

CHRISTCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Christchurch Parish Council held in the Community Centre on Monday 12 July 2021 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs P Owen (Chairman), J Bliss, R Gladwin, G Harper, K Miller (from 035/21-22(d)), D Gibbs (Clerk), Mr Steenson (Parishioner)

030/21-22 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs J Hughes, S Aldridge, W Sutton (FDC)

031/21-22 Declarations of Interest

None

032/21-22 Chairman's Announcements

None

033/21-22 Public Time

It was reported that the hedge around the former village shop is obstructing the pavement again.

034/21-22 Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 14 June 2021 were correctly recorded and signed as being a true record.

035/21-22 Matters Outstanding

- a) Bus shelter improvement project - no update received.
- b) Green Lane and Recreation Ground trees - the Clerk has prepared a specification for the works to obtain quotes from tree surgeons. Members agreed to include the copse adjacent to the Community Centre and the two trees outside the Community Centre in the specification.
- c) Pavement outside Field Lodge, Upwell Road - work should commence soon.
- d) Street lights - the annual energy, repairs and maintenance bill has been received.
- e) Roadside drains - a contractor has jetted the drain outside The Green, Upwell Road, but it appears to be partially blocked. Highways will undertake further work.
- f) Local Highway Improvement applications - the Clerk presented further analysis of the last six years of LHI applications in Fenland. He reported that other councils have expressed an interest in being a co-signatory to the letter to the new Leader of the County Council. Members thanked the Clerk for his analysis of the data. The deadline for the next round of applications is 15 September. Members agreed to consider safety features at junctions on the Sixteen Foot Bank. To be agreed at the next meeting.
- g) Annual report to residents - no update received.
- h) Benches - the Clerk circulated several options for different styles of recycled plastic bench. The Whitemill Environment Fund might be able to consider offering funding to the educational elements of the project. To be considered at the next meeting.

036/21-22 Police Report

The Clerk reported issues from the previous meeting with the Police, including tackling anti-social behaviour, use of e-scooters, and drugs raids. Neighbourhood Watch has launched a national campaign against scammers called Sling Your Hook.

037/21-22 County & District Councillors Reports

In the absence of Cllr Sutton, no report was received.

038/21-22 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported on correspondence received as follows:

- Cambridgeshire County Council re roadworks and events
- Fenland District Council re Covid rapid testing
 - Food businesses reminded to register with Fenland District Council
 - Community Safety Loan Shark Awareness Campaign June/July 2021
- Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority update
- Police and Crime Commissioner re virtual round table meeting
- CAPALC re bulletin and training programme
- Alzheimer's Society re Dementia Connect Cambridgeshire
- Cambridgeshire ACRE re Protect Duty consultation
- Rowan charity request for financial support
- LEAP (Local Energy Advice Partnership) open for referrals
- UK Power Networks re online Safe Spaces initiative

Members resolved to add the Safe Spaces links to the website.

039/21-22 Members and Residents Issues

Members discussed the issues raised by residents and resolved as follows:

- a) Building site noise and vibration - this is an unavoidable consequence of new building work
- b) Air pollution from school bus, mobile library and Post Office van - the Chairman had spoken to the school bus driver. The time spent waiting has been reduced, but the engine is still running. The Clerk was asked to contact all three operators.

040/21-22 Planning

Members considered the following application:-

F/YR21/0685/VOC - Variation of conditions 2 (Materials), 6 (Pedestrian Visibility Splay), 7 (Drainage), 10 (Boundary Treatments) and 11 (List of Approved Plans), relating to planning permission F/YR18/0880/F (Erection of a 2-storey 4-bed dwelling with detached garage and formation of access) - to change pre-commencement conditions to compliance conditions, and amendments to proposal at Land West of Albert House, 52 Church Road, Christchurch.

They resolved to offer no objection.

041/21-22 Finance and Audit

- a) The financial report as at 30.6.21 showed income of £15,390.26 and expenditure of £11,301.39, resulting in a surplus of £4,088.87 and total funds held of £47,908.25.

- b) Members approved the following accounts for payment:

Clerk salary and home office allowance	£	355.33
Fenland District Council	£	2,337.46
Magpas Air Ambulance (Section 137 donation)	£	250.00
Middle Level Commissioners (drainage rates)	£	43.47
Upwell Internal Drainage Board	£	35.42

042/21-22 Matters for Next Meeting

- a) Benches on Recreation Ground and elsewhere.
- b) Teen play/adult gym equipment.
- c) Local Highway Improvements 2022/23.

043/21-22 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Monday 13 September.