

CHRISTCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Christchurch Parish Council on Monday 15 January 2018 at Christchurch Community Centre, Upwell Road, Christchurch at 7.30pm

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

- 107/17-18** **Apologies for Absence:** J. Hughes (arrived late)
Declarations of Interest: all councillors are involved in Recreation Ground Charity
- 108/17-18** **Confirmation of Minutes**
Minutes of the meeting held on 11 December 2017 were correctly recorded and sign as being a true record.
- 109/17-18** **Public Time**
Footpaths – a number of members of public attended due to their concerns over the recent articles in the Heron about a walk along Sixteen Foot. The ‘path’ mentioned is not a Public Right of Way. The parishioners are reminded that walking off a public right of way is trespass. The article is, in effect, inviting people to break the law. Letter to be sent to the Heron pointing this out. Giving people the wrong information is not acceptable; content accuracy should be checked. **Clerk**
It was pointed out that there is something in the church saying that this is/was a walk. To be checked. **Clerk**
The public also felt that anything that makes hare coursing easier is not welcome!
There is a permissive right of way that has been blocked and some services have been stopped from access (post office, refuse lorry). No consultation with the residents affected. NR to discuss with Waldsey Farms to see if they will meet to discuss. Cllr Sutton assisting **NR**
- 110/17-18** **Outstanding Matters**
- Defibrillator – NR has taken delivery and will arrange for it to be installed. Further donations have been received from Christchurch Bowls Club (£100), Recreation Ground Charity (£50) and anonymous donation (£50). Parish Council expressed their thanks for all donations received. **NR**
 - Signs – no action taken as yet
 - LHI – CCC are not keen on the build out options, they have suggested gates and better signs at Padgett Road/Church Road junction. JH has confirmed that the Parish Council will give 15% maximum of cost, subject to the £1000 maximum contribution.
 - Police – while PCSO is off long-term sick, we have no replacement and there is no police patrol covering Christchurch although the police will respond where relevant. Parish Council have also been advised of a proposed £1 per month per house increase. Clerk to find out who we speak to in the absence of a PCSO. Also advised that they feel this increase can’t be justified given the complete lack of cover in the Parish **Clerk**
 - Litter pick – consideration to be given to forming a Streetpride Group Clerk to contact FDC about coming to talk **Clerk**

- to parishioners
- Plaque for Community Centre – JH has spoken to Facet. An oak sign will cost maximum £50. Sign to say 'This facility was part-funded by Fenland District Council'
- Tipps End LHI – CCC currently dealing with response to letter drop. Will then go to formal consultation

JH

Deferred Outstanding Matters

- Tesco Bags of Change

111/17-18 Police Report
Nothing given by police

112/17-18 County & District Councillors Reports
FDC's business plan is currently in consultation with the public
Brown bins have been very successful with take-up as expected
Cllr Sutton has been deselected and will not be our representative after 2019. Disbelief and sadness was expressed by all.

113/17-18 Correspondence

- A statement from the Heron was read out in response to the Parish Council's letter concerning the current donation position
- Correspondence re footpath signage was covered during public time

114/17-18 Income and Expenditure

- a) Received:
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| FDC – defibrillator grant | £500.00 |
| Cllr Russell – defibrillator donation | £200.00 |
| Senior Citizens Club - defibrillator donation | £300.00 |
| Parishioners' Dole Money - defibrillator donation | £ 90.00 |
| Cllr Sutton - defibrillator donation | £ 10.00 |
| FDC – concurrent functions grant | £916.00 |
- b) Members to consider and approve the following accounts for payment:
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| Clerk salary and home office allowance | £330.73 |
| (paid by bank transfer on 1 st January 2018 as agreed) | |
| The Heron | £ 80.00 |
| Cemetery Grant | £122.50 |
| Andrew Depfford – defibrillator | £1914.00 |
| E. Mason & Son | £384.00 |
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| FLP – playpark installation | £7094.56 |
| CAPALC Councillor Training | £75.00 |

115/17-18 Matters Arising
Time for Councillors to raise any matters that they have been unable to add to the agenda. No decisions will be made during this time.

- Removing the playing field willow trees – NR to discuss with Russell Fowler

116/17-18 Agenda Items/Next Meeting

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Monday 12

February 2018. Items to be included on Agenda should be with the Clerk by Monday 5 February 2018