

CHRISTCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Christchurch Parish Council held in the Community Centre on Monday 14 November 2022 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs J Hughes (Chairman), S Aldridge, J Bliss, K Miller, P Owen, A Sparrow, Cllr W Sutton (FDC), D Gibbs (Clerk), S Potter (Parishioner)

086/22-23 Apologies for Absence

Cllr R Gladwin

087/22-23 Declarations of Interest

None

088/22-23 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman thanked Cllr Sutton for laying a wreath on behalf of the Council at the Remembrance Service. He reported that the Parish Lunch Committee's Sausage Supper was cancelled due to a lack of support.

089/22-23 Public Time

Mr Potter advised members that he had received a letter from the developer of Brimstone Close confirming that the roadway will be finished in accordance with the planning permission when the remaining properties are sold.

Cllr Owen thanked Cllr Miller for conducting the previous two meetings in the absence of the Chairman.

Cllr Miller noted that the minutes of the previous meeting had not been posted on the notice board. Cllr Hughes will ensure that the notice board is kept up to date.

090/22-23 Confirmation of Minutes

Cllr Sutton reminded the Clerk that he had submitted his apologies before the previous meeting. Subject to this amendment, the minutes of the meeting held on 10 October 2022 were correctly recorded to be signed as a true record.

091/22-23 Matters Outstanding

- a) Bus shelter improvement project - No progress.
- b) Pavement outside Field Lodge, Upwell Road - All outstanding matters have been resolved and the developer is consulting with the residents.
- c) Affordable housing proposal - No sponsor has been identified yet to carry out the housing needs survey.

092/22-23 Police Report

The Clerk reported that no meetings have taken place. Speeding outside the Community Centre remains a problem and the Clerk will request an enforcement visit.

093/22-23 County & District Councillors Reports

Cllr Sutton reported that there was a good attendance at the Remembrance Service, with all ages represented. He noted that the current review of parliamentary constituency boundaries might present an opportunity to address the anomaly of a small number of properties in Green Lane falling under the jurisdiction of Norfolk County Council, however the impending deadline does not allow sufficient time for a public consultation. The District Council's Planning Committee voted against officer

recommendations in respect of the caravans at the Dun Cow public house and granted a temporary consent for three years.

094/22-23 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported on meetings attended and correspondence received, including a District Council cost of living support event on 4 November, a Combined Authority alternative fuels strategy consultation, the closure of the Sixteen Foot Bank from 16-27 January for resurfacing, forthcoming planning training sessions on housing and surface water, the District Council's Community Carol Service, a Q and A session on domestic abuse, and a Police & Crime Commissioner round table on rural crime.

095/22-23 Members and Residents Issues

- a) Static caravan, Crown Avenue - This has now been removed.
- b) Skate park litter and repairs - Broken glass was reported at the skate park and it appears that the litter bin has not been emptied. The Clerk will investigate. The Clerk has been unable to obtain a quote for repairs to the ramps, but will continue to contact suitable contractors.
- c) Padgetts Road repairs - The Clerk is awaiting a response from the local highways officer.
- d) Household items outside property in Upwell Road - Residents have complained about an accumulation of household items in the garden of a property. The Clerk will investigate.
- e) Upwell Road drains - The Clerk asked members to check each drain during periods of heavy rain to locate any further blockages.
- f) Lorries in the village - Residents have reported an increase in HGV traffic, apparently passing through the village. The Clerk will contact the haulier to ask them to direct drivers around the village.

096/22-23 Recreation Ground Extension

A public consultation will take place on 19 November in the Community Centre, to seek feedback and suggestions and to bring together a group of residents to oversee the implementation of the works.

097/22-23 Planning

Members considered the following applications:

- a) F/YR22/1194/FDC - Erect a dwelling (outline application with matters committed in respect of access) - Land to the South of 8 Crown Avenue, Christchurch
Members resolved to offer no objection.
- b) F/YR22/1211/F - Conversion of existing barns to create 3 x dwellings (2 x single-storey 1-bed and 1 single-storey x 2-bed) and a 1-bed annexe (ancillary to existing dwelling), including raising the height of barn 1 and erection of 2 x single-story extensions to barn 2, involving partial demolition of existing barn - Laddus Farm, March Riverside, Upwell
Members resolved to offer no objection.
- c) F/YR22/1216/VOC - Variation of conditions 03(a), 03(d), 06, 12, 13 and 16 (approved plans) of planning permission F/YR21/1440/VOC (Erection of 9 x 2-storey dwellings ..) relating to change in footway width - Site of Former Christchurch Memorial Hall, 11 Church Road, Christchurch
Members resolved to offer no objection.

098/22-23 Finance

- a) The management accounts as at 31.10.22 showed income of £18,574.73 and expenditure of £14,080.68, resulting in a surplus of £4,494.05 and total funds held of £45,050.32.

- b) Members noted the National Agreement on Local Government Salaries for 2022/23.
- c) Members noted the following payment by direct debit:
 Information Commissioner's Office (registration)..... £ 35.00
- d) Members approved the following accounts for payment:
 Clerk salary and home office allowance £ 1,393.96
 HMRC (national insurance)..... £ 141.44
- e) Members considered a grant application from K Henderson for chair-based exercise classes. They resolved to award a grant of £240.00.
- f) Members discussed potential projects for inclusion in the budget for the 2023/24 financial year. The Recreation Ground extension, children's play equipment, outdoor gym equipment and a coronation event were suggested, as well as cleaning of the war memorial.

099/22-23 Communications

Members discussed the report compiled by Mr Brookes and resolved to consider the matter further when he is able to attend a meeting.

100/22-23 Matters for Next Meeting

Budget setting, communications, update on Padgetts Road repairs.

101/22-23 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be Monday 12 December.