

# CHRISTCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

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

**Present:** Cllrs K Miller (in the Chair), J Bliss, R Gladwin, P Owen, A Sparrow, D Gibbs (Clerk)

**069/22-23 Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs S Aldridge, J Hughes, Cllr W Sutton (FDC)

**070/22-23 Declarations of Interest**

None

**071/22-23 Chair's Announcements**

None

**072/22-23 Public Time**

None

**073/22-23 Confirmation of Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on 20 September 2022 were correctly recorded and signed as being a true record.

**074/22-23 Matters Outstanding**

- a) Bus shelter improvement project - No progress.
- b) Pavement outside Field Lodge, Upwell Road - No further information available.
- c) Markers on Sixteen Foot Bank - The marker posts are being installed.
- d) Affordable housing proposal - No update available.
- e) CFC Disposals site - All work at the site has ceased and the site is being cleared.

**075/22-23 Police Report**

The Clerk reported that no meetings have taken place.

**076/22-23 County & District Councillors Reports**

In the absence of all of the councillors, no reports were presented.

**077/22-23 Clerk's Report**

The Clerk reported on meetings attended and correspondence received.

**078/22-23 Members and Residents Issues**

- a) Local Highways Improvement application for 2023/24 - members resolved to resubmit the application for speed reduction in Padgetts Road. Applications open on 31 October and close on 6 January.

**079/22-23 Recreation Ground Extension**

Cllr Hughes has order 420 trees from the Woodland Trust to be delivered in March. A community consultation event will be organised in mid-November. A scale plan of the field is required.

### **080/22-23 Planning**

- a) Members considered the following application:  
F/YR22/1040/F - Erect single-storey side/rear extensions and porch to front of existing dwelling involving demolition of existing side extensions - Corner House, March Road, Tipps End  
Members resolved to offer no objection.
- b) Draft Fenland Local Plan - Members considered the draft plan for Christchurch. They felt that the proposed settlement boundary was too restrictive and would stifle the natural growth of the village. Some of the potential sites included in the draft plan may not be deliverable, due to issues of access and financial viability. Members identified sites at the northern end of the village around the Community Centre and Recreation Ground that could be included in a more relaxed settlement boundary to encourage future development. Members agreed to seek a meeting with a senior planning officer to discuss their concerns regarding the draft plan.

### **081/22-23 Finance**

- a) The management accounts as at 30.9.22 showed income of £18,574.73 and expenditure of £12,074.99, resulting in a surplus of £6,499.74 and total funds held of £47,056.01.
- b) Members received the report of the external auditor and thanked the Clerk for his work on the audit.
- c) Members noted the following sum received:  
Fenland District Council (precept)..... £8,000.00
- d) Members approved the following accounts for payment:  
Clerk salary and home office allowance ..... £ 360.79  
PKF Littlejohn LLP (audit fee) ..... £ 240.00  
Business Services at CAS Ltd (insurance)..... £ 1,247.40  
Christchurch PCC (grass cutting)..... £ 122.50
- e) Members considered a grant application from Allsorts Community CIC for children's activities. They raised a number of queries and asked the Clerk to contact the applicant for clarification.
- f) The Clerk outlined the budget setting process for the 2023/24 financial year and asked members to suggest items for inclusion.

### **082/22-23 Communications**

Deferred to November's meeting.

### **083/22-23 Confidential Item**

Members resolved to exclude the press and public from the following item by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, in accordance with paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

Employment matter.

### **084/22-23 Matters for Next Meeting**

Budget setting. Update on Padgetts Road repairs.

### **085/22-23 Date of Next Meeting**

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