

CHRISTCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

143/20-21 Apologies for Absence

None

144/20-21 Declarations of Interest

None

145/20-21 Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 8 February 2021 were correctly recorded and signed as being a true record.

146/20-21 Public Time

No members of the public were present.

147/20-21 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 - No response from the article Cllr Hughes published in The Heron seeking a new coordinator for the scheme.
- g) Street lights - Work should commence shortly.
- h) Roadside drains - Awaiting cleaning.
- i) Local Highway Improvement application - Cllr Hughes reported that he had presented the application to the assessment panel.
- j) Community Centre canopy - Cllrs Harper, Miller, Owen and the Clerk visited Artistic Metalica to finalise details of the paving, edging, steel colour and roof colour. They proposed the addition of a decorative feature in each section of the frame at a cost of £500. Members resolved to approve the additional expenditure.
- k) Grass cutting contract - The Clerk reported that he had written a termination letter to the former contractor and a letter of appointment to the new contractor.

148/20-21 Police Report

The Clerk reported that the monthly meeting with Sgt Arnold is due to take place next week.

149/20-21 County & District Councillors Reports

Cllr Sutton reminded members that the Census takes place on 21 March. Support is available for those without a computer at the Rosmini Centre in Wisbech and community volunteers may submit responses on behalf of anybody unable to do so themselves.

150/20-21 Clerk's Report

The Clerk attended the following meeting:
Cambridgeshire CC Fenland Local Engagement Event

Correspondence received included the following:

- ACRE re Local Councils Conference Evaluation Report
 - re Cambridgeshire Home Energy Support Service forum 10 March
 - re Eastern Community Homes launch 16-18 March
- Cambridgeshire County Council re roadworks and events
 - re Fifty Road resurfacing
- FDC re Community Safety Partnership newsletter
 - re Covid rapid testing centre
 - re cycling and walking survey
 - re Citizens Advice service at Community Hub
- Cllr Steve Count re Covid statistics
 - re Innovate and Cultivate fund
- Office for National Statistics re National Census, 21 March 2021
- CAPALC re virtual meetings
 - re affiliation pack
 - Galliford Try re Guyhirn roundabout

151/20-21 Members and Residents Issues

No issues reported

152/20-21 Planning

Members considered the following applications:

F/YR21/0139/F - Erect 2 x dwellings (2-storey 3-bed) - Land South West of Glebe House, 35 Church Road, Christchurch

Members resolved to offer no objection.

F/YR21/0171/F - Erect 3 x dwellings (single-storey 3-bed) - Land North West of 26-34 Fen View, Accessed from Upwell Road, Christchurch

A resident of Fen View contacted Cllr Gladwin to raise a number of objections to aspects of this proposal. Members expressed concern regarding the lack of access to the adjoining dyke for maintenance and the need to ensure that the purchasers of the properties are made aware of their riparian responsibilities, but resolved to offer no objection.

153/20-21 Income and Expenditure

a) The financial report as at 28.2.21 showed income of £40,413.88 and expenditure of £14,277.54, resulting in a surplus of £26,136.34 and total funds held of £63,940.37.

b) Members approved the following accounts for payment:

Clerk salary and home office allowance	£	355.33
Clerk expenses	£	179.16
Cambridgeshire ACRE (membership fee)	£	57.00
Artistic Metalica (canopy deposit)	£	11,160.00
Artistic Metalica (groundworks)	£	8,370.00

154/20-21 Matters for Next Meeting

Placement of benches in the village.

155/20-21 Next Meeting Date

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