

CHRISTCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Christchurch Parish Council held in the Community Centre on Monday 9 January 2023 at 7.30pm

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

118/22-23 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs W Sutton and M Tanfield (FDC)

119/22-23 Declarations of Interest

None

120/22-23 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman wished everybody a happy new year and announced that he had stepped down as Chair of the Parish Lunch Committee. Craig Willcocks has been appointed to replace him.

121/22-23 Public Time

None

122/22-23 Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2022 were correctly recorded and signed as being a true record.

123/22-23 Matters Outstanding

- a) Bus shelter improvement project - No progress.
- b) Pavement outside Field Lodge, Upwell Road - Negotiations continue regarding the appointment of a contractor. The Parish Council is not a party to these discussions.
- c) Affordable housing proposal - Specific sites are required. Members suggested various possible sites and the Clerk will contact the landowners.
- d) Padgetts Road repairs - No further update available.
- e) Skate park repairs - A contractor will visit the site this week.
- f) Household items outside property in Upwell Road - The Clerk has reported this to Clarion Housing.
- g) Recreation Ground trees - The Clerk reported that the issue of overshadowing appears to relate to trees in the adjoining property. A resident has contacted the Council to express concern regarding the potential loss of healthy trees. Members decided to take no action at the present time. The Clerk will inspect all of the trees in the Recreation Ground.

124/22-23 Police Report

The Clerk reported that no meetings have taken place.

125/22-23 County & District Councillors Reports

The Clerk delivered Cllr Sutton's report in his absence. Cllr Sutton wished everybody a happy new year and reported that the District Council's element of the Council Tax would be frozen again this year.

126/22-23 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported on meetings attended and correspondence received, including a Golden Age Fair, new County Council watercourse guidance, a closure of the Sixteen Foot Bank 16-27 January, District Council support for renters experiencing damp or mould in their homes, a District Council consultation on Council Tax proposals and business plan, a Police & Crime Commissioner precept survey and an ACRE Community Led Housing webinar.

127/22-23 Members and Residents Issues

- a) Local Highway Improvements Application 2023-24 - Cllr Hughes reported that he had submitted an application for a traffic island in Church Road at the junction with Padgetts Road to slow traffic using the junction. The application had received the support of Cllr Count as County Councillor for Christchurch.
- b) Santa Run - The Clerk reported that an email had been received from a local farmer offering the use of a sleigh for a village Santa Run in December. Members welcomed the offer and Cllrs Aldridge and Miller agreed to coordinate the event.

128/22-23 Recreation Ground Extension

A public consultation meeting will take place on 22 January including a walk around the field to develop specific plans for the layout.

129/22-23 Finance

- a) The management accounts as at 31.12.22 showed income of £18,585.97 and expenditure of £16,718.15, resulting in a surplus of £1,867.82 and total funds held of £42,424.09.
- b) Members noted the following sum received:

Barclays Bank (interest).....	£	11.24
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- c) Members approved the following accounts for payment:

Clerk salary and home office allowance	£	441.13
Christchurch PCC (grass cutting).....	£	122.50
- d) Members discussed the draft budget. The following provisions were added:

Recreation Ground extension	£	5,000.00
Outdoor exercise/play equipment	£	5,000.00
Tree works.....	£	1,000.00

Members resolved to adopt the amended budget and to increase the precept to £18,500.

130/22-23 Policies and Procedures

Members considered the following policies and procedures and resolved to readopt them:

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

131/22-23 Communications

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

132/22-23 Matters for Next Meeting

Parish Council email accounts, new banking arrangements, Coronation celebrations.

133/22-23 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be Monday 13 February 2023.