

CHRISTCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Christchurch Parish Council
held remotely on
Monday 11 January 2021 at 7.30pm

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

114/20-21 Apologies for Absence

None

115/20-21 Declarations of Interest

None.

116/20-21 Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 14 December 2020 were correctly recorded and signed as being a true record.

117/20-21 Public Time

Mr Dawson addressed the Council to outline his plans to add a further three properties to the rear of the new development behind Syringa House. He also identified a plot of land adjacent to Townley School that could be used to create additional car parking for the school. The roadway within the development will be surfaced with compacted gravel and will therefore not be adopted by the highway authority. Mr Dawson responded to members' questions and thanked them for their feedback.

118/20-21 Matters Outstanding

- a) Bus shelter improvement project - still on hold due to lockdown.
- b) Green Lane trees - The Clerk will determine whether further works are required by residents and advise them accordingly. **Action: Clerk**
- c) Pavement outside Field Lodge, Upwell Road - No further progress.
- d) Recreation Ground trees - Discussions with potential contractors ongoing.
- e) Grass cutting contract - the tendering documents have been issued and a decision will be made at the next meeting.
- f) Bin outside community centre - The new bin has been ordered and will be installed this month.
- g) Neighbourhood Watch - Cllr Hughes will write an article for publication in The Heron seeking a new coordinator for the scheme. **Action: Cllr Hughes**
- h) Street lights - Work should commence shortly.

119/20-21 Police Report

The Clerk reported that the monthly meeting with Sgt Arnold had been cancelled. Cllr Gladwin reported that a number of hare coursers were caught by Cambridgeshire and Norfolk Police over the Christmas period.

120/20-21 County & District Councillors Reports

Cllr Sutton reported that he had asked Network Rail for an update on the Stonea underpass, but was awaiting a response. A number of residents have reported an increase in dog fouling in the village. Members were asked to assist in identifying culprits for further action. He has received a Covid update presenting the latest scientific advice regarding the timing of the two vaccination doses. He noted that

several homes in Christchurch had been flooded before Christmas and requested details for reporting to the County Council as flood authority. Finally, he notified members that the A47 Guyhirn Roundabout project was due to commence in February. Cllr Aldridge thanked Cllr Sutton for his support for 50 Backpacks, the organisation supporting homeless people in Wisbech.

121/20-21 Clerk's Report

Correspondence received included the following:

- ACRE re Village Halls East of England Conference 25 January
- Cambridgeshire County Council re roadworks and events
- Galliford Try re Guyhirn roundabout works
- FDC re Pride in Fenland awards
 - Re March town centre grant from Future High Streets fund
 - re business plan and budget public consultation
- Cambridgeshire FA re Tier 4 restrictions
- Newgate Communications re Sunnica Energy Farm consultation
- Cllr Steve Count re Covid statistics
- Office for National Statistics re National Census, 21 March 2021
- Environment Agency re Ouse Washes Welney Flood Barrier

Cllr Hughes offered to represent the Council at the forthcoming consultation regarding the Flood Barrier.

122/20-21 Members and Residents Issues

Street naming - The Clerk confirmed that the name of the new development behind Syringa House will be Brimstone Close, as suggested by the Council.

Roadside drains - Cllr Hughes reported that many roadside drains were blocked, causing localised flooding. The Clerk requested details for reporting. Cllr Hughes agreed to collate a list, with assistance from others. **Action: All**

Padgetts Road closure - Cllr Gladwin reported that he had been notified of a forthcoming closure of Padgetts Road. The Clerk agreed to investigate. **Action: Clerk**
Members reported recent fly-tipping on Padgetts Road and Sixteen Foot Bank.

123/20-21 Planning

Members considered the following application:

F/YR20/1229/F - Erect a single-storey side extension, and porch and ramp to front of existing dwelling at The Cattle Walk, Hall Farm, Upwell Road, Christchurch

Members resolved to offer no objection.

124/20-21 Income and Expenditure

a) The financial report as at 31.12.20 showed income of £25,413.88 and expenditure of £12,957.62, resulting in a surplus of £12,456.26 and total funds held of £50,260.29.

b) Members approved the following accounts for payment:

Clerk salary and home office allowance	£	355.33
Christchurch PCC (grass cutting)	£	122.50

125/20-21 Confidential Item

Members resolved to exclude the press and public from the following item by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, paragraph 1(2).

Community Centre Canopy tender documents.

126/20-21 Matters for Next Meeting

None.

127/20-21 Next Meeting Date

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Monday 8 February.