

# CHURTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Virtual Zoom Meeting of the Council held on **TUESDAY 12 JANUARY 2021 AT 8PM.**

**Present:** Cllr A Thacker (Chair), Cllr R Crump, Cllr D Rudd, Cllr P Thacker, Cllr K Cundill, Cllr C Hayes, Cllr P Kitchin.

**In Attendance:** Mrs Claire Taylor (Clerk), Cllr Paul Roberts, A Farbon and S Dawson representing Grosvenor Estate.

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**1.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** None received.

**2.DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

Members were invited to declare any personal, prejudicial, or pecuniary interests they may have in any item on the agenda, subject to the rules regarding disclosure contained in the current Members' Code of Conduct and as defined by regulations made under section 30(3) of the Localism Act 2011. **No declarations made.**

**3.GENERAL PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME.**

Annabel Farbon representing Grosvenor Estate, referencing works along the River Dee, requested that anyone with concerns approach the Estate direct and they would gladly explain the detail of any schemes. All works were licensed with the Environment Agency, Forestry Commission and PROW Officer.

Resolved: To request this via the next Churton PC Village newsletter.

**4. THE WHITE HORSE.**

Cllr Rudd advised that WHAM had met the previous week and that a valuation/survey report had now been received. The next stage was for a structural survey to be carried out.

A draft business plan had been drawn up and would be publicised in due course. A public consultation would then be needed.

It was suggested that WHAM might consider setting up a dedicated Facebook page.

Resolved: Noted. PWLB loan to be discussed when Parish Council were in receipt of the detail from WHAM.

**5.COMMUNITY SAFETY.**

PCSO not in attendance but monthly Police report circulated prior to meeting.

**Resolved:** Noted.

**6.BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT.**

Report circulated from Cllr Roberts prior to the meeting.

Resolved: Noted.

#### **7. TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10 NOVEMBER 2020.**

**Resolved:** Agreed as a true record: Proposed Cllr D Rudd Seconded Cllr K Cundill.

#### **8. TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.**

i) Road repairs Hob Lane/Stannage Lane.

Resolved: For discussion at March meeting.

Noted: Cllr Roberts had agreed to set up a site meeting with CWAC when possible.

ii) Litter picking initiative.

Noted: No progress made. Still waiting for CWAC to resite bins.

iii) To consider progression of Neighbourhood Plan.

Resolved: For discussion at March meeting.

iv) Request for extra site to deploy speed gun: CWAC had advised that they would be assessing in December.

Resolved: Clerk to chase progress.

#### **9. PLANNING.**

Planning applications/decisions received by the Parish Council since/outstanding from the last meeting:

#### **To note: Existing applications where decision still awaited:**

**20/02380/FUL** Outbuildings at Monument Place Stannage Lane Churton by Aldford Chester Building works to facilitate a C1 use as granted under 20/00216/PDR.

**20/03656/FUL** Grace Cottage Sibbersfield Lane Farndon Chester CH3 6LQ Single storey front extension, two storey side extension.

#### **New applications:**

**20/04496/FUL** Sibbersfield Farm Sibbersfield Lane CH3 6LQ Single storey extension.

**20/04247/CAT 3** Church Mead Churton CH3 6LP Fell Weeping Silver Birch and replace with two smaller apple trees along the boundary.

**20/04248/FUL** 3 Church Mead Churton CH3 6LP Removal of the existing chimney, new skylights, and internal alterations.

**Approvals:**

**20/03217/FUL** 1 Stannage Cottages Stannage Lane Churton Cheshire CH 36LF Single storey rear extension.

**Refused:**

**19/02479/FUL** Land at Church House, Pump lane, Churton. Erection of one dwelling.

**10.ACCOUNTS.**

**Resolved:** That the payment of salaries and expenses, the payment of invoices for goods received and services rendered be approved and the receipts and balances be noted.

**11. PRECEPT.**

Members approved the Budget and set a Precept of £4750 for 2021/2022. This equates to a Band D charge of £29.72 reflecting a 4.1% increase (£1.16).

Proposed: Cllr D Rudd   Seconded: Cllr P Kitchin

**12. VILLAGE HALL UPDATE.**

\* Hall was being kept clean and Cllr Cundill was in touch with user groups.

\*The Village Hall Committee didn't have any issue with the idea of a play area on the field and they had been in talks with the Estate. Cllr Kitchin was putting plans together and looking into funding and would report back. Cllr Kitchin asked if the Estate would consider contributing. Annabel Farbon was supportive of the idea and offered to investigate and report back.

\*The War Memorial was reported as having been damaged in December and it was intended to pay for the repair out of the War memorial funds held by the VHC. Annabel Farbon confirmed that the Memorial was covered by the Estate insurance.

\* A quote was awaited for a replacement oil tank.

\*Defibrillator: Confirmation was requested from the VHC of the current status of the defibrillator. Was it currently registered with the NWAS and were consumables in good date and the regular checks in hand? Resolved: Cllr Cundill to ensure that all was in order and liaise with NWAS.

**13. CORRESPONDENCE, PUBLICATIONS, AND INVITATIONS.**

Received: correspondence, publications, and invitations.

i) Insurance renewal invited wef 18 March 2021.

Resolved: To await renewal quotation and revisit at March meeting.

ii) CWAC: Avian Flu advisory received.

Resolved: Noted.

iii) CWAC Covid advisory received regarding test pilot site for people without symptoms.

Resolved: Noted.

iv) CWAC advisory received regarding garden waste collections being further extended to 8 February 2021.

Resolved: Noted.

v) CHALC Speeding questionnaire received.

Noted: Clerk had responded.

vi) UK City Images website renewal invited.

Resolved: To renew.

#### **14. STANDING CONSIDERATION OF ANY HIGHWAY MATTERS.**

The following issues regarding highways and footpaths were raised:

i) Hedgerow adjacent to The White Horse in Hob Lane.

ii) Footpaths Churton to Farndon.

iii) Remaining flooding Sibbersfield Lane/Marsh lane.

**Resolved:** Not discussed: Clerk to raise on March agenda.

**15. RESOLVED: DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL: TUESDAY 9 MARCH 2021. THIS WILL BE A VIRTUAL MEETING PENDING COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE AT THE TIME (TBC).**