

CHRISTCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Christchurch Parish Council on Monday 9 January 2017 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, W. Sutton, F. Yeulett, J. Rees (clerk), A Howes, V Haresnape, P Haresnape

116/16-17 **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Tanfield
Declarations of Interest: None

117/16-17 **Confirmation of Minutes**
Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 12 December 2017 were correctly recorded and sign as being a true record.

118/16-17 **Outstanding Matters**

- Street lighting – Balfour Beatty can't do the work at present, due to lack of staff. Alternatives? No information on Skansa offering, still waiting for a meeting to be arranged. Cllr Sutton to push for update from Cllr King so decisions can be made. Cllr Sutton to try to get a meeting with Balfour Beatty on site
- Community Highways Volunteering Scheme – Cllr Hughes has volunteered/signed up. Waiting for information
- Dementia talk – Talk to be at Parish Meeting, to be held one hour before the May PC meeting (8 May). To be advertised in the village
- Community gritting scheme – Cllr Hughes talked to Head at school. Good idea but there have been no volunteers from the teachers. Ask the Heron to ask for volunteers? Only people who have been on a course can spread grit.
- Future of the bus shelter – No planning permission is needed for demolition but village feedback has highlighted that the shelter is used by some school children to wait for the bus. Things to consider: Will it be replaced and with what? Plastic? Gets scratched. What are the relocation options? End of Fen View? Cost and options? Heritage options? More in keeping with the area. Village questionnaires? Gardening club to look after it this year – Clerk to ask if they would do this. Post office van – can this be resited so people can wait in the bus shelter (P Haresnape agreed to ask van)? Anti graffiti paint? Review again in two months.
- Path to Community Centre – Cost will be reported next month

Deferred Outstanding Matters

- Hedges and trees
- Tipps end LHI funding application
- Recreation ground – Dog mess
- Tesco bags of change – nothing to report at present
- Sign in to village from Padgetts Road at Church Road junction – nothing to report at present

119/16-17 **Police Report:**

120/16-17 **County & District Councillors Reports**

- Cllr Yeulett – Mayoral elections will be held in May. Cllr Count

is running for Mayor and would like to attend a PC meeting. Lighting and gritting decisions have been reinstated. Sixteen Foot Bank barriers – Push/pull tests have been done and are feasible. Highways have ongoing concerns about doing this. Parish Clerk is to liaise with them to find out what the concerns are and understand their position. CCC monthly report is to go to the Parish Clerk

- Cllr Sutton – Its budget setting time. Parish Council is not capped at present. FDC set four years increase at 1.9% per year last year. Pride in Fenland Awards - details are available and have been sent to The Heron. Padgetts Road/Sixteen Foot Bank chevron sign needs replacing asap as the middle part is missing. FDC leader John Clark is the business portfolio holder in new devolution

121/16-17 Recreation Ground Charity
Nothing to report

122/16-17 Highways/Street Lighting

Highways

- Update on road to Manea - being reviewed by highways department but it will only be a patch up job at the most
- Update on Padgetts road – standing water can't really be resolved. People will need to drive accordingly

Clerk

123/16-17 Planning/Development

- Planning Application F/2016/16/CC – alterations to Townley School. No opposition from the Parish Council

Clerk

124/16-17 Correspondence

125/16/17 Income and Expenditure

- Received:

Upwell Road Allotment rent	£265.31
HMRC VAT refund	£3969.68
2nd Function Grant	£916.00
- 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 December 2016 as agreed)	
The Heron	£ 80.00
FDC – fitting of dog bin	£153.80
- Report on income and expenditure - agreed

126/16-17 Budget 2017/18

Following the Parish Council budget committee meeting, the findings were presented. Following discussions, it was agreed that the precept would be £13,200, proposed by Cllr Russell and seconded by Cllr Beswick.

Clerk

127/16-17 Public Time

- Can the Post Office van park by the bus shelter so people can use it to wait? P Haresnape to check if the van driver can decide where she parks.

- Gritting Sixteen Foot Bank – Been done? Public says not, Cllrs say yes. Cllr Yeulett to check on CCC position
- Mud on roads is a problem making them slippery
- The Heron/Village Resource Centre is now Heron Publishing. Bank Account name etc to be changed
- Fly tipping is still a problem. This is reported weekly by Cllrs to Rapid Response team
- Drainage at Syringa House – Middle Level are dealing with this
- Pop up coffee shop in community centre on Monday mornings
- Somersham have a traffic calming system which might be worth considering in the village
- Hedge next to the shop – Needs a letter asap
- Church Road pavement on church side. Hill Farm – church entrance. Frost damage and cars parking on the pavement
- Redundant sign outside the Dun Cow – Chase to be removed
- There are potholes on Euximoor Drove and Poulterers Drove
- Trees in recreation ground – Matty has not done as yet
- There are Transit tracks on the recreation ground in the gap by the skate park
- Is public time in the wrong place? It is difficult for the public to have their say when it is at the end. Allow 15 minutes only between confirmation of minutes and outstanding matters. Any other involvement by the public is discretionary, by chairman
- Fly tipping: Padgetts Road – Tyres; Fifties Road - fridge
- There is rubbish at the sewerage works on Green Drove

Cllr Yeulett

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Agenda Items/Next Meeting

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Monday 13 February 2017. Items to be included on Agenda should be with the Clerk by Friday 3 February 2017.