

CHRISTCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Christchurch Parish Council
held remotely on
Monday 14 September 2020 at 7.30pm

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

057/20-21 Cllr Hughes in the Chair
Apologies for Absence
None

058/20-21 **Declarations of Interest**
None

059/20-21 **Confirmation of Minutes**
Minutes of the meeting held on 13 July 2020 were correctly recorded and signed as being a true record.

060/20-21 **Public Time**
Cllr Hughes expressed concern regarding the speed of tractors passing through the village.

061/20-21 Cllr Owen in the Chair
Matters Outstanding

- a) Bus shelter improvement project - still on hold due to lockdown.
- b) Green Lane trees - the Clerk contacted UK Power Networks regarding the tree branches in contact with overhead electricity cables. They will arrange for them to be cut back. Once this work has been completed, further intervention will be required by the owners.
- c) Community Centre canopy - discussed under 065/20-21
- d) Street lights - the Clerk reported that the quote for renewal of sixteen lights had been received but was not correct. He also noted that Balfour Beatty may offer a cheaper service to the same specification. Members asked the Clerk to provide two comparable quotes for the next meeting.

062/20-21 **Police Report**
No report was received.

063/20-21 **County & District Councillors Reports**
Cllr Sutton reported that the brown wheelie bins were not collected last week, as the vehicle broke down. The repairs to the Stonea railway crossing should be finished this Autumn. Members agreed to publish this information in The Heron.

064/20-21 **Clerk's Report**
Correspondence received included the following:

- Extinction Rebellion re planting wildflowers on roadside verges.
- Graham Chappell confirming availability of funds from PCC Office for Forgotten Corner road safety scheme.

- County Council re Open Spaces review.
- FDC re end of consultation on Model Code of Conduct.
- FDC announcing Local Plan second call for sites.
- ACRE re Local Councils Conference 23 October to be held virtually.
- FDC re-opening of customer service centres.
- Nate Lansdell re Green Dog scheme launch.
- Cambridgeshire Highways re temporary traffic orders for Remembrance Sunday.
- Police and County Council re scams info for Facebook page.
- FDC re new website launch.
- Cambridgeshire Highways Poulter's Drove and Crown Drove due to be resurfaced this month.

Cllr Gladwin asked when the closure of Fifty Road is due and whether there has been any progress with regard to the new pavement outside Field Lodge, Upwell Road. The Clerk will circulate details of the road closure and contact the developer regarding the pavement. **Action: Clerk**

065/20-21 Community Centre Canopy

The initial estimate for the canopy is higher than anticipated and the Clerk will seek further quotes. Options include reducing the size of the canopy, increasing the Council's contribution or seeking a contribution from the Recreation Ground Charity.

066/20-21 Planning

Members considered the following application:

F/YR20/0533/F - Re-consultation on revised proposal for 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

The deadline for comment has passed and Cllr Sutton advised members that this application has been granted.

F/YR20/0694/F - Formation of a manège and the erection of 6 x arena lights on 4.0m high poles - Land East of Rodhams Barn, Rodham Road, March

Members resolved to offer no objection to the application.

067/20-21 Income and Expenditure

a) Members noted the following sums received during July and August:

S Goodger (land rent and drainage rates)	£ 839.18
Fenland District Council (street light grant)	£ 9,983.00

b) Members approved the following accounts for payment:

Clerk salary and home office allowance (including back pay) ...	£ 748.10
Business Service at CAS Ltd (insurance)	£ 1,243.16
Christchurch PCC (churchyard maintenance)	£ 122.50
E Mason & Son (Farmers) Ltd (grass cutting)	£ 1,128.00

c) The financial report as at 31.8.20 showed income of £19,035.59 and expenditure of £6,291.61, resulting in a surplus of £12,743.98 and total funds held of £50,548.01.

068/20-21 Matters for Next Meeting

Members asked to consider the contract for grass cutting, the trees in the Recreation Ground and the process for agreeing the budget for 2021/22.

069/20-21 Next Meeting Date

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Monday 12 October.