

**MINUTES OF THE CHRISTCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY 12th AUGUST 2013 – MEMORIAL HALL CHRISTCHURCH AT 7:30pm**

Present: Councillors – Nigel Russell (Chair), Jill Bliss, Hannah Poole, William Beswick and Will Sutton (FDC).

Stephen Cowell (Clerk) and 16 members of the public were also in attendance.

1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Freeland, Cllr Wes Poole, Cllr. Cotterell MBE (FDC), Cllr. Yeulett (CCC), PCSO Russ and Roger Gladwin.

2. Signing of Minutes

The minutes of the 8th July meeting were signed, by the Chair, as true record of the meeting.

3. Co-option to the Council to fill the vacancy

The Clerk explained that two residents, Mr Roger Gladwin and Mr James Hughes have expressed an interest in becoming a councillor and following a vote by Members Mr Gladwin was co-opted.

4. Disclosure and Declarations of Interests

Cllr. Russell declared an interest in planning application F/YR13/0540/F as he is the applicant.

5. Update on action points from previous meeting

The Clerk reported that:

- Highways report that the metalled part of the village end of Crown Drove finishes adjacent to the last house. Concern was expressed that there is a large pot hole in the un-adopted part of the drove. **Cllr. Sutton offered to see if he can locate some material to help fill the hole.**
- The proposed improvement scheme at the Padgett's Road and Upwell Road junctions with the Sixteen Foot Bank Road where new reflective posts have been placed has now been completed.
- The Police have been written to to request increased presence at these meetings.

Cllr. Sutton reported that the keys to the sports pavilion have finally been returned to him.

6. Public Adjournment

The following subjects were raised and discussed:

- Several of the residents present registered their opposition to the proposal to have a dog walking area on the Recreation Ground. Following a short discussion Cllr. Russell requested a show of hands and all residents expressing a preference opposed the proposal.
- A resident reported that she had heard that the planning application F/YR13/0485/F was not supported by FDC Planning officers and that she felt that it would be a shame if the future of the new village hall was put in jeopardy if that sale falls through. Following a discussion the Clerk suggested that residents should contact FDC directly and register their views of support or opposition to the plans.
- It was confirmed, by Cllr. Russell, that the sale of the single plot adjacent to the Bowls Green was moving forward.
- A resident speaking on behalf of others reported that it was felt that the cutting back of trees inside the border of the Recreation Ground that overhang residents gardens was the responsibility of the Council and not residents. It was agreed that **Cllr. Bliss would contact the contractor who cuts back the willows on the Recreation ground to see if he can cut back the trees overhanging resident's properties.**
- Residents requested an update on the New Village Hall project. Prior to this being given Cllr. Russell expressed his annoyance at the poster put up round the village inviting residents to this meeting as it was inaccurate and gave the impression that it was an invite made by the Parish Council. Several of those present reported that they had thought it was a Parish Council notice. The author of the notice apologised for this. It was agreed that Cllr. Russell would point out the inaccuracies in the notice after the meeting had ended. The Clerk then provided an update to the meet th quotes for the renovation that has planning consent

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for are being reviewed by the Council along with some headline information on new build costs. The Clerk informed those present that building cannot commence until one of the plots adjacent to the Bowls Club has been sold or the two Charities merge he also reported that VAT charged on a renovation project can only be claimed back on Parish Council money spent and not money held by the Charity. The Clerk reported that a high level review of finances make a new build unlikely.

- In answer to a question as to whether the existing building could be retained if a new hall was built the Clerk reported that the Cash Flow Forecast built on expected usage does not support this as the insurance, utility bills etc would be higher than income would support and that there is no indication that two buildings are needed or would attract significantly greater income. Additionally, car parking space would be lost.
- The lack of telephone lines recently was discussed as some residents had been without phone lines for two weeks but others reported that they had chased BT and got theirs back within hours after threatening non payment of bills.

7. Police Update

The Clerk has distributed, to Members, PCSO Russ's report that included incidences of rowdy nuisance and vehicle nuisance both in Crown Avenue.

8. Correspondence Received

The Clerk brought to the attention of Councillors:

- The revised King's Lynn and West Norfolk Local Plan that is available for review and comment.
- Bowls Club request for recompense. Councillors agreed that the main fault was with the Football Club and asked the Clerk to refer the matter to them. **Cllr. Sutton was asked to pass on contact details to the Clerk.**
- E-mail from a resident regarding Dog Fouling, Speeding, Barking Dogs and the poor state of roads.

Cllr. Russell reported that he has received the invoice from Scott's for the work undertaken on the internal door of the Sports Pavilion.

9. Finance

9.1 The Clerk reported bank balances of £51,541.59 with cheques issued to the total of £2,941.95 to be paid from this.

The Clerk reminded Members that around £32k was earmarked for Play parks.

9.2 The following items, listed on the agenda, were agreed for payment

- 9.2.1 Clerk's Salary £183.78
- 9.2.2 The Heron £70.00
- 9.2.3 Advert for the Clerk's vacancy £24.00
- 9.2.4 Dry Wipe Marker Pens £3.29
- 9.2.5 Upwell Internal Drainage Board £189.54
- 9.2.6 Middle Level Commissioners £243.00

In addition an invoice of £1,260.00 to E. Mason & Son (Farmers) Ltd for grass cutting was authorised.

10. Wicksteed proposals for new Play Park Equipment

The proposals, in design form, were available for review. It was agreed that the proposed equipment would be an improvement on the existing equipment and would challenge youngsters more.

It was agreed that the Council should obtain quotes from other companies.

11. Planning Applications

The Council reviewed planning applications:

F/YR13/0507/O – outline planning for a single storey dwelling involving the demolition of outbuildings at Holly Tree Co oad, Christchurch. Councillors and residents were

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concerned about vehicle access to Holly Tree Cottage after the changes and felt that they could make the road less safe. The application was not supported.

F/YR13/0540/F – Erection of a 2-storey 3-bed dwelling on land north east of Brimstone House. Prior to leaving the room Cllr. Russell explained that he already has planning consent for a property on the site and that the footprint size will be no different just that the orientation will be different. Councillors felt that the change in orientation would make the views around the adjacent road corner better and supported the application.

The Council also noted planning application F/YR13/0485/F – erection of a 5-bed dwelling on land north of the Bowls Green for which it has a financial interest.

12. Proposal to provide a dog walking area on the Recreation Ground

No councillor seconded the proposal and in light of the residents' opposition the proposal died.

13. Parish Plan – Update

There were no updates above and beyond those relating to the Play Parks.

14. Raising of Village Concerns

The following items were reported/discussed:

1. Councillors expressed concerns about the lack of a Clothing Bank and the **Clerk was asked to refer the lack of FDC action to Mark Matthews.**
2. Street light FDC 8 in Upwell Road is on all day.
3. Water is not draining away from close to the Shop due to the drain being higher than the road and the drain near Horseshoe Cottage is damaged.
4. The Football Teams are still leaving a lot of rubbish on the playing field rather than putting it in the nearby bins.
5. Some pot holes in Euximoor Drove have been filled but the majority have not.

The Chair thanked all for attending and making the meeting a lively one and hoped that many would attend in weeks to come and then closed the meeting at 8:40pm.



Christchurch Parish Council Bank Balance update for August 2013 meeting

Community a/c	4818.03
Business Premium	8183.72
Business Bonus	27239.63
New Village Hall	689.21
BoS Corp Bonus	<u>10611.00</u>
	<u>51541.59</u>

outstanding payments £1,681.95

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