

# CHRISTCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

**132/17-18 Apologies for Absence:** None

**Declarations of Interest:** All Councillors are involved with the Recreation Ground Charity

**133/17-18 Confirmation of Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 12 February 2018 were correctly recorded and sign as being a true record.

**134/17-18 Public Time**

No matters raised

**135/17-18 Outstanding Matters**

- Defibrillator – this has been fitted by Cllr Harper. Donations this month received from WI and Gardening Club. Cost was £1595, donations to date £1225.
- Signs – on site, waiting to be fitted
- Village Calming Scheme LHI – funding has been given for gates on Upwell Road at village entrance and better signage for the junction on Padgetts Road with Church Road. Cost to Parish Council will be £615. PO passed some information on mobile speed signs to JH
- Litter pick – new date to be 14 April 2018. 10am at the Community Centre. Clerk to let Heron know and put on facebook. PO has relevant risk assessment and health and safety forms
- Plaque – this has now been made. JH will arrange to collect
- Playing field trees – RL and PO have reviewed the recreation ground trees. The one that has fallen over needs removing, but has to wait for the ground to be dry enough to be stable for machinery. JB raised concern that a child would climb on it and fall off. JH to get warning tape and put up
- Annual Parish Meeting – 7pm start. Request report from Recreation Ground Charity and the Heron – summary of the past year
- Defibrillator Training – NR has arranged for 28 March at 7.30pm at the Community Centre

Clerk

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**Deferred Outstanding Matters**

- Tesco Bags of Change – nothing to report at present
- Tipps End LHI
- Website – decision on move to .gov.uk deferred to April

**136/17-18 Police Report:**

Unfortunately PCSO Sue Clarke is still on sick leave, but she is making good progress, and is expected to be returning to work in the very near future.

Meanwhile, please find details of a brief report for the month of February 2018:

Vehicle crime in the rural villages of Wisbech has caused some concern during February 2018. There have been many reports of thefts from vehicles, criminal damage to vehicles, and interference with vehicles. It appears that the majority of the vehicles which were targeted were work vehicles. Various work tools and personal items such as wallets, were among some of the items taken. If you, or you know of anyone in your area who has a work vehicle where tools and other items are stored overnight, please advise them of the current criminal activity which is happening.

#### CRIMES REPORTED IN CHRISTCHURCH – JANUARY 2018

1 x Theft from motor vehicle  
2 x Interference with a motor vehicle

Crime statistics can also be found on the following websites:-  
[www.cambs.police.uk/help/crimemaps/](http://www.cambs.police.uk/help/crimemaps/)  
[www.ukcrimestats.com/Police\\_Force/Cambridgeshire\\_Constabulary](http://www.ukcrimestats.com/Police_Force/Cambridgeshire_Constabulary)

#### GENERAL CONCERNS

There was a robbery at Elm Village Store in February, where masked offenders stole cash and cigarettes after threatening the staff. This was a terrifying ordeal for the staff involved. If you or anyone you know has information regarding this crime, please contact the police.

There have recently been two reports of cybercrime incidents. One victim believed they had won the Spanish Lottery despite not having purchased a ticket. The victim had parted with several thousand pounds before realising that they were the victim of a scam. Please beware, Fraudsters are very clever. They are convincing, persuasive, and appear realistic. For further advice and information on different types of cybercrime, please contact Action Fraud UK. They are the UK's national fraud and cybercrime reporting centre.

Hare coursing remains a problem in the rural areas, and several reports are being made every week. 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.

**137/17-18**

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

PO expressed sorrow at the way the District Councillors have been treated, and thanks for their continued commitment to the parish.

Cllr Tanfield – She is going to looking into grant options for the proposed new Rainbow and Brownie pack. She will advise at the next meeting, if not before.

Cllr Sutton – spoke about the changes following the new leadership. Showed details of the new gate that has been installed as a result of his work with Parishioners that needed access to their property, raised last month.

**138/17-18**

#### **Recreation Ground Charity**

It appears that the advice give by Cambridgeshire ACRE was incorrect. We have received further information from a solicitor that seems to contradict what had been said. Clerk to pass solicitor

**Clerk**

letter to JH for review

- 139/17-18**      **GDPR**  
Clerk explained the current situation in detail along with information on what needs to be done. Clerk has arranged a handover of information to new clerk and new clerk will continue to progress to ensure compliance.  
Cllr Sutton advised that Fenland for Business are running training courses on GDPR. More details can be found at <https://www.fenlandforbusiness.co.uk/>
- 140/17-18**      **Public Space Protection Order**  
PSPO can be considered to help with dog faeces problems. Clerk to find out more with a view to helping with the ongoing problems in the village.
- 141/17-18**      **Recreation Ground Weedkiller**  
Quote from R J Warren and CGM reviewed. If CGM's price has not increased, Parish Council confirm they are to be booked for May. Clerk to confirm date to Masons to ensure grass is not cut beforehand.
- 142/17-18**      **New Clerk**  
Thanks was expressed to the current clerk for her work. Dave Gibbs has accepted the role of Clerk to the Parish Council and RFO. Clerk is arranging a full handover, with all equipment being passed over on the 28 March.
- 143/17-18**      **Income and Expenditure**
- a) Received:
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| VAT refund                                     | £2034.99 |
| Defibrillator donation – WI and gardening club | £ 125.00 |
- b) Members approved the following accounts for payment:
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| Clerk salary and home office allowance                | £330.73 |
| (paid by bank transfer on 28 February 2018 as agreed) |         |
| The Heron   | £ 80.00 |
| CAPALC Councillor Training                            | £ 75.00 |
| Richard Askew Agricultural Supplies (sign)            | £126.48 |
| Facet Sign  | £ 50.40 |
- c) Report on income and expenditure from clerk. All agreed
- 144/17-18**      **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.  
Cllr Loyd to pass on information from his training  
Big Scams information  
Pot holes, generally and specifically on Sixteen Foot between Padgetts Road and Upwell Road
- 145/17-18**      **Agenda Items/Next Meeting**  
The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Monday 9 April 2018. Items to be included on Agenda should be with the Clerk by

Monday 2 April 2018.

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place at 7pm before the Parish Council meeting. Rebecca Robinett to attend to talk about StreetPride.