

# CHRISTCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Christchurch Parish Council  
held remotely on  
Monday 8 February 2021 at 7.30pm

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

**128/20-21 Apologies for Absence**

None

**129/20-21 Declarations of Interest**

None

**130/20-21 Confirmation of Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on 11 January 2021 were correctly recorded and signed as being a true record.

**131/20-21 Public Time**

No members of the public were present.

**132/20-21 Matters Outstanding**

- a) Bus shelter improvement project - Still on hold due to lockdown.
- b) Green Lane trees - No progress due to lockdown. **Action: Clerk**
- c) Pavement outside Field Lodge, Upwell Road - No further progress.
- d) Recreation Ground trees - No progress due to lockdown.
- e) Bin outside community centre - Awaiting installation.
- f) Neighbourhood Watch - Cllr Hughes has written an article for publication in The Heron seeking a new coordinator for the scheme.
- g) Street lights - Work should commence shortly.
- h) Roadside drains - Upwell Road and The Hill will be cleared shortly. A further request has been placed for Church Road and Wayside Estate. A plan of the drainage system and the outfalls is needed to help prevent future flooding. To be prepared when drains have been cleared. **Action: Clerk**

**133/20-21 Police Report**

The Clerk reported that he had attended the monthly meeting with Sgt Arnold. The reorganisation of the Wisbech Neighbourhood Team is complete and PCSO Sue Clarke will be leaving Cambridgeshire Police shortly. An arrest has been made in connection with the recent spate of catalytic convertor thefts. No crimes were reported in Christchurch in January.

**134/20-21 County & District Councillors Reports**

Cllr Sutton reported that the Stonea underpass on the Sixteen Foot Bank had reopened. Cambridgeshire Highways have indicated that it will not be possible to install barriers at the Honey Farm Bends, as the barriers will impede visibility at the junction. Discussions are ongoing.

**135/20-21 Clerk's Report**

Correspondence received included the following:

- ACRE re Village Halls Week 25-29 January
  - re Cambridgeshire Home Energy Support Service
  - re Eastern Community Homes launch 16-18 March
- Cambridgeshire County Council re roadworks and events
  - re lockdown campaign toolkit
- FDC re Getting it Sorted recycling activities
  - re grants for businesses
  - re Covid training for taxi and community car drivers
  - re flooding concerns (by 11 February)
- Cllr Steve Count re Covid statistics
- Office for National Statistics re National Census, 21 March 2021
- CAPALC re Land Registry land ownership survey
  - re Section 137 limit for 2021/22
  - Arthritis Action re online support groups

### 136/20-21 Members and Residents Issues

Scrap metal, Church Road - A member of the public reported that radiators and a boiler had been left outside a property in Church Road, however this now appears to have been removed.

Potholes were reported at the junction of Upwell Road and Ha'penny Toll Road, on Sixteen Foot Bank near Poulter's Drove and flooding at the junction of Church Road and Padgetts Road.

**Action: Clerk**

Flooding in Churchyard - Cllr Hughes reported that water was accumulating in the churchyard.

Dyke behind Syringa House - Upwell Drainage Board expressed concerns about the lack of maintenance access to the dyke following the construction of the new houses and the need to inform the incoming residents of their riparian responsibilities.

### 137/20-21 Highways

Members discussed the proposal received from Cambridgeshire Highways for a traffic island at the junction of Church Road and Padgetts Road. The Clerk reported that he had asked the highways officer to consider simple traffic calming measures on Padgetts Road as part of the application. Members resolved to approve the proposal, to allocate up to £2,000 towards the project in order to secure up to the maximum of £15,000 from the County Council and to present it to the assessment panel.

### 138/20-21 Planning

Members considered the following applications:

F/YR21/0104/F - Erect a 3-storey 3-bed dwelling with detached open car port involving demolition of existing dwelling - The Cottage, Rotten Drove, Tipps End

F/YR21/0107/F - Erect 2-storey and single-storey extensions to side and porch to front of existing dwelling - Corner House, March Road, Tipps End

Members resolved to offer no objection.

### 139/20-21 Income and Expenditure

a) The financial report as at 31.1.21 showed income of £40,413.88 and expenditure of £13,435.45, resulting in a surplus of £26,978.43 and total funds held of £64,782.46.

b) Members approved the following accounts for payment:

Clerk salary and home office allowance .....	£	355.33
E Mason & Son (Farmers) Ltd (grass cutting) .....	£	144.00
Colin J Ingram Ltd (Community Centre repairs) .....	£	132.76
Simon Freeland (electrical work) .....	£	210.00

**140/20-21 Confidential Items**

Members resolved to exclude the press and public from the following items 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).

- a) Grass cutting contract tender documents
- b) Community Centre Canopy tender documents.

**141/20-21 Matters for Next Meeting**

None.

**142/20-21 Next Meeting Date**

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