

CHRISTCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Christchurch Parish Council held in the Community Centre on Monday 10 January 2022 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs P Owen (Chairman), S Aldridge, J Bliss, R Gladwin, J Hughes, K Miller
D Gibbs (Clerk), A Nason, (Parishioner)

105/21-22 Apologies for Absence

Cllr G Harper, Cllr W Sutton (FDC)

106/21-22 Declarations of Interest

None

107/21-22 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the first meeting of 2022 and expressed his hopes for a better year.

108/21-22 Public Time

No matters were raised.

109/21-22 Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2021 were correctly recorded and signed as being a true record.

110/21-22 Matters Outstanding

- a) Bus shelter improvement project - No update.
- b) Pavement outside Field Lodge, Upwell Road - No update.
- c) Roadside drains - The contract for the excavation of the drain has been issued.
- d) Annual report to residents - Members discussed the possibility of publishing the report in the Heron. Costings to be clarified.
- e) Benches, play equipment, outdoor gym - It was agreed that the visit to other local play areas will take place on 22 January.

111/21-22 Police Report

No meetings have taken place due to the Christmas holiday.

112/21-22 County & District Councillors Reports

In the absence of Cllr Sutton, there was no report

113/21-22 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported on meetings attended and correspondence received. Members requested that Platinum Jubilee celebrations be added to the agenda for the February meeting.

114/21-22 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. A discussion with the residents who provided the Covid support scheme was suggested. Cllr Hughes agreed to consider the potential for an emergency plan and to report to the next meeting.

- b) The Armed Forces Covenant - Members discussed the Council's relationship with the armed forces community and resolved to defer discussion of this issue until Cllr Sutton is present, as he introduced the item.
- c) Annual Parish Meeting - Members asked the Clerk to invite speakers from Cambridgeshire ACRE to talk about affordable housing schemes, and the Police and Neighbourhood Watch to discuss crime and community safety issues.
- d) Marker Posts on Sixteen Foot Bank - Members asked the Clerk to write to Cambridgeshire Highways in support of the replacement of the missing marker posts.

115/21-22 Recreation Ground Extension

Members discussed plans for the site and potential sources of funding, including the sale of a building plot on Upwell Road. It was agreed that professional advice is required to guide the transformation of the site, perhaps from local wildlife trusts. Members resolved to submit a planning application for the change of use of the site from agricultural to public amenity.

116/21-22 Local Highway Improvement Application 2022/23

- a) Cllr Hughes reported that he will present the application to the assessment panel on 2 February. The project evaluation from Highways includes a traffic island in Church Road, which was part of the previous application. The Chairman thanked Cllr Hughes for his work on the LHI application.
- b) The Leader of the County Council has agreed to meet with the Chairs of the five Parish Councils who signed the letter regarding the LHI process. The meeting will be arranged shortly.

117/21-22 Policies and Procedures

Members considered the following draft documents and resolved to adopt them:

- a) Data Protection Policy
- b) Publication Scheme
- c) Code of Conduct

118/21-22 Planning

Members considered the following applications:

- a) F/YR21/1440/VOC - Variation of conditions 6 (Archaeology), 10 (Chain-link Fence) and 18 (list of approved drawings), and removal of conditions 2 (Materials), 3 (Landscaping), 13 (External Lighting), and 14 (Fire Hydrants) of planning permission F/YR12/0630/F (Erection of 9 x 2-storey dwellings comprising of: 2 x 2-bed, 3 x 3-bed and 4 x 4-bed dwellings with garages involving demolition of existing hall and buildings) - Site of Former Christchurch Memorial Hall, 11 Church Road, Christchurch
- b) F/YR21/1483/F - Erect a 2-storey side extension to existing dwelling and detached single-storey summer house - Victoria House, Euximoor Drove, Christchurch

They resolved to offer no objection.

119/21-22 Finance

- a) The financial report as at 31.12.21 showed income of £25,252.82 and expenditure of £19,520.21, resulting in a surplus of £5,732.61 and total funds held of £49,551.99.
- b) Members noted the following sums received:

Barclays Bank (interest).....	£	0.50
S Goodger (rent).....	£	919.56
- c) Members approved the following accounts for payment:

Clerk salary and home office allowance.....	£	355.33
Christchurch PCC (grass cutting)	£	122.50

d) Members reviewed the draft budget for 2022/23. They resolved to include the following provisions:

Recreation Ground extension £ 2,500.00

Children's play/exercise equipment £ 5,000.00

Members resolved to set a precept of £16,000 for the 2022/23 financial year and asked the Clerk to advise the District Council accordingly.

120/21-22 Matters for Next Meeting

No further matters were requested.

121/21-22 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Monday 14 February.