

CHRISTCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllrs N. Russell, J. Bliss, R. Gladwin, J. Hughes, P. Owen, G. Harper, W. Sutton, M. Tanfield, J. Rees (clerk), P. Haresnape, V. Haresnape

141/16-17 **Apologies for Absence:** W. Beswick, F. Yeulett
Declarations of Interest – Non-Pericunary Interest: Cllr Hughes – Friend of Andrew Sparrow of FLP; Councillors are members/Trustees of Christchurch Recreation Ground Charity

142/16-17 **Confirmation of Minutes**
Minutes of the meeting held on 13 February 2017 were correctly recorded and sign as being a true record.

143/16-17 **Public Time**

- Reference was made to point 150/16-17 and comment made that the land should be kept for village use. Perhaps consideration could be given to making it a dog walking area
- Storm Doris has left a lot of rubbish in dykes around the village
- Fly tipping at the sewerage works on Green Lane. Clerk reported online - <https://www.fenland.gov.uk/flytipping>
- Is there a Fenland dog warden? If so, who is it and how do we contact them?

144/16-17 **Outstanding Matters**

- E. Mason – Cllr Harper has arranged for them to send a more detailed sheet of work done and time spent. This should enable the Councillors to clearly see what work is being carried out and the time spent.
- Recreation ground trees – willows have been cut but the brush left behind. Cllr Owen is going to meet with E Mason to discuss clearance/tidy up of the field. Some residents along Wayside Estate appear to be putting green rubbish over their rear fence onto the side of the recreation ground. Clerk to write to all residents to ask them to stop.
- Property in Church Road has not cut back their hedge. Clerk to send another letter. Report to Highways if it is still not done
- Future of the bus shelter – it has been decided that the bus shelter will remain but the Parish Council would like it to be prettier! The Commemorative bench is to be bolted into the bus shelter. The Parish Council would like the garden club to help with some trellis and planting of the area. Clerk to contact gardening club.
- Formal sign into the Community Centre – Parish Council would like one erected. Clerk to confirm definite cost, and to discuss site/erection, and moving village sign so it includes the community centre
- Community gritting scheme – there has been no interest so

Cllr Owen

Clerk

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this will not be followed up at present

145/16-17

Police Report:

PCSO Clarke has been off sick, but sent a report concerning crime in the area: There have been a couple of burglaries in Elm and Sixteen Foot Bank. Hare coursing has been reported in Christchurch. Van stolen from driving in Christchurch. There was an aggravated burglary in Murrow – a couple of cold callers had been in the area a couple of days before. A silver estate car was seen in the area prior to the aggravated burglary; if you see a car like this, please text the registration number to PCSO Clarke on 07738025220.

146/16-17

County & District Councillors Reports

Cllr Sutton

Cllr Sutton and PCSO Clarke are planning a walk around Christchurch together, date to be agreed.

The chequered sign at the Padgetts Road and Sixteen Foot Bank junction was disc cut! These signs aren't metal so it's pointless to take them.

(Since the meeting this sign has been replaced)

Brown bins – 12,500 people have signed up so far. Reminder that neighbours can share the bins where they have small gardens.

147/16-17

Recreation Ground Charity

- They have been operating fully for 12 months now and are income neutral which is excellent.
- FLP report on play items – it was agreed that the repairs can be completed, with the exception of the springy toys which are to be removed. When confirming agreement, specify that the Parish Council expect the equipment following repairs to pass the RoSPA inspection
- Playdale 3 year agreement has been confirmed. Date to be confirmed once FLP have completed the work
- The dyke to the far side of the recreation ground needs to be cleared. Cllr Owen will arrange to meet with E Mason to obtain a quote for the work. Clerk to confirm contact information to Cllr Owen

148/16-17

Highways/Street Lighting

Village Calming Scheme – we need to put together a plan ourselves, the CCC do not have the resources to visit and give specific help. The scheme in Somersham is of interest as Councillors feel something similar might work in Christchurch. Clrk to take some photos for the next meeting. Clerk to also investigate other options and ideas

149/16-17

Parish Meeting

This is on the 8 May at 6.30pm. We have a talk on dementia booked. We also need for Cllr Owen to report on what the Parish Council has done during 2016/17.

Clerk to invite the new vicar, PCSO Clarke, Neighbourhood watch, Residents Association, bowls club to have 5 minutes (max) for comment to the villagers.

Need to let villagers know

Tea, coffee and biscuits to be provided

150/16-17

Correspondence

- Register of Electors has been received from FDC and is held by clerk
- Request on selling/long term lease of land to rear of plot 1 Upwell Road – Parish Council is only prepared to lease for 5 years maximum as it may be needed by the village. Also note comment made in public time

151/16-17

Income and Expenditure

a) Received: None

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

Clerk salary and home office allowance (paid by bank transfer on 1 st March 2017 as agreed)	£275.35
Stationery items	£ 23.49
The Heron	£ 80.00
E. Mason & Son	£180.00

c) Report on income and expenditure. The accounts are showing 62p more in the bank account than there is in the books. It was agreed that this is likely to be picked up in the internal audit but in the meantime a Bank Reconciliation item for 62p is to be entered

152/16-17

Matters Arising

- It would be nice to have a report from the village speedwatch event. Clerk to request
- Tipps End chevron sign at the first sharp corner has still not been replaced – clerk to chase
- Community Highways Volunteering – Cllr Hughes to meet with Les Middleton to discuss further
- Cllr Russell's son has offered to carry out a defibrillator training for villagers. This is definitely worthwhile. The Parish Council also thinks there should be a defibrillator at the Community Centre

153/16-17

Agenda Items/Next Meeting

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Monday 10th April 2017. Items to be included on Agenda should be with the Clerk by Monday 20 April 2017

The meeting finished at 21.40pm