

# CHRISTCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Christchurch Parish Council on Monday 10 July at Christchurch Community Centre, Upwell Road, Christchurch at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs N. Russell (NR), J. Bliss, W. Beswick (WB), J. Hughes (JH), P. Owen (PO), G. Harper (GH), W. Sutton, J. Rees (clerk) (JR), Kate May, James Piggott, Ruth Ingram

**029/17-18**      **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs R. Gladwin, M. Tanfield, PCSO S. Clarke, R. Guildford  
**Declarations of Interest:** All Cllrs as members of CRGC, Cllr N. Russell – planning F/YR17/0489/F

**030/17-18**      **Confirmation of Minutes**  
Proposed WB, seconded GH. Minutes of the meeting held on 12 June 2017 were correctly recorded and sign as being a true record.

**031/17-18**      **Public Time**

- R. Guildford was unable to attend the meeting. Clerk advised that his main point was that the first port of call for complaints about content of The Heron. If this doesn't work, issued can be raised with clerk as agenda item
- Disappointment raised that members of the Christchurch Residents Association don't attend the Parish Council meeting.

**032/17-18**      **Outstanding Matters**

- FACT bus – Parish Council feel they have too little information to decide. Clerk to contact FACT for more information on – if dial to ride can be free, why can't this service cost less, can bus passes be used during the trial period, costs to Parish Council for worst/best case scenario, can Parish Council join FACT. Clerk to continue looking into other options
- Bus Shelter – NR, PO and GH to arrange to meet to finish the work needed
- Community Highways Volunteering Scheme – deferred to October
- Tipps End LHI – PO and JR met with Adam Cobbs from Highways on site. Highways will continue through process and referral as necessary. Now being dealt with by Kevin Moran
- Rubbish bin at skate park – FDC to visit site, check suitable and confirm costs

**Clerk**

**Cllrs Owen,  
Russell, Harper**

## **Deferred Outstanding Matters**

- Village signs
- Tesco bags of change

**033/17-18**      **Police Report**

A building on Sixteen Foot Bank was the subject of Arson on Sunday 9th July. On Monday 19th June I was at Christchurch visiting various locations and was called to a 3 vehicle RTC on Sixteen Foot Bank Christchurch. On Wednesday 5th July I gave a talk to the children regarding internet Safety. High performance vehicles are being targeted as vehicles of choice

to be stolen (BMW, AUDI etc.), please ensure that if you are an owner of this type of vehicle please take a few minutes to read out the following..

Please ensure that they are locked securely, make sure that your vehicles immobiliser is on, if you have additional alarms fitted that they are working and even consider a steering lock for added security.

#### Works Vehicles

We are again seeing works vehicles being targeted, tools are being stolen from works vehicles, please try to make your tools less desirable to the criminals paint them pink and mark them with your details. Criminals want to take things that don't belong to them and want to pass them on don't make it easy for them. Where possible remove tools from vehicles, I appreciate that this can be inconvenient and time consuming however surely loss of business disruption to customers is a bigger inconvenience. If you must leave them in the vehicle store them in a double locked heavy duty box, that is attached to the floor of the vehicle, use closed shackle padlocks, also double lock the van doors although this might seem unsightly it's an added barrier where possible please park vehicle in a position that makes access difficult or impossible!

#### Domestic vehicles

Please could I remind you to take a few extra seconds to ensure no valuables are left inside your vehicle and that it is locked. Don't let criminals win!

**034/17-18**

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

- Cllr Sutton – brown bin system is going well. Grass on Crown Ave needs tidying – a resident has offered to keep it under control once its cut (clerk reminded Cllrs that members of public working roadside need to be trained under the Highways Volunteering Scheme). Cllr Sutton thought it might be worth seeing if CCC can pass responsibility for grass cutting to the Parish Council. Clerk to get more information if possible.

**Clerk**

**035/17-18**

#### **Christchurch Recreation Ground Charity and the Community Centre**

- Play equipment – clerk pass information on work done to JH and PO to sign off
- Work on castle – clerk to follow up
- Defibrillator – NR waiting for costs. Clerk to obtain other quotes
- Weedkiller – CGM at Downham Market? Clerk to obtain prices.

**Cllrs Hughes,  
Owen, Russell**

**Clerk**

**036/17-18**

#### **Highways**

- Village calming scheme – clerk reminded that support of villagers (Christchurch Residents Association?) and police needs to be sought. Time is of the essence

**Cllrs Hughes,  
Harper**

**037/17-18**

#### **Streetlights**

- No further information at present

**038/17-18**

#### **Planning**

- F/YR17/1489/F – no objections, all in favour

- F/YR17/0515/F – no objections, all in favour

**039/17-18**

**Correspondence**

- Golden Age Fair – Parish Council to pay for Community Centre hire (upto £100). Proposed JH, seconded WB
- CRGC – constitution not fit for purpose. Clerk to approach ACRE for advice, proposed NR, seconded JH

**Clerk**

**040/17-18**

**Income and Expenditure**

a) Received:

FDC First Function Grant £917.00

b) Members approved the following accounts for payment:

Clerk salary and home office allowance (paid by bank transfer on 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2017 as agreed)	£278.73
Clerk expenses	£ 89.29
The Heron	£ 80.00
SLCC	£ 5.00
Printerland	£ 44.10
I Cooper	£130.00

c) Year to date report. All agreed

d) Seminar – agreed for clerk to attend. Unanimous

**041/17-18**

**Matters Arising**

- Highways – Cottons Corner Bridge to Upwell in a very poor state of repair
- Large bonfire at Albert House. Please remember to be considerate to neighbours – think about the time of day and size of bonfire
- Christchurch Residents Association – would be good for members to come to Parish Council meetings – both discuss the same matters. Parish Council would like to work more closely with them
- Hedge next to shop is overgrown again
- Matters Arising section isn't necessary as it is repeated as Agenda Items. Please remember to send items to clerk to add to Agenda

**042/17-18**

**Agenda Items/Next Meeting**

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Monday 14 August 2017. Items to be included on Agenda should be with the Clerk by 7 August 2017  
Meeting closed at 9.10pm

**Clerk Appraisal and Pay Review**

Held in a closed meeting after the main meeting. Agreed to increase clerk's salary to 23, subject to annual appraisal and no automatic progression.  
Meeting closed at 10.10pm