

CHRISTCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Christchurch Parish Council on Monday 11 December 2017 at Christchurch Community Centre, Upwell Road, Christchurch at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs N. Russell (NR), J. Bliss, R. Gladwin (RG), J. Hughes (JH), P. Owen (PO), G. Harper, W. Sutton (WS), J. Rees (clerk), W. Beswick, J. Scott, K. Scott, R. Lloyd, C. Steenson

- 093/17-18 Apologies for Absence:** M. Tanfield
Declarations of Interest: all Councillors are involved in Recreation Ground Charity
- 094/17-18 Confirmation of Minutes**
Minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2017 were correctly recorded and signed as being a true record.
- 095/17-18 Public Time**
- Tractors going round corners a bit fast and shedding some of their load
 - The dyke between Albert House and The Croft is overgrown
- 096/17-18 Councillor Vacancy**
Three people had expressed interest; one decided not to progress prior to the meeting; one did not attend the meeting. Richard Lloyd was unanimously co-opted onto the Parish Council. Welcome and thank you for supporting the Parish in this way.
- 096/17-18 Outstanding Matters**
- Defibrillator – donations have been received from Fenland District Council (£500), Cllr N Russell (£200), Senior Citizens Club (£300), donations from Parishioners who gave their dole money (£90), Cllr W Sutton (£10). The Parish Council expressed their thanks for all donations received – it is very much appreciated. Article to be put in Heron asking for further donations; CRGC to be asked for a donation
 - Signs – NR has offered to obtain 'Fragile Roof' signs for the bus shelter and shipping container. He will check to see if they do a 'Close the Gate' sign and if so, get 2 of those.
 - Village Calming Scheme – JH advised that Cambridgeshire County Council have deferred making a decision until the new year
 - Village Bus Service – West Norfolk Community Transport had agreed to offer a Friday bus to Downham Market, but have had to put this on hold due to national confusion over all community transport providing. Hopefully once that is resolved, the Parish Council will be able to resurrect this
 - Tipps End LHI Funding – Councillors/Clerk delivered letters to relevant residents on behalf of Cambridgeshire County Council
 - PO went to a recent Friends of The Heron meeting. He mentioned that they can not assume that funding will always be available from the Parish Council
 - Police coverage of village – PCSO Clarke appears to still be off work. Clerk has been unable to find alternative contact. WS to try and find some

Clerk

NR

Deferred Outstanding Matters

- Tesco Bag of Change

098/17-18 Police Report

No contact from PCSO

Recent theft in village shows that we must have some coverage from police

099/17-18 County & District Councillors Reports

WS confirmed that Fenland District Council have agreed our grant request of £500 for the defibrillator

100/17-18 Recreation Ground

Litter pick – Clerk to liaise with Ruth Ingram to arrange for new year

101/17-18 Correspondence

- WS – Fenland District Council reminded that a plaque is needed noting their contribution to the community centre build. Agreed to ask Facet to make one the same style as the opening plaque
- Footpath opposite Wheatsheaf has had a heavy gate erected across, so access is not available. WS/RG have checked the Definitive Map which shows these are agricultural paths, not rights of way. The gate has been erected to prevent hare coursing which is rife in the area. Unfortunately, the Parish Council are unable to do anything, but WS will look into the next possible step.

JH

WS/Clerk

102/17-18 2018 Meeting Dates

January – moved to 15th January

August cancelled

All others will be the second Monday of the month, at 7.30pm at the Community Centre

103/17-18 Budget 2018/19

Fenland District Council have advised that the Parish Council is to be responsible for all streetlight repairs and power costs, probably effective from April 2018. This is estimated to be in the region of £2500.

The budget was reviewed, but there are little areas where money can be saved. Contributions to the Heron were reviewed; it is a valuable part of the village, but it may be that it needs to be self-funding from 2019.

Budget and precept was agreed

104/17-18 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 December 2017 as agreed)	£330.73
The Heron	£ 80.00
Russell Fowler	£375.00
SLCC, data protection training	£ 10.00

105/17-18

Matters for Next Meeting

- Headteacher has reported that a child has been chased down Crown Road by a loose dog. If details of dog can be found, clerk can report
- Headteacher is very pleased at street clean up of dog poo outside the school. Thanks to whoever dealt with this
- Willows on Padgetts Road near FLP are leaning over and split. Clerk to report

Clerk

106/17-18

Next Meeting

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Monday 15 January 2018. Items to be included on Agenda should be with the Clerk by 8 January 2018

Meeting closed at 9.00pm