

CHRISTCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Christchurch Parish Council
held remotely on
Monday 8 June 2020 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs P Owen (Chairman), S Aldridge, J Bliss, R Gladwin, G Harper, J Hughes, Cllr K Miller, W Sutton (FDC), D Gibbs (Clerk), K Hill (Parishioner)

015/20-21 Apologies for Absence
None

016/20-21 Declarations of Interest
None

017/20-21 Confirmation of Minutes
Minutes of the meeting held on 11 May 2020 were correctly recorded and signed as being a true record.

018/20-21 Public Time
Mr Hill enquired about safety improvements at the junction of Church Road and Padgetts Road. The Chairman confirmed that this would be considered in the discussion regarding next year's Local Highway Improvement funding bid.

019/20-21 Matters Outstanding

- a) LHI scheme 2019/20 - the vehicle-activated signs have been placed in Church Road and Upwell Road.
- b) Bus shelter improvement project - no progress has been made, due to lockdown. The Street Pride group has offered to assist with preparing the site for the installation of the blocks.
- c) Green Lane trees - BT Openreach have not carried out any additional work. The Clerk will write to the owners of the trees to ask for them to be cut back.

Action: Clerk

020/20-21 Police Report
No report was received.

021/20-21 County & District Councillors Reports
Cllr Sutton reported that he has been busy on residents issues across his ward. The District Council has launched a discretionary grant fund for businesses not eligible for other funding support. Relevant businesses are asked to apply without delay. He thanked Cllr Hughes for setting up the speed monitoring signs.

022/20-21 Local Highway Improvements
Members discussed road safety issues at the junction of Church Road and Padgetts Road. The open nature of the junction encourages drivers to enter Church Road at speed. A traffic island might restrict access for agricultural vehicles. Reduction in the speed limit or traffic calming in Padgetts Road might achieve the desired outcome.

Members resolved to submit a broad-themed LHI application for 2021/22 and to start a dialogue with highways officers. Cllr Hughes agreed to submit the application.

Action: Cllr Hughes

023/20-21 Clerk's Report

Correspondence received included the following:

- March Area Transport Study - looking at transport and access improvements in March. Options identified in earlier study to go to public consultation until 28 June at <https://futuremarch.consultation.ai/> with survey at <https://consultcambs.uk.engagementhq.com/future-march>
- 3000 Trees - Cambridge and Ely Extinction Rebellion have 3000 oak tree saplings to give away this winter.
- 5G Rollout - Damian Curtis, Cambridge resident, highlighting potential health implications of 5G rollout.
- FDC Recycling Heron colouring competition for children.
- CCC Street Works advance notice re works on Fifty Road.
- CCC re Innovate and Cultivate funding deadline 1 August.
- CCC Highways re roadworks and events 1-15 June.
- Graham Chappell re Forgotten Corner barrier installation plan.

024/20-21 Planning

Members considered the following application:

F/YR20/0426/F - Erect a single-storey side extension and porch to front, and formation of a vehicular access and dropped kerb to existing dwelling - Holmleigh House, 88 Church Road, Christchurch.

Members considered this application and resolved to offer no objection.

025/20-21 Annual Audit

- a) Members reviewed and approved the Governance and Management Risk Assessment.
- b) Members confirmed the Council's register of assets as at 31 March 2020.
- c) Members approved the Annual Governance Statement 2019/20.
- d) Members approved the Accounting Statements 2019/20.
- e) Members approved the Internal Audit Report. No issues were raised requiring their attention.
- f) Members confirmed the dates of the period for the exercise of public rights as Monday 15 June to Friday 24 July.

026/20-21 Income and Expenditure

- a) The following accounts were approved for payment:

Clerk salary and home office allowance.....	£	345.97
I Cooper (audit fee).....	£	135.00

- b) The financial report as at 31 May shows income received of £6,375.00 and expenditure incurred of £2,401.87 leaving a surplus of £3,973.13 and total funds held of £41,777.16.

027/20-21 Matters for Next Meeting

Future of allotment land, LHI proposal, covered area outside Community Centre.

028/20-21 Next Meeting Date

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Monday 13 July.