

CHRISTCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Christchurch Parish Council on Monday 13 February 2017 at Christchurch Community Centre, Upwell Road, Christchurch at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs N. Russell, J. Bliss, W. Beswick, R. Gladwin, P. Owen, G. Harper, W. Sutton, F. Yeulett, J. Rees (clerk), P. Haresnape, V. Haresnape, R. Guildford, R. Ingram

- 129/16-17** **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs J. Hughes, M. Tanfield
Declarations of Interest: Cllr Owen – Planning application F/2016/16/CC. All Parish Councillors – trustees/members of Christchurch Community Recreation Ground Charity. Cllr Owen – abstained from voting on CRGC electric bill.

One minutes silence for Barbara Kingman

Thanks very much to Colin Ingram, Geoff Harper, Nigel Russell, Ruth Ingram for all their help with arranging and laying the new path to the Community Centre. It is a great success.

- 130/16-17** **Confirmation of Minutes**
Minutes of the meeting held on 9 January 2017 were correctly recorded and sign as being a true record.

131/16-17 **Public Time**

- the dog mess in Green Lane has become very bad – especially on the verges and the track. At least 15 easily visible piles. Dogs are let loose across the fields so there is mess everywhere which is a big problem for farmers as it gets in the machinery and can be spread to other areas. The Heron is running another dog mess campaign. Posters are to be put up around the village. People need to keep being reminded. Clerk to provide some comment for the article. It might be possible to use Public Safety Protection Order, but these are still at consultation phase – more information will be provided as it becomes available.
- The car park path to the Community Centre has made a big difference. Thanks very much to all involved.
- Speedwatch – Christchurch is sharing the equipment with Doddington and Welney and will be carrying out a campaign in the near future (date not disclosed)
- There is a house in Tipps End where the hedge is overgrown so much that the house owner has to pull out into the road to see if the road is clear. Cllr Gladwin to provide Clerk with address. Clerk to work with relevant Parish Council.
- Cllr Russell mentioned some trees have canker. He will provide Clerk with details of the trees.

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132/16-17 **Outstanding Matters**

- Streetlighting – information on alternatives to Balfour Beatty was discussed. It was agreed to stay in the FDC scheme. Clerk has made contact with Head of Assets and Projects at FDC and they are expecting the Balfour Beatty service to improve in the near future.

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- LHI – Tipps End. Cllr Owen made the presentation to the deciding committee. He felt that they were sympathetic but the road is on the border of Cambs and Norfolk. Clerk had been told that this wasn't an issue at the start of the process. Decision to be received about 18 March.
- E Mason & Sons – they have sent Geoff details of how they bill Manea PC with a breakdown of work done. He will speak to them further about doing this for us and report at the next meeting.

Deferred Outstanding Matters

- Hedges and Trees – recreation ground to be included on next agenda
- Recreation ground – dog mess
- Community Highways volunteering scheme – Cllr Hughes
- Tesco Bags of Change
- Community Gritting Scheme
- Bus Shelter
- Sign into village from Padgetts Road

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Police Report:

No report received.

Since the meeting it has come to light that PCSO Sue Clarke has been on sick leave

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County & District Councillors Reports

Cllr Yeulett: Council Tax talks are taking place tomorrow and a decision must be made asap.

It is understood that there may be a change to school funding which would affect Townley School quite severely (upto 2 teachers may be lost). Parish Council want more specific information and will do all they can to stop this happening.

NHS/adult social care – in Cambs, bed delays are increasing month on month. Some of the problem relates to adult social care challenges. There is also pressure from looked after children; this is up 5% from last month.

Cllr Sutton: NHS – from personal experience, it is very good but not sure that it works in the right way, internal conflicts.

Planning application information will only be received by email.

The budget is still to be confirmed.

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Christchurch Recreation Ground Charity (CRGC)

Clerk explained the problems for Parish Councillors who are also Trustees of the CRGC and/or on their committee. This should be declared as a non-percuniary interest, and Councillors must be sure to be careful that they don't let the dual roles cloud decisions, and as things stand, matters that relate to the Parish Council can not be made at CRGC meetings.

It has been agreed to set up a list of items and determine who is responsible – Parish Council or CRGC. The list was gone through and decisions made. This is not a definitive list and it is expected that this will change but will be a good starting point.

There is some historic money to be used for the play park. Cllr Russell will take the old items to FLP and all equipment as well as those items will be reviewed next month, repairs made, replacements ordered etc.

Play park inspection – Clerk to clarify which option will be the

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cheapest and then arrange for April/asap.
Goal posts are the responsibility of CRGC.
A request has been made from CRGC for some help with the electricity bill. The ones they have received to date have been estimated, but the recent one is based on a reading and is for £2097.07, before VAT, £2,000 after VAT (5% for energy). This covers some of the time when the building was begin built/dried out. It was agreed that the Parish Council would pay 50% of the bill. Cllr Owen to pass a copy of the bill to Clerk

136/16-17 Highways/Street Lighting

Nothing raised

137/16-17 Planning/Development

F/YR16/1170/O – the general consensus was that the Parish Council agree in principle with the outline planning application, but there are some caveats to be considered. Also, we would need some S106 monies for streetlighting at that end of the village.

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138/16-17 Correspondence

139/16-17 Income and Expenditure

a) Received: None

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 November 2016 as agreed)	
Clerk expenses	£ 17.79
The Heron	£ 80.00
E. Mason & Son	£936.00

Agenda Items/Next Meeting

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Monday 13 March 2017. Items to be included on Agenda should be with the Clerk by Monday 6 March 2017