

# CHRISTCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Christchurch Parish Council on Monday 12 December 2016 at Christchurch Community Centre, Upwell Road, Christchurch at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs N. Russell, J. Bliss, W. Beswick, R. Gladwin, J. Hughes, P. Owen, G. Harper, F. Yeulett, J. Rees (clerk), Inspector Davis, P. Eglise

Before the meeting began, Cllr Owen thanked all of those that had given their dole money to the Community Centre recently.

Also, a minutes silence was held for Mr R. Singletery in memory and grateful thanks for his long-standing service to the Parish Council and the community generally. He will be greatly missed.

**104/16-17 Apologies for Absence: S. Clarke (PCSO), Cllr Sutton and Cllr Tanfield**  
**Declarations of Interest:** None

**105/16-17 Confirmation of Minutes**  
Minutes of the meeting held on 14 November 2016 were correctly recorded and sign as being a true record.

**106/16-17 Outstanding Matters**

- Streetlighting alternatives – this is to be deferred until January as we have no information on the alternative offering and no response from Cllr King and Sutton on the current problems with Balfour Beatty. Clerk to chase **Clerk**
- Community Highways Volunteering Scheme – this enables villagers to carry out small scale improvements such as cleaning signs, cut hedges, litter picking etc. Cllr Hughes has offered to sign up. He will also ensure that an item is put in the Heron with more details and asking for other village volunteers **Cllr Hughes**
- Dementia talk – it was agreed that it would be good to include the whole village in this. It would be excellent for the Parish Meeting. Clerk to arrange **Clerk**
- Tipps End LHI – has been submitted
- Community Gritting Scheme – new filled bin costs £95 + VAT. Need to pay each time it is filled. As this is mainly for outside of school, Cllr Hughes has agreed to discuss with the Head of the primary school – do they feel it is needed, so they have anyone who would sign up as volunteers? **Cllr Hughes**
- Future of the Bus Shelter – verbal ideas to Cllrs – leave the base and build raised beds to be kept by the village gardening club; use as a waiting area for Post Office van. Deferred to find out if planning permission is needed to demolish – Cllr Sutton is checking **Cllr Sutton**

**Deferred Outstanding Matters**

- Hedges and Trees
- Recreation Ground – dog mess
- Path to community Centre
- Tesco Bags of Change
- Sign into village from Padgetts Road at Church Road Junction

**107/16-17 Police Report:**

Inspector Davis joined us to talk a bit more about the current focuses of the Fenland police. Since taking up the post 18 months ago, he has made some changes to how PCSOs carry out their role and interact with Parish Councils (we confirmed that our PCSO is always helpful and deals well with emails and so on in an effective manner); each PCSO is expected to be at one of the schools in their area every day.

Sue Clarke has carried out a speed awareness event elsewhere in conjunction with the school – speeders are asked difficult questions by the children about their speeding. PC felt this would be interesting in the village.

An overview was given of the general set-up and the different teams – it was noted that the whole of Fenland has only 10 police officers on duty for emergency response at any one time.

The police have set up an internet survey to find out about the local priorities and have the community safety partnership – PC has details of both which are posted on the website when relevant.

Use 999 when in fear or a crime is in progress; otherwise use 101 to report everything else.

Fly tipping – unfortunately, this is not a priority for the police at the moment. Report to FDC in the first instance.

Hare coursing – weekly at present. There is a team dealing with this in Fenland with arrests being made. Evidence fit for court can be a problem though. They are prosecuted whenever possible.

Norfolk v Cambs response – if it is an urgent call, whichever county takes the emergency call will deal. Non-urgent calls are discussed across the boundary to see which force is best to deal with the matter.

**Clerk**

**108/16-17**

### **County & District Councillors Reports**

Cllr Yeulett – please can an item be put in The Heron reminding about flu vaccines and to warn about whooping cough as CCC are trying to reduce the current problems from both.

CCC are looking at increasing their use of shared services such as schools and libraries in order to continue providing some services.

CCC are trying to keep council tax increases to the minimum by making savings rather than increasing tax.

Wisbech is considering selective licensing for multi-occupancy housing to try and deal with tenant exploitation.

Cllr Tanfield – combined shadow council for devolution met 12/12/16 to confirm chair etc

10% discount for signing up to the brown bin scheme is still available and can be applied for online

**109/16-17**

### **Recreation Ground Charity**

Need to determine who is responsible for what and who pays for what. Clerk to liaise with Ruth Ingram – sort out a list of items to decide on

**Clerk**

**110/16-17**

### **Highways/Street Lighting**

#### **Highways**

- Barriers at 16ft Bank Road – Clerk to liaise with Cllr Yeulett on next steps

**Clerk**

#### **Street Lighting**

- Balfour Beatty have confirmed repairs are not going to be carried out until at least February. Clerk has asked Cllr

**Clerk**

Sutton and Cllr King for their thoughts on this and is waiting for a reply. Cllr Yeulett asked to be copied in to email so he can also chase.

**111/16-17**      **Planning/Development**  
None

**112/16-17**      **Correspondence**

- Padgetts Road speed limit through village area – email from P Eglise. Mr Eglise pointed out that at the edge of the village, the speed limit goes from 50mph to 60mph...so effectively inviting drivers to put their foot down through that part of the village. CCC have told Me Eglise that any change must be part of an LHI – Clerk to check if there are any other options. One thought was to put together a traffic calming scheme to include this, lorries slowing down, no overtaking on Padgetts Road and generally slowing traffic coming into/through the village. Clerk to look into options on how a plan may be put together etc. Village consultation will be needed.
- Cllr Own has reported a property in Crown Road to environmental health as he is concerned at the risk of vermin entering the school. Environmental Health are aware of the problem, and Cllr Owen will continue to chase to ensure that action is taken

**Clerk**

**Cllr Owen**

**113/16-17**      **Income and Expenditure**

- a) Received: None
- b) Members to consider and approve the following accounts for payment:
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| Clerk salary and home office allowance                             | £275.35 |
| (paid by bank transfer on 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2016 as agreed) |         |
| Clerk expenses   | £ 17.79 |
| The Heron  | £ 80.00 |
| E. Mason & Son   | £936.00 |
- c) Report on income and expenditure. All agreed

**114/16-17**      **Public Time**

- Road to Manea has sunk – Clerk to report to Highways
- Padgetts Road is getting a lot of standing water - Clerk to report to Highways
- 16ft Road to Bedlam is cracked and falling off on the field side - Clerk to report to Highways
- 16ft Bank Road riverside markers are broken off - Clerk to report to Highways
- Fly tipping is on the increase around the village with problems at the treatment plant, padgetts road, 16ft bank road.

**Clerk**

**115/16-17**      **Agenda Items/Next Meeting**

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Monday 9 January 2017. Items to be included on Agenda should be with the Clerk by Friday 30 December 2017

