

**MINUTES OF THE CHRISTCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY 14th JANUARY 2013 – MEMORIAL HALL CHRISTCHURCH AT 7:30pm**

Present: Councillors – Nigel Russell (Chair), Jill Bliss, Simon Freeland, William Beswick, Hannah Poole and Will Sutton (FDC).
Stephen Cowell (Clerk) and 1 member of the public were also in attendance.

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Jacky Wincote, Cllr. Wes Poole, Cllr. Cotterell, Cllr. Yeulett (CCC) and PCSO Russ.

2. Signing of Minutes

The minutes of the 10th December meeting were signed, by the Chair, as true record of the meeting.

3. Disclosure and Declarations of Pecuniary Interests

No interests were declared.

4. Update on action points from previous meeting

It was reported that:

- A New 'No Dogs' sign for the Recreation Ground has been purchased. **Cllr. Wes Poole and the Clerk agreed to fix it to the wall of the Sports Pavilion.**
- Letters requesting local hauliers to avoid the village to reduce noise pollution and property damage have been sent to two hauliers and the Clerk is awaiting information from Councillors with the names of other hauliers who have lorries driven through the village.
- One scheme has been submitted to the Highways Department as part of the Local Highways Improvement Scheme. This scheme is that discussed to improve signage at the Padgett's Road and Upwell Road junctions with the Sixteen Foot Bank road.
- The Clerk has been in touch with FACT offering them a number of alternatives regarding the advertising of their service but as yet has not received any response.
- Information has been passed to Cllr. Yeulett regarding correspondence relating to the overgrown shrubs obstructing paths in Fenview.
- The Highways Department have inspected the road and verge at Cotton's Corner after the Council's complaint that it had been left in a poor state of repair following the bridge repairs. They feel there is no work required. Cllr. Russell and Cllr. Sutton offered to meet with Highways Reps on site to discuss. **Clerk to contact Highways.**

5. Public Adjournment

No items were raised for discussion.

6. Police Update

PCSO Russ has issued a monthly report that has been sent to all Members. The report includes 1 incident of an abandoned vehicle and 1 of a number plate being stolen plus a report on people flagged down motorists reporting that they have run out of petrol offering to sell items for cash to buy petrol. 1 Speedwatch check has been undertaken in Christchurch with no incidents of speeding. Anyone wishing to help with these checks should contact PCSO Russ.

7. Correspondence Received

Items discussed included:

- Results from the Access to Health Care in Fenland survey – a copy of the results was given to Cllr. Bliss.
- The consent to pipe and fill the drain near to the land being sold by the Council on Upwell Road. **The Clerk was asked to provide Cllr. Russell with a copy** so he could review the consent to ensure it was in line with the verbal agreement he had made.
- The e-mail received from a resident regarding the lack of emptying of rubbish bins in the village, which was circulated to all members. Cllr. Beswick reported that the bins were emptied the day after receipt of the e-mail after he had phoned FDC to report that they were

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full. He also reported that he checks on them regularly and reports any that are full. **The Clerk was asked to respond to the resident.**

8. Finance

The Clerk reported the changes to the Parish Precept process and the receipt of the Council Tax Support Grant. He also, along with Cllr. Sutton, reported the changes to the Concurrent Grant process and its likely reduction in the financial year 2014/15 and subsequent years.

Following a discussion on the impact of these changes it was decided to make no changes to the budget discussed at December's meeting. It was proposed that the budget recommended by the Clerk at the December meeting be authorised. This was seconded and agreed by all.

The Clerk clarified that this will mean that the amount requested via Precept would be reduced by the amount to be provided by the Council Tax Support Grant this was accepted by the Council.

The Clerk reported total bank balances of £55,190.66, with cheques written amounting to £1,832.38 to come from this, and brought to Councillor's attention the earmarked funds (funds that must be spent on specific purposes) that total a little over £33k.

The following items, listed on the agenda, were agreed for payment

- 8.1 Clerk's Salary £183.58
- 8.2 HM Revenue & Customs £137.80 (3 month's PAYE on the Clerk's Salary)
- 8.3 Postage £6.00
- 8.4 The Heron £65.00
- 8.5 E Mason & Son (Farmers) Ltd £1,440.00 (Grass cutting)

9. Planning Applications

None to consider.

10. Parish Plan – Update

Nothing to report.

11. Raising of Village Concerns

The following items were reported/discussed:

1. The short term future of clubs and societies that use the Memorial Hall should it suffer flooding and roof problems again. It was reported that clubs and societies can and have used the sports pavilion. If this became a regular occurrence formal arrangements would need to be agreed with the Bowls Club. Cllr. Bliss reported that a local builder has inspected the roof and is doing what short term repairs/patching up that are possible and that the Memorial Hall Committee has agreed to continue to run activities from the hall in the short term. The sale of the land adjacent to the Bowls Club and the building of a new hall/extension of the Sports Pavilion was discussed. It was agreed to discuss again once the most recent letters regarding the sale have been reviewed.
2. Concern over the number of pot holes in the road surface along Euximoor Drove was raised as was the poor quality of repairs made to the bridge over the Sixteen Foot Drain at the top the Drove. It was agreed to discuss the latter with a Highways Rep when the Cotton's Corner issue is discussed.
3. Dog fouling along Church Road was again discussed with a councillor relating an example of a resident seen kicking mess under a hedge rather than clearing it up. **It was suggested that PCSO Russ is made aware of the problem.**

Chair closed the meeting at 8:28pm



Christchurch Parish Council Bank Balance update for Jan 2013 meeting

Community a/c	6697.47	outstanding payments £1,832.38
Business Premium	10181.18	
Business Bonus	27051.18	
New Village Hall	689.21	
BoS Corp Bonus	<u>10571.62</u>	
	55190.66	