

CHRISTCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Christchurch Parish Council held on Monday 10th October 2016 at Christchurch Community Centre, Upwell Road, Christchurch at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs N. Russell, J. Bliss, R. Gladwin, J. Hughes, P. Owen, F. Yeulett, W. Sutton; J. Rees (Clerk); G. Chappell (Fenland road Safety Campaign), S. Clarke (PCSO), C Stevenson, P. Haresnape

075/16-17 Apologies for Absence: W. Beswick, G. Harper, M. Tanfield
Declarations of Interest: None

076/16-17 Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 12th September 2016 were correctly recorded and signed as being a true record

RESOLVED

Fenland Road Safety Campaign

The meeting was suspended to enable Graham Chappell from Fenland Road Safety Campaign to update us on work that has been done and work still needing to be done.

- The work that has been completed – invoice to follow. FRSC are committed to 50% of the cost
- Junction of Upwell Road and Sixteen Foot Bank – CCC have carried out push/pull tests and confirmed that a barrier can be installed there; its encouraging that CCC carried out the tests. FRSC will help with information and funding. Potentially LHI project. PC to form a long term plan for this project. Cllr Yeulett will lobby as well. Clerk to talk to Matthew Pickering to sound them out on their thoughts as well. LHI was applied for last year, so review the application and find out why it failed. First stage is to get design and costings done with CCC
- Sat Navs still say Sixteen Foot Bank is 60mph. Clerk to see if there is a way to contact Sat Nav companies to amend to 50 mph
- Tipps End – FRSC are looking to reduce the speed limit. It is difficult due to the area being half Norfolk and half Cambs. Clerk to ask Matthew Pickering how to approach and who deals with speed limits here. Clerk to write to Welney PC and discuss this. Sharp corner ahead signs are needed too.
- Cllr Bliss mentioned the road by the old Wheatsheaf pub – it is also a problem and too easy to go into Sixteen Foot

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077/16-17 Outstanding Matters

- Dog waste bin in Green Lane has been ordered, but we need to confirm position and write to residents opposite. Position opposite small spur off behind the houses, about half way along Green Lane.
- Tourist signs for the village. Community Centre sign would be about £350. Consider adding into 2017/18 budget. Discuss again when budget is being set.
- Streetlighting – alternatives to Balfour Beatty with FDC; project still ongoing as needing to collate all the information from the local PCs
- Update on path from road to Community Centre from Cllr Russell. A number of ideas are to be tried and we will review in December.

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078/16-17 Police Report: There is a new inspector for the area (clerk mentioned that he is planning on coming to our December meeting)

- Recent crimes – hare coursing in Green Drove and people going through red lights at the recent road works.
- Friday Bridge have had a number of shed and garage burglaries; the problem may come to Christchurch. Remember to keep garages, sheds and outbuildings locked and ensure there is good lighting to deter criminals.
- Speedwatch training is on the 29 October. It is often local people, living within quarter of a mile.
- Hare coursing was a big problem last year with so many intimidating men. Police have trouble responding/dealing. Try and get details/car registration IF it is safe to do so. Call 999 if a crime is being committed or 101 to give details of what you have seen.
- If you know of a persistent speeder, get the vehicle registration and report to S Clarke, PCSO

079/16-17	<p>County & District Councillors Reports Cllr Yeulett: CCC meeting is bringing a motion re health provision in the county due to concerns that this area is being over-looked. CCC are looking at doing things differently Devolution is starting to progress A review of school transport is starting</p> <p>Cllr Sutton Decision has been made not to put the Post-16 information in the heron at present Cleaning of war memorial – 5th November 2016 at 9.30am</p>	
080/16-17	<p>Recreation Ground Charity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soundproofing and PA system installed and working well • Funds ok at present • Community Centre is being well used • Football club has begun • Football club need a container for storage but have hit a problem as they have been told they need planning permission. But the container is a moveable unit, so PC not clear why planning permission is needed. Check with Planning Department and Cllr Sutton • Funding has been applied for to provide posts etc. • Review FLP quote. Add to November agenda. Discuss with R Ingram and J Hughes. Decision to be made on funding for this 	<p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p>
081/16-17	<p>Highways/Street Lighting</p> <p>Highways LHI Funding – may be needed for work at Upwell Road and Sixteen Foot Bank junction. If so, closing date is 30th November 2016</p> <p>Street Lighting Nothing reported</p>	
082/16-17	<p>Planning/Development Application: F/YR16/0830/F - change of use of land at Kotilo, Euximoor Drove – no concerns, agreed F/YR16/0781/F – erection of 2 storey rear development at Albert House, 52 Church Road, Christchurch – no concerns, agreed</p> <p>Scan of plans for both sent to PC members 3/10/16 by email – need to include plans etc in A4 format in future.</p> <p>Any concerns with work that has been done should be reported to the Planning Department at FDC. The Bungalow to the left of Albert House (when facing) has build a large shed, fenced area and caravans on site. Review and report to FDC</p>	<p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p>
083/16/17	<p>Hedges and Trees Details of overhanging trees and hedges to be collated with a view to Clerk sending letter on behalf of PC. Clerk to put together a list of ‘problem’ hedges etc and pass to PC for comment before sending a letter to property owners.</p>	CLERK
084/16-17	<p>Recreation Ground Dog mess is an ongoing issue – the pitch needs to be cleaned before matches. Dogs are being shut in the children’s play area. This is not acceptable. Cllr Russell has an additional sign which will be erected. PC to consider ways of ensuring dog owners do not go on the recreation ground</p>	Cllr Russell
085/16-17	<p>The Annual Meeting of the Parish A meeting for press and parish where the PC (and councillors) report on what they are doing. It is possible to include other village groups. This has historically been a ten minute meeting before a PC meeting. PC to consider if we want to make this a bigger event, so more parishioners would</p>	

attend.

Clerk to see if any local clubs would like to come along and talk about what they're doing. Review at next meeting

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Staffing

Clerk's probation period is finished. Agreed that the probation period has been passed. J Rees is the Clerk to the Parish Council.

Clerk mentioned that 6 hours a week may not be enough due to workload. Clerk to collect some information and PC is review in 3 months if appropriate

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086/16-17 Correspondence

- **Flood Awareness Scoping questionnaire** – deadline missed
- **Electoral Review of Cambridgeshire** – see report at www.lgbce.org.uk
- **Audit return for year ended 31 March 2016**
- **Alzheimer's Society** – clerk to find out more information
- **Tesco Bags of Change** – consider applying for funding for path from road to Community Centre entrance. Clerk to find out more
- **Community Highways Volunteering Scheme** – send email to Cllr Hughes who will find out more
- **Redevelopment of North Cambs Hospital meeting** – Clerk to attend on behalf of PC

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087/16-17 Income and Expenditure

a) Received:

Transparency Fund	£1310.38
Precept – second instalment	£6602.50
Retention Sum – Village hall, Rural Capital Grant	£2500.00

b) Members to consider and approve the following accounts for payment:

Clerk salary and home office allowance	£275.35
(paid by bank transfer on 1 st October 2016 as agreed)	
Insurance – 3 dog bins added	£802.63
Printer	£129.98
PKF Littlejohn (auditor)	£960.00
The Heron	£ 80.00
J H Cook Ltd	£ 99.60

c) Report on income and expenditure – agreed. Clerk has moved £30,000 from current account to savings account. Streetlighting earmarked reserve is incorrect at £3,000; it should be £13,000; amend and correct.

d) Laptop – Parish Council Laptop to be purchased following receipt of Transparency Fund grant. Cllr Hughes to look into suitable laptop and arrange purchase. PC agreed the budget was upto £500 + VAT. LibreOffice to be trialled
Printer has been purchased – Lexmark

Cllr Hughes

e) Remembrance Wreath – PC agreed to purchase Wreath F on print out. Clerk to order. Cllr Sutton has agreed to lay on behalf of the Parish Council

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088/16-17 Public Time

Village signs – there needs to be a village sign on Padgetts Road (from Tipps End direction); sign into village from Padgetts Road at Church Road junction. Clerk to find out who deals and arrange for installation

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Dog poo – will the PC consider a specified dog walking area? Communal area would not be cleaned up, may spread canine illness. Could part of the recreation ground be fenced off for use? Same problem with cleaning up the mess. Alternative options...?

Leader Funding is still available for improvements to Parish Halls and Recreation Grounds – might be worth considering if there is anything more to be done. It might be useful to have someone in the village who focuses solely on finding funding for projects and helping with the application process.

Clerk to resend email about various funding opportunities to P Haresnape

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Village Benches – they are to be set in front of the Community Centre

089/16-17 Agenda Items/Next Meeting

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Monday 14th November 2016. Items to be included on Agenda should be with the Clerk by Friday 4th November 2016

Meeting closed at 10.05pm