

CHRISTCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Christchurch Parish Council
held remotely on
Monday 13 July 2020 at 7.30pm

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

029/20-21 Apologies for Absence
None

030/20-21 Declarations of Interest
None

031/20-21 Confirmation of Minutes
Minutes of the meeting held on 8 June 2020 were correctly recorded and signed as being a true record.

032/20-21 Public Time
Mr Hill thanked the Clerk for his assistance in resolving a highways matter.

033/20-21 Matters Outstanding
a) Bus shelter improvement project – still on hold due to lockdown.
b) Green Lane trees - The Clerk will clarify the ownership of the trees and write to the owners to ask for them to be cut back. **Action: Clerk**

034/20-21 Police Report
No report was received.

035/20-21 County & District Councillors Reports
Cllr Sutton reported that he had been told that the bid to the County Council Communities Capital Fund for the Community Centre canopy had been assessed and scored highly. It may be recommended to the August Communities and Partnership committee meeting. The District Council's discretionary fund for small businesses unable to access other Covid funding has re-opened for a further two weeks. The Local Government Association has launched a consultation on a new model code of conduct until 17 August. Copies have been circulated by the NALC and members are encouraged to read the document and respond.

036/20-21 Local Highway Improvements
Cllr Hughes has submitted the bid for funding in 2021/22 to explore issues and consider solutions to improve safety at the junction of Church Road and Padgetts Road, which was supported by Cllrs Count and French.

037/20-21 Community Centre Improvements
An application for £15,000 was submitted to the County Council's Communities Capital Fund to install a canopy along the rear of the Community Centre. The Clerk was asked to obtain quotes from three suitable contractors. **Action: Clerk**

038/20-21 Open Spaces

The Clerk reported that the land adjacent to the Recreation Ground was let to a tenant for a period of six years from December 2018. The overdue rent for this land has now been paid in full.

039/20-21 Clerk's Report

Correspondence received included the following:

- County Council Communities Capital Fund bid correspondence
- Cambridgeshire ACRE advice on re-opening community buildings
- CCC and Police re scams awareness
- PKF Littlejohn re external audit
- Cambridgeshire ACRE advice on re-opening children's playgrounds
- Fenland District Council re annual household canvass
- Fenland District Council re street light contract and condition survey
- British Horse Society re recording old routes and rights of way
- Natural Cambridgeshire re nature survey
- Fenland District Council re proposed dog control order
- Police & Crime Commissioner re Parish Council briefings

It was suggested that the scams information could be disseminated via the village Facebook page. The Clerk will investigate this.

Action: Clerk

040/20-21 Planning

Members considered the following application:

F/YR20/0533/F - Change of use of dwelling (C3) to mixed use; dwelling (C3) and dog breeding and kennelling facility - 2 Bedlam Farm Cottages, Sixteen Foot Bank, Christchurch

Members resolved to offer no objection, but noted that the site boundary may have been incorrectly drawn.

041/20-21 Street Lighting

Members considered the street light condition survey provided by the District Council and resolved to replace the following sixteen lights:-

Concrete columns

PC2 - Fen View opposite 7

PC2 - Upwell Road outside the Green House

Brackets

PC1 - Church Road outside Delandles (75)

PC3 - Church Road outside Enfield (57)

PC5 - Church Road outside Uphill Farm Cottage (43)

PC1 - Crown Avenue outside 16

PC2 - Crown Avenue outside 10

PC1 - Crown Road outside Townley School

PC1A - Crown Road near entrance to School

PC2 - Crown Road junction of Crown Avenue

PC1 - Green Lane junction of Church Road

PC2 - Green Lane outside Kimberley Cottage

PC5 - Upwell Road outside Roman Lodge

PC7 - Upwell Road outside Richden

PC1 - Wayside Estate side of 4

PC2 - Wayside Estate garden of 11

The Clerk will obtain a quotation for approval prior to commissioning the works and discuss concerns regarding the limited spread of light from the new LED heads.

Action: Clerk

042/20-21 Income and Expenditure

a) The following accounts were approved for payment:

Clerk salary and home office allowance.....£ 345.97
E Mason & Son (Farmers) Ltd (grass cutting).....£ 864.00
Fenland District Council (street light recharge)£3,086.80

b) The financial report as at 30 June shows income received of £8,213.41 and expenditure incurred of £2,882.84 leaving a surplus of £5,330.57 and total funds held of £43,134.60. A further £839.18 has been received since the end of the month in respect of land rent.

043/20-21 Matters for Next Meeting

None.

044/20-21 Next Meeting Date

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Monday 10 August.