

CHRISTCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Christchurch Parish Council on Monday 8th September 2014 in the Sports Pavilion, Christchurch

Present	Cllrs: N Russell (Chair); J Bliss; S Freeland; W Sutton (FDC); J Richardson (Clerk); and 16 members of the public
Apologies for Absence:	Cllrs: W Poole; H Poole; W Beswick; R Gladwin; M Tanfield (FDC); F Yeulett (CCC)
Declarations of Interest	Councillors to declare any interests under the Local Code of Conduct in respect of any item to be discussed at this meeting:- a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interest) b) Non-Pecuniary Interest) c) Sensitive Pecuniary Interest)

19.35-20.10 Public Time

A member of the public complained about the recent combining that resulted in dust in the atmosphere over the whole village. Members of the public raised their agreement with a 7.5 tonne weight limit through the village and a speed limit on Padgetts Road and Upwell Road.

It was reported that graffiti has appeared on the Skate Park, it was suggested that as the Parish Council already has the paint, the Community Payback team are to be contacted to repaint it. Rollers may need purchasing.

Clerk

A member of the public reported that even though the trees around the Recreation Ground have been cut back there is still more work required as they are overhanging gardens. There is also rubbish in the way, which has been there for years.

Comment was made that the grass is not cut short enough on the playing field. This will be looked at by Cllr Russell and mentioned to the grass cutter.

Cllr Russell

Members of the public stated their support for a dog park in the village.

Residents from Euximoor Drove requested a "Drive Slowly" sign, this will be placed on next agenda.

Clerk

Concerns were raised about the fires in the fridge plant in the village, by the residents. The recent fire was the third occurrence and this is of concern, due to the plant being in the village. The Parish Council will write to Mr Blake conveying the concerns of the residents. Also the fire service is to be contacted for a report.

Clerk

The verges down Crown Drove have been cut by the farmer which is much appreciated.

Cllr Russell has spoken to local lorry firms regarding the speed that they travel through the village, and this was confirmed by Cllr Sutton. Concerns were expressed about the LHI scheme proposed in Upwell Road. The scheme was explained.

A request was made for access to the Recreation Ground for dogs to be reinstated with signs to ask for people to pick up after dogs.

The Heron thanked everyone for the support they are receiving.

Graham Chappell has been working with Councillors regarding road safety and supports the Parish Council with their bid for improving road safety at the Sixteen Foot junctions.

There is still a 50mph speed limit, which hopefully will have the

signage reinstated along the Sixteen Foot. There is also a wish to install safety barriers at the junction which will be outside of the current bid to Highways. It was also stated that funding would be made available by Fenland Road Safety Campaign (Charlottes Way)

071/14

Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th August 2014 were Proposed for approval by Cllr Russell, AGREED and signed

Agreed

072/14

Matters Arising

Letter sent re "Poole Field" Allotment

073/14

Police Matters

Crimes

31/8 Upwell Road, Christchurch. Arson the aggrieved went to his work address for a meeting. The aggrieved has come out of his office at 14.00 to discover lots of black smoke, then realising that the yard was on fire.

4/9 -5/9 Fifty Road, Tipps End, Theft Oil. Unknown person/s have stolen diesel from this tank in rural location

Incidents

4/9 Crown Road, Christchurch. Suspicious Circumstances Brown Rubbish Bin missing after collection date

EMERGING ISSUES

There have been a number of thefts of diesel and heating oil across the rural area in the past few weeks.

074/14

County Councillors Report

Cllr Sutton is hoping that the dates can soon be agreed for the Planning Training.

A question was raised regarding the posting of planning notices and it was explained that this is covered in the statement of community involvement.

075/14

Churchyard

The donation for the upkeep of the churchyard in 2014/15 was discussed. The concurrent function grant for this has been cut by 30% in 2014/15 but it was proposed by Cllr Russell and AGREED that the Parish Council donate the same amount as last year £122.50 twice a year. The Clerk will arrange for this to be done.

Agreed

Clerk

076/14

Remembrance Wreath

It was Proposed by Cllr Russell and AGREED that a wreath be purchased and Cllr Sutton is to lay on behalf of the Parish Council. It was also agreed to have the War Memorial cleaned on Saturday 25th October at 10.30 and The Heron is to advertise for volunteers.

Agreed

Clerk

077/14

Recreation Ground

a) A letter has been sent to the Charities Commission and now awaiting their response

b) Playdale have been contacted and the inspection they carried out was in error. We now have an annual inspection outstanding on the whole site.

The Clerk is to write to Playsafety to cancel their future inspections. There has been reports of damage to items in the Play Park and this has been rectified by Cllr Freeland.

Clerk

c) Still awaiting quote from Sharman Fabrications for the removal of fence, remove equipment, reuse of climbing frame, other quotes may still be required. From there further quotes will be required on an item by item basis for the installation in the other play area.

Cllr Russell

d) Metal bin insert has been taken to Skate Park area. Councillor Russell is to ask if Sharman's can supply a new bin insert for the bin in the Play area.

Cllr Russell

e) It was AGREED that the Recreation Ground Charity will be paying

the electricity and water rate bills from September 2014, rather than the Bowls Club

f) Bank Accounts are:- Current Account £5113.75 Saver Account £7249.31

078/14	<p>Dog Park This was discussed at length and a petition was handed in to the Parish Council. It was Proposed by Cllr Russell and AGREED that for the time being Crown Drove will be kept clear for the dog users in the village, but dog owners are requested to keep the area clean.</p>	Agreed
079/14	<p>Village Hall Committee a) There is no further information available on the planning application for the new village hall. The quotes for the building works are expected at end of next week b) The work on the new footpath on Upwell Road is still ongoing c) The drainage rates payable for the area of land that has been sold off for building plots was discussed and it was Proposed by Cllr Russell and AGREED that the Clerk write to the drainage boards to notify them of this. d) The sale of Plot 1 is now complete and the monies received</p>	Agreed Clerk
080/14	<p>Village Litter Pick The village litter pick will take place in conjunction with the cleaning of the war memorial and The Heron is to publicise this to request volunteers to help</p>	
081/14	<p>Asset Register It was proposed by Cllr Russell and AGREED that the Asset Register is to be amended to reflect the sale of the land and also the purchase of the new Play Park equipment.</p>	Agreed Clerk
082/14	<p>Meetings It was Proposed by Cllr Russell and AGREED that the school be contacted to arrange for Parish Council Meetings to be held there when the Pavilion Hall is out of use.</p>	Agreed Clerk
083/14	<p>Financial Regulations It was Proposed by Cllr Russell and AGREED to adopt the proposed Financial Regulations.</p>	Agreed
084/14	<p>The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 A new act has gone through which means that members of the public will be able to film, record etc Parish Council Meetings. The changes to Standing Orders will be dealt with in October Meeting</p>	
085/14	<p>Highways a) Local Highways Improvement Initiative Bid 2014-2015 Discussion took place on the proposal from Highways. It was Proposed by Cllr Russell, and AGREED, that the Parish Council accept the proposed scheme and this is to be notified to Highways. Local Highways Improvement Initiative Bid 2015-2016 The proposed bid has been circulated to the Councillors and it was Proposed by Cllr Russell, and AGREED, that the bid be submitted with the addition of a mention of the proposed works to the Sixteen Foot by Amanda Mays. b) Meetings have already taken place regarding the 50mph speed restriction on Sixteen Foot Road and it was Proposed by Cllr Russell, and AGREED, that Christchurch Parish Council supports the reduction to 50mph along the Sixteen Foot.</p>	Agreed Clerk Agreed Clerk
086/14	<p>Street Lighting a) No further update received</p> <p>Income & Expenditure a) Members considered and APPROVED the following accounts for</p>	Agreed APPROVED

payment:

J Richardson	Clerks Salary	£262.69
J Richardson	Office Expenses	£13.29
Christchurch Village Resource Centre	The Heron	£80.00
CCC	2013/14 LHI Contribution	£81.04
Morton & Hall	Building Regulations	£2640.00

TOTALS £3077.02

b) Clerk reported on the current bank balances at end August 2014:-

Community Account	£159,863.64
Business Bonus	£35,770.33
BoS Corp Bonus	£10,689.99

TOTALS: £206,323.96

Current earmarked reserved funds are:-

New Village Hall £187,871.59

Recreation Ground £75.07

Mrs Spall Request £200.00

c) Bank Accounts are now on line and new reconciliation statements will be produced each month for signing

d) It was Proposed by Cllr Russell, and AGREED, that the £25 standing order per month be cancelled and also that £100K be transferred to the deposit account from the current account

Agreed

Clerk

087/14

Concurrent Functions Grant

A letter has been received from FDC to request that all 12 Parish Councils meet to agree the amounts that they wish to receive in Concurrent Functions grant from a total pot of £41,700. It was Proposed by Cllr Russell and AGREED that Christchurch request the same amount as in 2014/15 and Cllr Russell will attend the meeting.

Agreed

Cllr Russell

088/14

Planning/Development

a) F/YR14/0606/F Change of use of agricultural land to extend the residential curtilage involving the erection of stables, the formation of menage and the siting of a storage container (retrospective) on land NE of Side Acre, March Road, Tipps End.

It was Proposed by Cllr Russell, and AGREED, that the Parish Council have no objections to raise.

Agreed

Clerk

089/14

Correspondence

a) Rural Services Network bulletins (emailed 14/08/14 & 29/08/14 & 01/09/14)

b) CCC Budget Consultation Request (emailed 14/08/14)

c) FDC Adoption of Supplementary Planning Documents relating to Resources Use & Renewable Energy (emailed 14/08/14)

d) Police & Crime Commissioners updates (emailed 14/08/14 & 18/08/14 & 29/08/14)

e) CCC Household recycling consultation

f) Invitation to FDC McMillan Coffee Morning

090/14

Allotments

No further letters have been received

091/14

Audit Report

The report from the External Auditor has not been received yet

092/14

Agenda Items/Next Meeting

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Monday 13 October 2014. Items to be included on the agenda should be with the Clerk by Monday 6 October 2014.

ALL

COUNCILLORS

Meeting Closed at 9.23 pm