

# CHRISTCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of a meeting of the Christchurch Parish Council on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2015 in the Sports Pavilion, Christchurch

- 196/14 Present:** Cllrs N Russell (Chair), J Bliss, S Freeland, W Beswick, M Tanfield (FDC), W Sutton (FDC) and F Yeulett (CCC), PCSO S Clarke, J Richardson (Clerk) and 5 members of the public  
**Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Roger Gladwin
- 197/14 Declarations of Interest**  
 Councillors to declare any interests in respect of any item to be discussed at this meeting:-  
 a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interest )  
 b) Non-Pecuniary Interest )  
 c) Sensitive Pecuniary Interest )
- 198/14 PUBLIC TIME** The building sites, on Upwell Road, appear to have filled in the ditch but do not appear to have put drainage pipes in. Cllr Russell updated the meeting on the situation and also that this is being dealt with by the Drainage Board.  
 A barbeque has taken place near the Skate Park and all the rubbish has been cleared away. It was requested that could the Parish Council look into providing a barbeque area (Clerk to contact Howard Newton at Wisbech Fire Station for advice). The Heron asked if the Parish Council would raise the monthly donation to £100 (Clerk to put on next Agenda). Willow trees on Padgetts Road on left hand side going up to 16Foot (Rookery Cottage) are split and leaning over towards the road (Clerk to report). Two individuals were doing donuts on Pavilion Hall Car Park tonight. The signage of the road narrowing on Upwell Road was raised. Paper recycling needs emptying (Clerk has advised company). Rumble strips down Church Road requested, this would need to be looked into for 2016/17 Highways bid. Letter received from parishioner regarding The Croft, was read out, asking the Parish Council if they have washed their hands of this matter. County Councillor informed the meeting that he would, if the Parish Council requested, take this matter to the County Council. The Clerk to place on next meeting Agenda to discuss and decide if to raise with District & County Councils. It is believed that there is only £14K left in the fund now for The Croft.
- 199/14 Confirmation of Minutes**  
 To sign and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2015. Proposed by Cllr Russell and AGREED
- 200/14 Matters Arising**  
 Road sign request at Padgett's Road/Church Road sent to Highways 30/03/15 (email response rec'd and sign cannot be put back and new sign will need to be put up at a later date)  
 Request for notification of road closures sent to Norfolk County Council 30/03/15 (email response rec'd)
- 201/14 Police Matters**  
 PCSO Sue Clarke introduced herself. Tess Morrision is the other PCSO for Christchurch. Sue was on the Horizon Bus last Wednesday, and also went door to door, met people at the school, and in the pub. 37% of those asked had no problems to report in Christchurch. Sue can do something with regard to speeding issues raised and can do Speedwatch, and also Speed enforcement has already been done in Elm and Leverington. Sue would like people to contact her with problems and would appreciate any help, her email address is:- [sue.clarke@cambs.pnn.police.uk](mailto:sue.clarke@cambs.pnn.police.uk) Dog Fouling and Speeding were the top two issues raised by Residents. The Residents Association are meeting in the Old School on Wednesday at 7.30pm and are trying to deal with both of these issues. The issue of a resident in the small Play Area with a loose dog was raised and the advice was not to put yourself in a dangerous position but report incidents to the Police. A car that has been parked on Church Road for 4

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weeks without moving was also reported to the Police.

**202/14 County & District Councillors Reports**

Cllr Yeulett reported that the 2 committees he is on are Social Care, and Children and Young People. There has been a change of provider for Social Care in Fenland, and it is hoped that this will lead to an improvement to the level of service. One challenge is finding beds for older people to come out of hospital into the community and this is improving. The County has a big building task for Primary Schools ahead. Last County Council Meeting was very light. Looking into a new Highways contract and it is hoped that this will be a more proactive contract liaising with local councils. Timebanking information has been shared with the Council and The Heron.

Cllr Tanfield reported that not much is going on at Fenland currently but will start again once the Elections have taken place.

Cllr Sutton reported that there is a meeting tomorrow with Highways re LHI 2015-16 Bid. The edge on the pavement of the 2014-15 bid has been reported to Cllr Sutton, he thinks that a reflector on the corner would help.

**203/14 Recreation Ground**

a) Update on Charity merger Memorial Hall & Recreation Ground. Solicitor phoned on Friday 4.40pm and asked for copy of the email sent to Charities Commission so he can chase up. This has been provided

b) Clerk to report on March Bank balances Current Account £4519, Savings Account £7252.01

c) Report on AGM was given. The Committee have decided to put an advert in The Heron to attempt to get more people onto the Committee

**204/14 Village Hall Committee**

a) Meeting with builders next week. The building of the Footpath has gone out to tender, Morton & Hall are doing this.

**205/14 Highways/Street Lighting**

**Highways**

a) Update on 2014-15 LHI bid, Slope and reflector will be discussed with Ruth at tomorrow's meeting, Proposed Cllr Russell, AGREED

b) Update on 2015-16 LHI bid. Meeting 21/04/15 to commence discussions with Highways

c) Euximoor Drove signage. Reply from Josh re signs, feedback has been mixed and will be looked at in tomorrow's meeting.

d) Other Highways issues in the village

Sign on 16Foot for Euximoor Drove has gone. Clerk to report

Trees on the side of Pavilion Field have been started to be cut back

Cllr Tanfield left the meeting

Cllr Yeulett left the meeting

**206/14 Planning/Development**

**Planning Granted**

a) F/YR15/0104/F Erection of 4no dwellings comprising of 2 x 3-storey 5-bed with detached garages and 2 x 2-storey 4/5-bed with integral garages, Site Of Former Shrub House 46 Church Road Christchurch Cambridgeshire

b) F/YR15/0109/F Erection of a 2 x 2-storey 3-bed dwellings Land South West Of The Rectory Church Road Christchurch Cambridgeshire

**207/14 Statutory Consultation (Norfolk County Council)**

The Parish Council were advised of a statutory consultation with regard to William Marshall Primary School, Welney

This was discussed and it was Proposed by Cllr Freeland not to comment, AGREED

**208/14 CAPALC: Discussion on membership of Cambridge and Peterborough**

Association of Local Councils took place. It was Proposed by Cllr Russell not to join, and AGREED

**209/14 Income & Expenditure**

a) Members to consider and approve the following accounts for payment, Proposed Cllr Beswick, and AGREED

J Richardson

Christchurch Village Resource Centre

J Seaton

L Negus

Upwell Internal Drainage Board

Clerks Salary (March)

The Heron

Poole Field Rent

Poole Field Rent

Water Discharge New Village Hall

£270.87

£80.00

£206.25

£206.25

£679.18

Agreed

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(Retrospective)

**TOTALS****£1442.55**

	b) March Bank Balances	
	Current Account £61,008.22	
	Savings Account £146,515.26	
	Earmarked Reserves Village Hall £181,212.91 Mrs Spalls Request £200 106 monies Play Equipment £75.07	
	c) Clerk reported on 2014/15 Financial Year End for the audit report, this was AGREED and signed. The annual governance statement was reviewed and it was Proposed by Cllr Russell and AGREED that this was true, and signed. The paperwork will now be sent to the Internal Auditor	<b>Agreed Agreed</b>
	d) Proposed by Cllr Russell to earmark £3K for street lighting, and AGREED	<b>Agreed</b>
<b>210/14</b>	<b>Audit Requirements</b> Report on changes to Audit and Transparency Code for smaller authorities was discussed. Proposed by Cllr Russell that a website be set up by the Clerk and AGREED	<b>Clerk Agreed</b>
<b>211/14</b>	<b>Pensions</b> Enrolment was discussed and it was Proposed by Cllr Russell and AGREED to nominate the Clerk as the contact	<b>Agreed Clerk</b>
<b>212/14</b>	<b>Cambs ACRE</b> The Clerk is to complete the survey received Cambridgeshire Community Fair, to be held on 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2015 discussion took place on attendance (the Clerk to put on May Agenda)	<b>Clerk Clerk</b>
<b>213/14</b>	<b>Correspondence</b> a) Rural Services Network Bulletin (emailed 09/03/15, 19/03/15, 23/03/15, 01/04/15, 08/04/15, 14/04/15) b) Police & Crime Commissioner bulletin (emailed 08/04/15) c) Cambs Acre Newsletter (emailed 09/03/15) d) Norfolk Minerals DPD Consultation (emailed 09/03/15) e) Consultation on March Town Neighbourhood Plan (emailed 23/03/15) f) Purdah guidance (emailed 23/03/15) g) Adoption of Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) (emailed 23/03/15) h) Update on Rights of Way Management (emailed 23/03/15) i) Approved diversion of Footpath No. 5, Christchurch (emailed 30/03/15) j) Advice for adults and older people changing (emailed 01/04/15) k) Independent Person Recruitment (emailed 08/04/15)	
<b>214/14</b>	<b>Motion to exclude Press &amp; Public Proposed Cllr Russell, and Agreed</b> Clerks Hours and Office Expenses were discussed and it was Proposed by Cllr Beswick, and AGREED that the Clerk carries forward extra hours accrued and Office Expenses are paid.	<b>Agreed Agreed</b>
<b>215/14</b>	<b>Agenda Items/Next Meeting</b> The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2015. Items to be included on Agenda should be with the Clerk by Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Ma 2015	

Meeting Closed at 9.10 pm