

# CHRISTCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Christchurch Parish Council held on Monday 9 July 2018 at Christchurch Community Centre, Upwell Road, Christchurch at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs P. Owen (Chairman), J. Bliss, G. Harper, R. Lloyd, N. Russell, W. Sutton (FDC), D Gibbs (Clerk), G Chappell (Parishioner)

**031/18-19 Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs R. Gladwin and J. Hughes

**032/18-19 Declarations of Interest**

All five members present declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to their role as Trustees of the Recreation Ground charity in connection with agenda item 038/18-19.

**033/18-19 Confirmation of Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on 11 June were correctly recorded and signed as being a true record.

**034/18-19 Public Time**

Mr Chappell asked to speak about the forthcoming Local Highway Improvement bid and the Chairman agreed to allow him an opportunity to participate in the discussion under agenda item 039/18-19.

**035/18-19 Outstanding Matters**

- a) Plaque for Community Centre –has been collected and installed.
- b) Public Space Protection Order – awaiting further information from Fenland DC.
- c) Website – the domains have been purchased and work is under way on the new website.
- d) Street Pride – no response to the initial publicity. A launch event was suggested.
- e) Allotment Tenancy – resolved that the tenancy be extended for a further six years @ £150 per acre per year plus drainage rate, with a rent review after three years. Clerk to notify tenant and prepare agreement for signature.
- f) Speed Monitoring Device – the community benefit fund from the Coldham Windfarm appears to support only the parish of Elm. The fund is operated by Fenland DC and the Clerk has asked for clarification. It was resolved that an application for £3,250 be submitted to the National Lottery Awards for All to cover the purchase of a device.
- g) The Heron – a letter was sent to the Editor of The Heron. No reply has been received.
- h) Street Lighting – the deadline for responding to the proposed service level agreement has been extended to allow time for further negotiations with the parishes making their own arrangements.

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**036/18-19 Police Report**

No report received.

**037/18-19**

**County & District Councillors Reports**

Cllr Sutton reiterated that he had not been informed about the proposed 15% fee for the District Council included in the street lighting service level agreement.

Surface dressing of Crown Road is scheduled for September or October.

The backlog of potholes and other minor faults has now been cleared.

Overgrown hedges remain a problem on pavements and at road junctions.

**038/18-19**

**Recreation Ground Charity**

A productive meeting was held between representatives of the Parish Council and the Community Centre Management Committee to discuss the proposals to clarify the management arrangements through the creation of a new governing document. Members of the Management Committee have expressed concern regarding the transfer of additional liabilities to the charity, in particular for insurance and grounds maintenance. In order to alleviate this burden, it was proposed that the Parish Council offer an annual payment by way of a grant under the provisions of Section 137. A further meeting will take place once the detailed financial arrangements have been clarified.

Resolved in principle that the Parish Council makes an annual payment to the Community Centre Management Committee to offset additional costs being transferred to the charity.

**039/18-19**

**Local Highway Improvements**

a) 2017/18 Tipps End – work is finally under way on this scheme.

b) 2018/19 traffic calming – work should commence shortly.

c) 2019/20. Mr Chappell explained that it had not been possible to secure agreement from all of the councils for the joint bid for barriers on the Sixteen Foot Bank, so he would like to delay this bid until next year.

In the absence of any other scheme, it was resolved that an application be submitted for a speed monitoring device, requiring a contribution of up to £500 from the Parish Council.

**040/18-19**

**Planning**

a) Members noted the outcome of the following applications considered at previous meetings:-

- F/YR18/0284/O - Erection of a dwelling (outline application with matters committed in respect of access including an access to serve Holly Tree Cottage) - North West of Holly Tree Cottage, Crown Road - Granted
- F/YR18/0383/F - Siting of a 1200 litre LPG tank to front of existing dwelling - Crown Lodge, Crown Road - Granted with conditions relating to roots of a tree
- F/YR18/0392/F - Erection of a single-storey rear extension to existing dwelling involving the demolition of existing rear extensions, change of use of existing garage to additional living accommodation, and the change of use of land to form additional residential curtilage including the erection of a detached garage/barn - High Green Farm, Euximoor Drove - Granted

- F/YR18/0428/RM - Reserved Matters application relating to the detailed matters of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to outline permission F/YR16/0501/O for the erection of a single-storey 3-bed dwelling involving the formation of a new access - Land North of Horseshoe Lodge, Upwell Road – Granted
- b) Members noted that the following applications are awaiting determination by the District Council:-  
F/YR18/0485/F, F/YR18/0503/TRTPO
- c) Members considered the following application:-  
F/YR18/0591/F – Erection of 6 x single-storey 3-bed dwellings with attached garages – Land South West of Syringa House, Upwell Road, Christchurch.  
There was concern that the proposed development will prevent access to the drain along the southern boundary of the site, but members saw no reason to object to the application.

**041/18-19 Income and Expenditure**

- a) Received:  
Fenland DC (Concurrent Functions Grant) ..... £ 917.00
- b) Members approved the following accounts for payment:  
Clerk salary and home office allowance ..... £ 330.73  
The Heron..... £ 80.00  
CAPALC..... £ 276.58
- c) Members considered the report on income and expenditure for the first quarter. Income totalled £8,774.21 and expenditure £2,145.98. Funds held £50,759.10.

**042/18-19 Matters for Next Meeting**  
Footway outside Plot 1, Upwell Road

**043/18-19 Next Meeting Date**  
The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September. Items to be included on Agenda should be with the Clerk by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August.