

# CHRISTCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Christchurch Parish Council held on Monday 10 December 2018 at Christchurch Community Centre, Upwell Road, Christchurch at 7.30pm

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

**088/18-19 Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs J. Hughes, R. Lloyd, N. Russell,

**089/18-19 Declarations of Interest**

None

**090/18-19 Confirmation of Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on 12 November were correctly recorded and signed as being a true record.

**091/18-19 Public Time**

The Clerk provided a further response to matters raised by A Nason at the November meeting. The funding for loneliness initiatives announced by the government was directed towards major national organisations. A number of funders, including the National Lottery are now providing smaller grants for local initiatives. All types of organisation may apply for this funding, including The Heron, which is an independently-constituted voluntary organisation.

A written submission from D Curtis relating to posting of information on the Council's website was discussed. The Clerk explained that the new website would make it easier for information to be added in a timely manner.

Mrs Miller asked about the ownership of the war memorial and whether the Parish Council would be able to contribute to a fund towards restoration of the missing and damaged lettering.

Members agreed in principle to support this project. The Clerk offered to undertake further research into the history and ownership of the memorial and to investigate suitable contractors to provide a quote for the work.

Mr Hill asked whether information regarding the Community Car Scheme could be displayed on the Parish notice board. The Chairman agreed to add this information.

**Clerk**

**092/18-19 Outstanding Matters**

- a) Allotment tenancy - new agreement awaiting signature.
- b) Speed monitoring device - application to National Lottery Awards for All was unsuccessful.
- c) LHI schemes 2018/19 and 2019/20 - no further news on village traffic calming scheme start date. The Clerk presented the 2019/20 application to the assessment panel on 22 November. Decision due March 2019.
- d) Recreation Ground tree inspection - the Clerk has completed the visual inspection report and identified programme of works to be undertaken this winter. Working party to be arranged in February. To be advertised in the Heron, including litter pick if sufficient volunteers are present.
- e) Townley School parking - no further update.

- f) Footpath outside Plot 1, Upwell Road - no further update.
- g) Loneliness initiatives and funding - see Public Time above.

**093/18-19 Police Report**

PCSO's have visited Townley School

**094/18-19 County & District Councillors Reports**

Cllr Sutton reported that the checkerboard sign at the top of Padgetts Road has been replaced. The District Council has started the process of setting the budget for next year and further news will be available shortly.

**095/18-19 Clerk's Report**

A request for expressions of interest has been received from Care Network for a project working with the District Council's Golden Age team to deliver community development activities in one or two locations in Fenland. Members requested further information.

**Clerk**

The County Council currently funds Bikeability training in every school in the county, using funding from the Department for Transport. The future of this funding is uncertain and the Council has asked parish councils and schools to consider making a contribution. It is unclear whether Townley School currently participates in this scheme, so further information is required.

Playdale Playgrounds have completed the annual inspection of the children's play equipment. There are no matters requiring attention, but the report highlighted several potential finger traps on items of equipment manufactured by Playdale. These will be monitored.

In addition to the LHI assessment panel meeting mentioned above, the Clerk attended the Cambridgeshire ACRE Parish Councils Conference, the Police Panel meeting for the Wisbech Area and a County Council transport strategy workshop.

**096/18-19 Christchurch Recreation Ground Charity**

No further developments since the last meeting.

**097/18-19 Planning**

a) To report on applications considered previously:

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

b) To consider the following application:

F/YR18/1067/F - Erection of a single-storey rear extension to existing dwelling, Annies Cottage, Padgetts Road.

Members considered this application and resolved to support it.

**098/18-19 Income and Expenditure**

Received: None

a) The following accounts were approved for payment:

Clerk salary and home office allowance .....	£	330.73
The Heron.....	£	80.00
	£	410.73

b) Financial report as at 30.11.18:	
Income	£ 16,031.69
Expenditure	£ 8,563.75
Surplus	£ 7,467.94
Total funds	£ 51,598.81

**099/18-19 Matters for Next Meeting**

To discuss future agenda items from Councillors.

**100/18-19 Next Meeting Date**

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Monday 14 January 2019. Items to be included on Agenda should be with the Clerk by Friday 4 January.

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