

CHRISTCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Christchurch Parish Council held on Monday 11th July 2016 at Christchurch Community Centre, Upwell Road, Christchurch PE14 9 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs W. Beswick, J. Bliss, J. Hughes, G. Harper, P. Owen, N. Russell, F. Yeulett, W. Sutton, J. Rees, R. Wright, S. May, L. Webster, S. Horne, P. Haresnape, V. Haresnape. The Chairman welcomed Jane Rees as the new Clerk and RFO as from 1st July 2016

- 038/16-17 Apologies for Absence:** Sue Clark (PCSO), Roger Gladwin, Michelle Tanfield
Declarations of Interest:
Nigel Russell – item 045/16-17; planning application F/YR16/0472/O
- 039/16-17 Public Time:**
This item was moved to after item 047/16-17
- 040/16-17 Confirmation of Minutes:** **Resolved**
Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th June 2016 were correctly recorded and signed as being a true record
- 041/16-17 Police Report:**
Email from Sue Clark circulated to Councillors 11.7.16
Two burglaries from sheds in Church Road. One had the lock cut off. Both had things such as lawn mowers, hedge trimmers and strimmers taken. Looking at setting up a Speedwatch in the village asking Volunteers to assist with that. Richard Guilford has already got 6 names.
- 042/16-17 County & District Councillors Reports**
Cllr Yeulett reported an extra ordinary meeting concerning the Devolution. It was agreed to go along with the Cambs plan; all 8 districts agreed. The public consultation on this has started; the plans will then go to Government and Council for ratification. It is proposed that the elected Mayor would have some limitation on their authority.
The next Council meeting is 19.7.16

Cllr Sutton reported that he is continuing to chase the remainder of the grant from the FDC and will continue to chase.
He was chasing the remedial work to the footpath behind the bus stop. T was confirmed that this work has been done and the path is now safe.
Crown Ave – road surface; can't get hold of the right person at present, but will keep pushing.
Bus service – Welney has a good bus service, so they are reconsidering the options. He will discuss with Manea Parish Council as well.
- 043/16-17 Recreation Ground Charity**
Cllr Owen confirmed that Picnic in the Park last month had made a surplus. It was agreed that the day was a success and the Parish Council would like to thank all organisers, especially Ruth Ingram for all her hard work.
The path from the road to the door of the community centre has been given the go ahead by CCC and will be completed as soon as possible. Cllr Russell confirmed that the work is to be completed once the builder has finished his current job.
- 044/16-17 Highways/Street Lighting**
- Highways**
a) It was agreed that the application for Road Closure at Upwell Road, Christchurch 12/9/16-16/9/16 was not ideal when traffic would be directed through the village, but the other part of the work would divert traffic away from the village so it balances out. Details taken by Paul Haresnape to include in *The Heron*. **Resolved**
- Street Lighting**
A quote for the replacement of FPC6 Church Road has been received. It was agreed that no work on this needs to be done at present and the quote **Resolved**

can be filed.

045/16-17 Planning/Development Application

- a) Erection of 2 dwellings to rear of The Ferns, Padgetts Road (F/YR16/0472/O) **Resolved**
Member of public L Webster expressed her dismay at this planning application, along with details of inaccuracies in the planning application and the reply she received from the Planning Department. Ms Webster feels very strongly that this is an unnecessary building and falls outside the Council's own plans for the village and rural development.
The council then discussed the application and could find no formal reason for any objection. Clerk to return form to Development Services. **Clerk**
- b) Change of procedure agreed for planning applications. Application with comments sheet to be passed round Cllrs prior to meeting so they can review plans, visit site etc before meeting **Agreed**

046/16-17 Correspondence

- a) Private Pumping Stations – Anglian Water. Clerk to forward email to Cllr Beswick for action. **Cllr Beswick**
- b) Letter of thanks received from Louise Sutton-Webb of Nationwide for agreeing to them carrying out a litter pick in the village. They were impressed at the general cleanliness of the village. A letter of thanks for their work has been sent.

047/16-17 Income & Expenditure

Rec'd £917.00 Concurrent Functions Grant

- a) Cllrs considered and approved the following accounts for payment:
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| Christchurch Village | | | Agreed |
| Resource Centre | The Heron | £80.00 | |
| Fraser Dawbarns LLP | Legal advice | £351.00 | |
| TOTALS | | | £431.00 |

Cllr Russell mentioned that Mason and Son grass cutting work would be coordinated with the football matches on the Recreation Ground.

- b) Report on income & expenditure – Cllrs agreed this to be deferred this month due to transition with Clerks **Agreed**
- c) Bank Arrangements under the Statutory Instrument 2014 No 580 it replaces the requirement for every cheque or other order for payment of money by a parish council to be signed by two members of the Council. The Council to consider banking arrangements. R Wright advised that it is no longer necessary to have everything signed by two people. It makes internet banking possible if this is agreed. Cllrs agreed that this can be amended and bank mandate for was completed for Clerk to deal. **Clerk**

Public Time

- a) S. Horne asked for an update on Crown Road (it needs to be repaired and re-surfaced. A number of concerns were raised by Councillors on the work needed to some roads in the village. Cllr Sutton to chase on Crown Road and to arrange a visit from them to review problems on site. **Cllr Sutton**
- b) V. Haresnape asked for a review of directional signs into the village as some are missing (crossroads by farmers Boy). There is no village sign on Padgetts Road from the Welney direction. A sign to the village hall is needed from Upwell Road, to include 'Recycling Point' and 'Recreation Ground. Clerk to contact Highways Department to arrange a site visit. **Clerk**
- c) P. Haresnape mentioned the possibility of a white sign into the village as the brown sign is not cost effective. The white sign can include the village services. Paul has emailed Les Middleton at CCC and requested a rough quote, based on Paul's thoughts to give Cllrs an initial idea on costs. Cllr to consider where signs would be wanted and what should go on them – this will be discussed at the next meeting. Paul to see if it is possible to get a list of the icons available for Cllrs' consideration. **P. Haresnape All Cllrs**
- d) Cllr Russell – Morning of 11.7.16 a van was found in Sixteen Foot

Bank. There were 27 people from emergency services on site. This was a dumped van with no engine and no registration plate. The emergency services stayed at the site in force even when they knew the van was dumped. This is overkill and a waste of resources.

e) Cllr Beswick – Where are the picnic tables that were in the picnic area in front of the Community Centre? They were rotten and had to be removed

f) Cllr Hughes – the Christchurch Dog Show was very successful, making £737 for the school. Long may it continue. Thanks to all for their work to organise.

g) Cllr Harper – he has been asked to raise the problem of the bus service for students over 16 going to college. Government funding has been withdrawn, affecting rural villages more than towns. It was agreed that before the Parish Council could consider anything further, they need to know what is needed and what the demand is. Clerk to get more information for article in *The Heron*.

Clerk

048/16-17 Staff Matters

Agreed

a) Jane Rees has been appointed as the new Clerk. Terms and Conditions of employment have been agreed by all.

b) Cllr Beswick proposed and Cllr Bliss seconded to ratify the payment to the Acting Clerk, R. Wright at £15 per hour

c) Cllr Hughes proposed and Cllr Beswick seconded payment by made for Clerk's membership costs to Society of Local Council Clerks (£82 + VAT), and training course costs (£149 + VAT)

049/16/17 Facebook

Cllr discussed using Christchurch's current Facebook page (Christchurch, Cambridgeshire – Items for Sale and News) to share Parish Council news and information. Facebook gives transparency and opens up to another sector in the village.

It was felt that this would be a good platform for sharing general information, but if a full Facebook page was needed, it should be a new page for the Parish Council. Comments on Facebook can be a problem and we would want to avoid any contention.

Clerk to look at what other Parish Councils do, Government guidance, how we could restrict commenting to ensure it is pleasant and safe

050/16-17 Agenda Items/Next Meeting

Highway problems are to be added to the next agenda, as requested by Cllr Owen.

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Monday 8th August 2016. Items to be included on Agenda should be with the Clerk by Monday 1st August 2016

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm