

CHRISTCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Christchurch Parish Council held on Monday 11 November 2019 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, N Lansdell (Parishioners)

073/19-20 Apologies for Absence

Cllr K Miller

074/19-20 Declarations of Interest

None

075/19-20 Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 14 October were correctly recorded and signed as being a true record.

076/19-20 Public Time

Mr Lansdell reported that the first batch of waste collected by Christchurch Eco had been sent off and would result in a small cash donation to Townley School in due course. Batteries, printer and toner cartridges are now being collected. Funding is required for advertising, protective clothing and use of the Community Centre for promotional, recruitment and education activities in the New Year. The Chairman invited Mr Lansdell to submit an application under the Council's grant scheme. Preparations are under way to launch the Green Dog Walkers scheme and a Street Pride group and letters of support are required from the Council.

Clerk

077/19-20 Matters Outstanding

- a) LHI schemes 2019/20 and 2020/21 - the speed monitoring device will arrive shortly. The Forgotten Corner combined application will be presented to the assessment panel on 22 January.
- b) Bus shelter improvement project - no update.
- c) Ash trees, Green Lane - BT Openreach attended to the trees that were leaning on their cables. Highways have been asked to remove vegetation from the roadside. A further assessment will be carried out once this work is completed.
- d) Annual report - Cllr Hughes will prepare the final draft. The Clerk will provide a summary of the accounts.
- e) Euximoor Bridge - Cllr Sutton will seek further clarification from Highways.
- f) Hedge near village shop - the hedge has been reported to Highways. A partial cut has been carried out, but more is required.

078/19-20 Police Report

No report received.

079/19-20 County & District Councillors Reports

Cllr Sutton reported that the Remembrance Service was well attended and he had laid a wreath on behalf of the community. The investment in the cleaning and repairs to the War Memorial was money well spent and had restored it to its original condition.

He reminded members that the review of the Local Plan provided an important opportunity to express their views on the future shape of the village and to consider potential for development.

The next Golden Age Fair will take place on 9 December in Whittlesey.

080/19-20 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that he had attended the Highways Depot Open Day to discuss current issues with members of the maintenance and project teams and the Cambridgeshire Local Councils Conference, including workshops on community engagement and GDPR.

Correspondence received included:

Fenland District Council re

- Community Carol Service invitation
- New Member Conduct Procedure
- Inventory of children's play areas
- Standing in the forthcoming General Election
- Public Sector Mapping Agreement
- Planning Training on 21 November from 1.00 to 4.00 and 4.30 to 8.00.

NHS Cambridgeshire & Peterborough re Big Conversation consultation on the future of local NHS services.

Cambridgeshire ACRE re SSAFA VE Day 75th Anniversary celebrations and Woodland Trust Free Trees scheme.

Cllr Count re

- Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority's Future Bus Services Survey
- Innovate & Cultivate Fund future deadlines.

Ms Nason re Post Office Van Service.

CAPALC re change of address and training courses.

Power for People re campaign for Local Electricity Bill.

King's Lynn & West Norfolk Borough Council re Upwell Neighbourhood Development Plan consultation.

081/19-20 Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

The revised standing orders and financial regulations, based on the National Association of Local Councils' model documents, were considered and adopted.

082/19-20 Review of the Fenland Local Plan

Members discussed the consultation document and agreed to study this in more detail in advance of the deadline for responses before the next meeting.

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083/19-20 Christchurch Recreation Ground Charity
The new solar panels will be installed on the roof of the Community Centre shortly.

084/19-20 Planning
It was noted that applications F/YR19/0297/F and F/YR19/0775/F were granted.

085/19-20 Income and Expenditure

a) The following accounts were approved for payment:

Clerk salary and home office allowance	£	345.97
E Mason & Son (grass cutting)	£	444.00

b) The financial report as at 31 October shows income received of £14,769.01 and expenditure incurred of £18,198.15 leaving a shortfall of £3,429.14 and total funds held of £46,902.42. The interest rate on the Barclays Business Premium account will reduce from 0.2% to 0.1% with effect from 1 January.

086/19-20 Footpath Outside Plot 1, Field Lodge, Upwell Road
The developer has reported that contracts have been exchanged for the sale of the first of two new properties that will provide the funds to complete the footpath. Completion is scheduled for early December, following which a round table meeting will be arranged with all parties to agree a way forward.
Fenland District Council's contractor has indicated that there is a power supply at this location that would facilitate the inclusion of a street light in the new footpath.

087/19-20 Matters for Next Meeting
Budget for 2020/21 and precept.

088/19-20 Next Meeting Date
The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Monday 9 December.