

CHRISTCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Christchurch Parish Council on Monday 12 February 2018 at Christchurch Community Centre, Upwell Road, Christchurch at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs J. Bliss (JB), R. Gladwin (RG), J. Hughes (JH), P. Owen (PO), G. Harper, R. Lloyd (RL), W. Sutton, J. Rees (clerk), S. Simpson, N. Paine, D. Gibbs, P. Simpson

- 117/17-18** **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Russell
Declarations of Interest: All Councillors are involved with the Recreation Ground Charity
- 118/17-18** **Confirmation of Minutes**
Minutes of the meeting held on 15 January 2018 were correctly recorded and sign as being a true record.
- 119/17-18** **Public Time**
- There is a fallen tree on the recreation ground that has fallen on a parishioner's shed. PO confirmed that he and Cllr Russell had inspected and Cllr Russell will remove but needs to wait until the ground hardens. Parishioner mentioned possible damage to their fence. PO confirmed the other trees on the recreation ground will be checked for disease.
- 120/17-18** **Outstanding Matters**
- Defibrillator – The cost including VAT was £1595 plus installation cost. Donations raised £1100. Parish Council thanked all who have donated. Parishioner raised a query – does the defibrillator need to have a postcode noted on it? Ruth Ingram is dealing with registering the defibrillator, so clerk to check with her **Clerk**
 - Signs – JB is ordering 2 x anti-climb paint (for bus stop), 2 x keep gate closed, 2 x danger keep off, 2 x no dogs signs **JB**
 - Village Calming Scheme LHI – no news yet
 - Litter pick date – 3rd March. Meet at community centre car park at 10am. This is part of Fenland Litter Heroes and with a view to forming a StreetPride group in the village. Article needed in the Heron to advertise. Clerk to liaise with Rebecca Robinett at Fenland District Council **Clerk**
 - Community Centre plaque – due to be made this week **JH**
 - Playing field trees – PO and RL to do a review of all trees on the recreation ground **PO/RL**
- Deferred Outstanding Matters**
- Tesco Bags of Change
 - Tipps End LHI
- 121/17-18** **Police Report:**
PO and RG met the Chief Inspector. He advised that there would be no extra policing in the village. The Chief Inspector was sorry to hear of the discomfort in the village and while he understands the concerns of the Parish Council, nothing can be done.
The Precept covers 40% of police income.
Police resources have been put into dealing with hare coursing.
PO and RG felt they had put the view of the village across,

but were disappointed with the response from the Chief Inspector.

From PCSO Helen Smith-Norton

Unfortunately, PCSO Sue Clarke is still on sick leave, but she is making good progress, and will hopefully return to work in the near future. Meanwhile please find details of a brief report for the month of January 2018:

We have been busy during January with the weather and the problems it brought with it. PCSO's were busy all over the county cutting down fallen trees and branches, and moving general debris from roads and pathways that the high winds caused. The high winds also contributed to chaos on some of our roads with overturned Lorries blocking some of the more major roads.

CRIMES REPORTED IN CHRISTCHURCH – JANUARY 2018

1 X Business Burglary

Crime statistics can also be found on the following websites:-

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

www.ukcrimestats.com/Police_Force/Cambridgeshire_Constabulary

GENERAL CONCERNS

Hare coursing remains a problem in the rural areas, and this is being carried out both during the day and in the evening – using vehicles with spotlights.

There has been an increase of rural burglaries and thefts during January, so please remain vigilant, and if you see anything suspicious, please contact the Police.

I am continuing with rural patrols to try to combat some of the issues.

If you see anything suspicious, or have any information regarding any of these issues, please contact 101, or 999 in an emergency.

122/17-18 County & District Councillors Reports

Cllr Sutton

Fenland District Council have had a leadership election and Chris Seaton has been elected. There are likely to be cabinet changes following this.

At the last meeting, some residents raised their concerns about access to their property being blocked. Cllr Sutton has helped resolve this, and a locked gate will replace the concrete blocks that were being used.

Cllr Sutton will arrange for 12 litter pickers to come and help on the 3rs March.

123/17-18 Website

Cllr Sutton and Cllr Hughes have both agreed to look through the information for the .gov.uk website. This is to be reviewed in April

Cllr Sutton/JH

124/17-18 Correspondence

- ACRE membership renewal – agreed to renew **Clerk**
- FLP operational inspection – decided not required as it overlaps with Playdale inspection.

125/17-18 Annual Parish Meeting Clerk

Annual Parish Meeting to be held on 9 April 2018. Rebecca Robinett to be invited to talk about Streetpride.
Annual Parish Council Meeting to be held 14 May 2018
Defibrillator event to be a separate event at the weekend. Clerk to liaise with Cllr Russell **Clerk**

126/17-18 Christchurch Recreation Ground Charity JH/Clerk

Summary of current position sent to all Parish Councillors and Ruth Ingram. It was agreed that some more specialised knowledge is needed, probably including legal advice. JH to ask work solicitor; clerk to continue working with ACRE

127/17-18 General Data Protection Regulation JH/Clerk

All agreed this is a large, mainly unknown project. Clerk to start where she can, based on her notes. JH to try and get some input from outside sources

128/17-18 Rainbow/Brownie Group Clerk

Parishioner has offered to run a rainbow and brownie group in the community centre. However, the cost of hiring the hall is much more than other local comparable halls charge (£25 for two hours). Parishioner estimates about 30 girls (age 5-10 years), grants can be applied for but only once the group is set up or can show firm community commitment. The pack would run for 30 weeks as it doesn't run during the school holidays
Agreement made that the Parish Council will pay for 12 months' rent, 30 weeks at £25. Clerk to liaise with parishioner

129/17-18 Income and Expenditure

- a) Received: None
- 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 February 2018 as agreed) | |
| The Heron | £ 80.00 |
| Printerland | £ 74.12 |

130/17-18 Matters Arising

No decisions will be made during this time.
Comment was made about the confusing nature of the road closed and diversion signs around the work on Sixteen Foot. Clerk has already advised Highways, but has not heard anything.

131/17-18 Agenda Items/Next Meeting

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Monday 12 March 2018. Items to be included on Agenda should be with the Clerk by Monday 5 March 2018