

# CHRISTCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of a meeting of the Christchurch Parish Council on Monday 10th March 2014 in the Sports Pavilion, Christchurch

**Present** Cllrs: N Russell (Chair); J Bliss; S Freeland; H Poole; W Poole; W Sutton (FDC) J Richardson (Clerk); N Fenton (Police & Crime Commissioners Office); and one member of the public

**1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs: W Beswick, R Gladwin, F Yeulett (CCC) M Tanfield (FDC)

**3. Declarations of Interest** Councillors to declare any interests under the Local Code of Conduct in respect of any item to be discussed at this meeting:-

a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interest)	None declared
b) Non-Pecuniary Interest )	
c) Sensitive Pecuniary Interest )	

**2. Confirmation of Minutes**  
The minutes of the meeting held on 10th February 2014 were Proposed for approval by Cllr Russell, AGREED and signed. **Agreed**

**6. Police Update**  
The Chair brought this item forward to enable the Police Commissioner's representative to deliver her report and leave.

There were 5 reported crimes in February and these were summarised by Cllr Russell as 2 shed burglaries, 1 theft of a motor vehicle, 1 criminal damage to a motor vehicle and 1 burglary other than a dwelling. There has been an arrest in relation to the break-ins at the Bowls Club.

The next South Rural Forum will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2014 in Elm, near the War Memorial. The Horizons bus will be there from 12.00 with a meeting at 17.00 to decide priorities for the next 6 months.

Nicola Fenton explained the role of the Police and Crime Commissioner and also the 5 main priorities. The Commissioner has a plan and anyone can read this on the web site:-

<http://www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk/police-crime-plan/>

Feedback was given to Nicola from Councillors and public which was around, lack of response of police, lack of feedback from police, lack of confidence in police as never seen in the village or at Parish Council Meetings. It was stated that Neighborhood Watch and Speedwatch are trying to be set up in the village. Discussion also took place around the fact that the 101 number is now answered within 30 seconds but then people are put on hold.

**4. Update on Action Points from Previous Meeting**  
The reflector poles down along Upwell Road and the vehicles speeding in the village at school times have been reported by the Clerk.  
The Clerk had emailed Councillors the details of the Bowls Club request for assistance in paying water and electricity bills. It was proposed by Cllr Russell that the Parish Council pay these monies \

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and this was AGREED.

**Agreed**

Cllr Sutton had visited FACT and they are happy to attend a Parish Council Meeting to discuss. The Clerk is to invite to May meeting, and put a notice up so that people in the village that are interested can come along.

**Clerk**

Cllr Sutton has chased up the "gullies" clearance with Highways. Cllr Sutton reported that Rotten Drove is a County Council owned footway.

Green Lane is a byway and Cllr Sutton is to raise with Cllr Yeulett the possibility of getting signs erected to stop cars going down there.

**Cllr Sutton**

**5. Public Time**

The trimming of the trees around the playing field that are overhanging gardens was raised and Cllr Bliss is to arrange for these to be trimmed. If this is not possible then Cllr Sutton may be able to get a quote for this work.

**Cllr Bliss**

The update of the Play Park equipment plan has been received

**7. Correspondence**

Freedom of Information request re FACT donations and correspondence over the last 18 months has been dealt with.

Football Club have paid into Hall Charity to cover up to present, which equates to around £400 per year.

Minor Highways Improvement Bid has been successful.

Email received requesting payment for street light energy costs, which has since been rescinded by County Council

Concurrent Functions Grant Meeting held 5<sup>th</sup> March reported that 2 Councillors will represent parishes in initial discussions with FDC with ideas of how to move forward on this item

**8. Finance**

a) Monies have been received for the sale of plot of land

b) Members considered and **APPROVED** the following accounts for payment:

**APPROVED**

Clerks Salary	February 2014	£86.40
Vacancy Advert		£31.42
Pavillion Hall Insurance		£892.98

**SUB TOTAL £1010.80**

c) Clerk reported on the current bank balances at end February 2014:-

Community Account	127,071.67
Business Premium	8,185.80
Business Bonus	27,414.63
New Village Hall	689.21
BoS Corp Bonus	10,671.56
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>£174,032.87</b>

**9. Planning Applications**

None received

**10. Parish Plan**

The prices for the new build of the Pavillion have not been received yet. Cllr Russell is to chase this up for the next meeting

**Cllr Russell**

**11. Village Concerns**

Discussion took place regarding the piping and filling on of ditches to

the front of the building plots.

Plot 2&3 would like 3 phase electrics which will now be delivered overground.

There is a map of the village in the Notice Board and Cllr Sutton agreed to see if he can get a smaller copy

**Cllr Sutton**

The Clerk is to look at the state of the Notice Board with suggestions for the next meeting

**Clerk**

**Agenda Items/Next Meeting**

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Monday 14 April 2014. Items to be included on the agenda should be with the Clerk by Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2014.

**ALL  
COUNCILLORS**

Meeting Closed at 8.50pm



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