 28 January
 - New online reporting forms
 - Fuel Poverty Awareness Day and local support
 - Fenland Place Shaping project consultation to 17 December
 - Planning training sessions 2022
 - Covid Plan B regulations
 - Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Association of Local Councils
 - Code of Conduct petition
 - Cambridgeshire Household Support Fund
 - Cambridgeshire ACRE
 - Charity Commission guidance on safeguarding
 - Covid Plan B regulations
 - Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Against Scams Partnership
 - Latest scams
 - Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner
 - Virtual Round Table - 10 January
 - Cambridgeshire Police
 - Fraud and Cyber Team alert re Amazon payments
 - New Fenland Neighbourhood Inspector
 - Cambridge CVS
 - Support Fenland events and update
 - Local Government Boundary Commission for England
 - Fenland electoral review
 - Galliford Try
 - A47 Guyhirn newsletter

099/21-22 Members and Residents Issues

Members discussed the issues raised by residents and resolved as follows:

- a) Support for vulnerable residents - Members discussed ways in which the Council could provide or facilitate support for vulnerable residents. Several suggestions were put forward and it was agreed to consider this further at the next meeting.

100/21-22 Recreation Ground Extension

Cllr Hughes outlined his work on the mapping and measuring of the site. Members discussed possible features and the list of work required. The Clerk reported that he had consulted the Whitemill Environment Fund about possible funding with positive feedback. The next deadline is at the end of January.

101/21-22 Planning

Members considered the following application:

F/YR21/1327/VOC - Variation of condition 8 (Church Road access) and condition 12 (list of approved plans) of planning permission F/YR15/0104/F (Erection of 4no dwellings comprising of 2 x 3-storey 5-bed with detached garages and 2 x 2-storey 4/5-bed with integral garages) - Site of former Shrub House, 46 Church Road, Christchurch

They noted that the proposed access is the original access to Shrub House and resolved to offer no objection.

102/21-22 Finance

- a) The financial report as at 30.11.21 showed income of £24,332.76 and expenditure of £19,164.88, resulting in a surplus of £5,167.88 and total funds held of £48,987.26.
- b) The Clerk reported additional costs of £348.40 for the recent street light replacements for UK Power Networks transfers. Members requested further clarity regarding these charges.
- c) Members approved the following account for payment:
Clerk salary and home office allowance..... £ 355.33
- d) Members reviewed the draft budget for 2022/23. This will be finalised at the next meeting.

103/21-22 Matters for Next Meeting

Date and format of the Annual Parish Meeting.

104/21-22 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Monday 10 January.