

# CHRISTCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of a Meeting of Christchurch Parish Council held in the Community Centre on Monday 11 October 2021 at 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllrs P Owen (Chairman), S Aldridge, J Bliss, R Gladwin, G Harper, J Hughes, D Gibbs (Clerk), A Nason (Parishioner)

**060/21-22 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr K Miller

**061/21-22 Declarations of Interest**

None

**062/21-22 Chairman's Announcements**

None

**063/21-22 Public Time**

Ms Nason thanked Cllr Hughes for providing information for The Heron regarding Parish Council meetings. She hoped that somebody else would take on this task now that Cllr Hughes is no longer able to do so. She also presented a grant application for The Heron for consideration at the next meeting.

**064/21-22 Confirmation of Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on 13 September 2021 were correctly recorded and signed as being a true record.

**065/21-22 Matters Outstanding**

- a) Bus shelter improvement project - work to start shortly.
- b) Pavement outside Field Lodge, Upwell Road - no further update.
- c) Roadside drains - Highways have excavated the blocked drain and found concrete in the pipe. The pipe will be re-routed. Members noted that other drains remain blocked.
- d) Annual report to residents - it was suggested that the report could be issued with the Christmas edition of The Heron.
- e) Fly-tipping, Community Centre and The Croft - The vehicle used to transport glass to the Community Centre has no registered keeper, so no further action is possible. The heap of soil in The Croft has been cleared.
- f) Benches, play equipment, outdoor gym - Members agreed to visit other local play areas. Date to be confirmed.
- g) Community gritting scheme - Street Pride volunteers being contacted to ascertain level of support.
- h) Local highway improvements - Cllr Hughes reported that he had submitted an application for 2022/23 for speed reduction measures in Padgetts Road.
- i) Tree works - the contractor is unable to start the works until the beginning of January.

**066/21-22 Police Report**

The Clerk reported issues from the previous meeting with the Police, including tackling anti-social behaviour and off-road motorbikes. Use of e-scooters has decreased following previous enforcement action. The Police have requested the return of the Speedwatch equipment, which Cllr Harper reported is in the container.

## **067/21-22 County & District Councillors Reports**

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

## **068/21-22 Clerk's Report**

The Clerk reported on meetings attended and correspondence received as follows:

- a) Meetings
  - Cambridgeshire ACRE Annual General Meeting - 29 September
- b) Correspondence
  - Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority
    - Updates
  - Cambridgeshire County Council
    - Youth in Communities grants
    - Real Faces of Fostering campaign
    - Remembrance Events
  - Fenland District Council
    - Fenland Accessibility report
    - Street Pride welcome back event
    - Customer Services awarded gold standard
    - Street light service level agreement extension
  - Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Association of Local Councils
    - Annual general meeting
    - October bulletin
    - NALC Star Council awards
  - Cambridgeshire ACRE
    - Covid-19 winter plan for village halls
    - Village hall survey 2021
    - Queen's Green Canopy briefing
  - Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Against Scams Partnership
    - Latest scams
  - Cambridge Council for Voluntary Service
    - Annual review
  - Cambridgeshire Police
    - Fraud and cyber security alert
  - Galliford Try
    - A47 Guyhirn roundabout upgrade
  - Graham Chappell
    - Forgotten Corner LHI scheme completion
  - Stop the Arc Group
    - Ox-Cam Arc spatial framework consultation

Members resolved to extend the service level agreement with Fenland District Council for repairs and maintenance of street lighting for a further two years to July 2023.

## **069/21-22 Members and Residents Issues**

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

- a) Animals digging in churchyard - A recently dug grave had been disturbed. The Clerk reported the matter to the PCC.
- b) Women's Institute Centenary Tree - The WI would like to plant a tree in the village. Suggested locations include outside the Community Centre or far end of the Recreation Ground. Cllr Aldridge will discuss this with the WI.
- c) Community Centre defibrillator - Mr Burfield has agreed to become the guardian of the defibrillator. The Clerk will contact him to make the necessary arrangements.

## **070/21-22 Rural Affordable Housing**

The Clerk outlined the process for developing an affordable housing scheme in the village and the support service offered by Cambridgeshire ACRE. Members thanked the Clerk and asked that the ACRE Rural and Community Led Housing Development Officer be invited to a meeting to discuss this in more detail.

**071/21-22 Finance and Audit**

- a) The financial report as at 30.9.21 showed income of £17,957.76 and expenditure of £16,771.24, resulting in a surplus of £1,186.52 and total funds held of £45,005.90.
- b) Members noted the following sum received:  
Barclays Bank (Interest) ..... £ 0.50
- c) Members approved the following accounts for payment:  
PKF Littlejohn LLP ..... £ 240.00  
Clerk salary and home office allowance ..... £ 355.33

**072/21-22 Matters for Next Meeting**

Heron grant application, skate park repairs.

**073/21-22 Date of Next Meeting**

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