

CHRISTCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Christchurch Parish Council on Monday 12 June 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, M. Tanfield, J. Rees (clerk), P. Haresnape, J. Philpott

- 014/17-18** **Apologies for Absence:** PCSO S. Clarke
Declarations of Interest: All Councillors are involved with the Christchurch Recreation Ground Charity
- 015/17-18** **Confirmation of Minutes**
Minutes of the meeting and Parish Meeting held on Monday 8 May 2017 were correctly recorded and sign as being a true record.
- 016/17-18** **Public Time**
- P Haresnape – there is some obscene graffiti on the castle play equipment. Cllr Harper offered to clean it up.
 - W. Sutton – he has spoken to Jo Philpott from FACT. They are prepared to run a trial subject to the Parish Council covering the losses. The suggestion is for the bus to run to Downham Market on a Friday, two pick-ups in the village (Community Centre and 1 other probably), leaving about 10am and returning about 1pm. It costs £95 for FACT to run it, the proposed fare is £5 return, so a full bus (15 people) would generate £75. Any people holding bus passes would not have to pay, but Cambridgeshire County Council will only reimburse £2.34, so the Parish Council would need to additionally subsidise these by £2.66. Other routes run by FACT are subsidised by CCC by 50%, rather than the Parish Councils subsidising. The Parish Council welcomed the opportunity to discuss this further, needing to review the expense against the budget. It was agreed that a request for feedback would be put in the Heron – no feedback equals no service as the village needs to support this service to make it worthwhile.
- Cllr Harper**
- 017/17-18** **Annual Meeting of Parish Council**
- Election of Chair – Mr Peter Owen proposed and accepted as Chair
 - Election of Vice-Chair – Mr Geoff Harper proposed and accepted as Vice-Chair
- 018/17-18** **Outstanding Matters**
- Bus Shelter
 - trellis and plants - Cllr Harper advised that he has taken cuttings of an evergreen plant and confirmed the total cost would be no more than £100. Agreed that he should proceed on this basis.
 - Commemorative bench – Cllr Russell has a couple of volunteers happy to install the bench and will organise.
 - Community Highways Volunteering Scheme – deferred to next month
 - Tipps End LHI Funding – the project engineer has been in
- Cllr Harper**
Cllr Russell

touch and would like a site meeting next week or the week after. Clerk to arrange and let Councillors know so they can attend if they are available.

Clerk

- Clerk's appraisal – to be after the next Parish Council meeting
- Rubbish bin at skate park – Cllr Bliss would be happy to empty and put the bin bag by the bin in the other rear corner of the recreation ground. What happens when Cllr Bliss no longer does this? Clerk to discuss options with FDC.

Clerk

Deferred Outstanding Matters

- Village Signs
- Tesco Bags of Change

019/17-18

Police Report:

PCSO Clarke was unable to attend due to current Police priorities, but advises:

Christchurch has finally got Speedwatch up and running and I believe there is an article in The Heron as to regards this.

I have been to Gorefield School along with PcsO Helen Norton Smith and we have talked about Internet safety. This is something we hope to offer all the Primary Schools in the next couple of months.

Wisbech Safety Zone takes place 26-30th June which is a joint agency week with Fire Service/St Johns

Ambulance/Police/Environmental Agency and Trading standards.

Most of the schools come to the Fire Station and take part.

Christchurch once again for crimes has been 0....

There have been 5 vehicles in Sixteen Foot Bank that have had petrol and diesel have been taken from for other Stats please refer to the links below

www.cambs.police.uk/help/crimemaps/

www.ukcrimestats.com/Police_Force/Cambridgeshire_Constabulary

020/17-18

County & District Councillors Reports

- Cllr Steve Count – advised by email that he is very happy to attend specific meetings to discuss CCC business. He will forward key issues briefing and highways updates to Clerk. Parish Council are happy with this. It was felt that it would be good to invite him to a meeting to meet him. Clerk to arrange.
- Cllr Tanfield – has an extra Portfolio – marketing and Communications. Cllr Beswick asked if any progress had been made on the problems of The Croft. Cllr Tanfield and Sutton advised that no solution would be possible unless all the property owners got together to form an agreement. Cambridgeshire County Council can not adopt The Croft until it is up to scratch, but this will be costly and residents can not afford to get it up to scratch.
- Cllr Sutton – he is very displeased with some items in the last issue of The Heron. The headline on the front cover 'Speedwatch Warriors' was unnecessary. The Christchurch Residents Association comments on the 'Bedlam Bridge eyesore' not needing planning permission are not true, and he is unclear how the CRA would know. The Christchurch Residents Association report on the Parish Council's

Clerk

Clerk

response to the request for cameras at fly-tipping sites does not reflect the comments made and what was said. The Parish Council meeting minutes are a true reflection of what was said. The clerk will send a letter reflecting this to the Heron, following discussion with the Parish Council to ensure content is correct.

- Cllr Sutton – was speaking to a member of the Bowl's Club recently and the feedback he received on the Community Centre was that it is perfect.

021/17-18 Christchurch Recreation Ground Charity

- Castle equipment – site meeting agreed the castle is to be brought up to scratch. It is to be tidied up and made safe. Andy at FLP is to confirm the repair price and confirm. He verbally mentioned that it would be under £700. There are some screws sticking out – Cllr Hughes will pop up and make safe before The Gathering at the weekend.
- The old playground equipment is at FLP and they are going to confirm what can be used and the cost to install.
- FLP have issued a form to be signed confirming we are happy with the work that has been done. Cllr Hughes to check and confirm if it is all in order.
- Risk Assessments and Health and Safety matters – Clerk to review, discuss with Cllr Harper and Ruth Ingram. Determine what needs to be done by the Parish Council and report back in a couple of months.
- Defibrillator – Cllr Russell to obtain costings and report back. It was queried if the Community Centre was the best location for a second defibrillator but agreed that given the use etc of the Community Centre this is the best location.

**Clerk
Cllr Hughes**

**Clerk
Cllr Hughes**

Clerk

Cllr Russell

022/17-18 Highways

- Village Calming Scheme – Cllrs Hughes and Harper met with resident from Padgetts Road to discuss options. Ideas are:
 - village entrance gates. Cllr Hughes to check if the Parish Council can do this themselves under the Volunteer Scheme
 - chicane on Upwell Road at Community Centre. Could a contribution be made for this if the housing development goes ahead at the recycling centre.
 - 20mph outside the school. Could Wayside Estate be made one way?
 - Padgetts Road – reduced speed limit at the crossroads into the village.
- Clerk to check if Your Community, Your Speed Limit still operates

**Cllr Hughes
and Harper to
continue**

Clerk

023/17-18 Street Lighting

- FDC are hoping to find a solution for the replacement work by the end of July 2017. Parish Council must review if any outstanding work needs to be completed before winter – if work is done and then the light is replaced a couple of months later, it will be duplicate work, so can hopefully be avoided where possible. Clerk to liaise with Cllr Sutton

**Clerk and Cllr
Sutton**

024/17-18	Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • F/YR16/0399/O appeal – Parish Council agreed that there was no change in their stance of objecting to the application. 											
025/17-18	Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Euximoor Drove enquiry re flooding – this area has not flooded in living memory but of course, it may flood tomorrow. Could contact the Middle Level Commission. • Money from old Heron – when the old Heron was wound up, it was agreed that £500 should be passed to the new Heron team, and the rest of the money was passed to the Recreation Ground Charity for use at the Community Centre. • Anglian Water – see comments concerning the Croft 020/17-18. The address on the Anglian Water register of effluent plants is not quite correct – should be 'Behind 5/6/7/8 The Croft'. Anglian Water do not want to adopt. Clerk to get address updated 	<p style="text-align: right;">Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Clerk</p>										
026/17-18	Income and Expenditure	<p>a) Internal Audit comments – generally everything was fine. Auditor commented that Parish Council should invest in Microsoft Office for efficiency. Clerk noted Office package is £119.99. P. Haresnape advised the package can be obtained elsewhere cheaper and will forward clerk details. Parish Council confirmed Clerk can go ahead and purchase.</p> <p>b) Annual Return completed. All agreed and signed off.</p> <p>c) Received: none</p> <p>d) Members to consider and approve the following accounts for payment:</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Clerk salary and home office allowance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£278.73</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">(paid by bank transfer on 1st June 2017 as agreed)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">The Heron</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 80.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">E. Mason & Son</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£612.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">FLP</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1394.35</td> </tr> </table> <p>e) Printer ink cartridge needed. Costs about £44.10 inc VAT. Parish Council agreed to purchase.</p>	Clerk salary and home office allowance	£278.73	(paid by bank transfer on 1 st June 2017 as agreed)		The Heron	£ 80.00	E. Mason & Son	£612.00	FLP	£1394.35	<p style="text-align: right;">Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Clerk</p>
Clerk salary and home office allowance	£278.73												
(paid by bank transfer on 1 st June 2017 as agreed)													
The Heron	£ 80.00												
E. Mason & Son	£612.00												
FLP	£1394.35												
027/17-18	Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Hughes – report of green waste being put in someone else's bin. This is not acceptable...do not use other people's bins for your own waste! Take it to the tip and dispose of it properly. • Cllr Hughes – Summerland dinner dance event at the Community Centre went well and was enjoyed by all. Thanks to all concerned in arranging. • Cllr Bliss – Wayfair Estate – rubbish is still being put over the back of the properties onto the Recreation Ground. Clerk to send another letter • Cllr Bliss – 30mph sign by the Community Centre is covered by a tree. Cllr Hughes agreed to cut back • Cllr Bliss – concrete sill going into the field has broken. Seems to be a bit high. • Cllr Hughes – the playing field grass is a bit weedy. Parish 	<p style="text-align: right;">Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Cllr Hughes</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Clerk</p>										

Council to find someone to spray

- Cllr Harper – is it ok to fly model planes on the Recreation Ground? No obvious objections but flyers will need to ensure they have their own Public Liability insurance. The Parish Council will not cover them for any accidents/incidents.

Agenda Items/Next Meeting

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Monday 10 July 2017. Items to be included on Agenda should be with the Clerk by Monday 3 July 2017.