

CHRISTCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Christchurch Parish Council held on Monday 8 October 2018 at Christchurch Community Centre, Upwell Road, Christchurch at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs P. Owen (Chairman), J. Bliss, G. Harper, J. Hughes, R. Lloyd, N. Russell, W. Sutton (FDC), D Gibbs (Clerk), K Hill, K Miller (Parishioners)

059/18-19 Apologies for Absence

Cllr R. Gladwin

060/18-19 Declarations of Interest

None

061/18-19 Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 10 September were correctly recorded and signed as being a true record.

062/18-19 Public Time

None

063/18-19 Outstanding Matters

- a) Website - the Clerk reported that the new website was about to go live as soon as the new Privacy Policy and cookies information were complete.
- b) Street Pride - to be revisited at a future date.
- c) Allotment tenancy - the Clerk reported that the new agreement will be signed this month.
- d) Speed monitoring device - the application to the National Lottery Awards for All is ready for submission.
- e) LHI village traffic calming - no further information available.
- f) Recreation Ground tree inspection - the Clerk reported that he had carried out a visual inspection of the perimeter of the Recreation Ground and identified a number of issues to be addressed, including broken and low-hanging branches, a rope swing and damaged tree supports. Resolved to undertake works using volunteers.
- g) Pruning of willow trees on Recreation Ground boundary - contractor has confirmed that he will undertake work, hopefully at end of October. Cllr Lloyd to arrange.
- h) Townley School parking - the zig-zag lines will be replaced shortly, following the surface dressing of the road. Cllr Hughes to liaise with school regarding another PCSO visit to talk to children about road safety and parking.
- i) Footpath outside plot 1, Upwell Road - Cllr Sutton has asked the Planning Enforcement team to investigate this matter.
- j) Occupants of van in Euximoor Drove - housing enforcement officers visited with the Police, but were unable to locate the vehicle. Cllr Russell confirmed that the vehicle is still there and further information will be provided to the enforcement team.

Clerk

All

Cllr Lloyd

Cllr Hughes

064/18-19 Police Report

No report received.

065/18-19 County & District Councillors' Reports

Cllr Sutton reported that he had enquired about the possibility of the Tree Officer undertaking surveys of Parish trees as part of his work for the District Council, but this was considered to be outside the scope of his contract. He is, however, able to undertake private work outside his FDC role. Cllr Sutton has guidance on tree inspections, which he will forward to the Clerk.

066/18-19 Recreation Ground Charity

The Clerk will attend the next meeting of the Management Committee on 24 October to discuss the proposed terms of the agreement between the Parish Council and the Charity.

067/18-19 Insurance

The Clerk presented a revised quotation from Zurich Municipal, the Council's current insurer and three further quotes from other insurers. Members resolved to accept the five-year quotation of £1,398.50 from Zurich Municipal.

068/18-19 The Heron

At the September meeting, members agreed to resolve the issue of future funding for the Heron at this meeting. They expressed their disappointment that once again there was no representative from The Heron at the meeting. This prevented a meaningful dialogue between the parties. Members were reminded that the funding for The Heron was originally intended to allow the minutes of Parish Council meetings to be published in full, however this practice had ceased some time ago. The current format of the minutes may be too long for publication. The Heron used to send a reporter to the Parish Council meetings, but this no longer happens.

It was noted that the withdrawal of Parish Council funding would require a reduction in printing costs for the magazine, but this could be achieved by refocusing the content on village news and activities and devoting less space to external content. It was felt that the loss of Parish Council funding need not cause the demise of the publication.

Cllr Sutton reminded members of the history of the magazine, his own contribution to it and the importance of the magazine as an information source for villagers. He requested a deferral of the decision for one month to give him an opportunity to meet with the Editor to seek a way to address the Parish Council's concerns. Members agreed to defer the decision on future funding until Cllr Sutton reports to the November meeting.

069/18-19 Residents' Issues

- a) Crown Road surface dressing - the Chairman reported that residents had advised him that the roller brought to finish the surface dressing broke down and that the surface was compressed by driving a heavy lorry up and down the road. The Clerk had reported this to the local highways officer, but the highways officer responsible for the project felt that the new surface was satisfactory.

- b) Tipps End speeding - residents had reported vehicles apparently exceeding the newly-reduced speed limit in Tipps End. It was suggested that the Community Speedwatch could be asked to monitor this situation.
- c) Potholes on Sixteen Foot Bank - potholes and surface cracks were reported in several locations. These will be reported to the local highways officer for repair.

070/18-19 Planning

Members considered the following applications:-

F/YR18/0801/F - Erection of a detached 1-bed Annexe ancillary to existing dwelling - Jacmar Lodge, Upwell Road.

Resolved to support the application.

F/YR16/1170/O - Erection of up to 16no dwellings (Outline with matters committed in respect of access) at CFC Disposals Ltd, Upwell Road.

Agreed no further comments necessary.

F/YR18/0880/F - Erection of a 2-storey 4-bed dwelling with detached garage at Land West of Albert House, 52 Church Road.

Resolved to support the application.

071/18-19 Income and Expenditure

a) Sums received:

Barclays Bank interest	£	14.98
FDC Precept 2 nd instalment	£	7,242.50

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Clerk salary and home office allowance	£	330.73
Christchurch PCC	£	245.00
The Heron	£	80.00
PKF Littlejohn LLP	£	240.00
Business Services at CAS Ltd (insurance).....	£	1,398.50

b) External auditor's report – PKF Littlejohn reported that the information provided “is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.”

c) Financial report as at 30.9.18

Income	£	16,031.69
Expenditure	£	4,873.89
Surplus	£	11,157.80
Total funds	£	55,288.67

072/18-19 Matters for Next Meeting

Street lighting in Church Road, in particular outside the Church.

073/18-19 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Monday 12 November. Items to be included on Agenda should be with the Clerk by Friday 2 November.