

# CHURTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on **TUESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 8.00PM.**

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

**In Attendance:** Mrs Claire Taylor (Clerk), Cllr P Roberts (Borough Cllr), A Farbon and S Dawson (representing Grosvenor Estate), E Trevor Barnston.

K Porter, J Lawson - Members of White Horse Action Management group (WHAM).

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## PART 1

### 1.PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

Disappointment was expressed that an open invitation had not been extended to the recent cricket event at Eaton.

The Grosvenor Estates representative explained that the event had been intended for Estate tenants and residents to bring people together post covid and had been curtailed to a risk assessment. It was an Eaton Estate fixture and it was hoped that the respective villages could organise a village fixture going forward post covid.

**2.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Cllr P Kitchin Cllr A Thacker.

### 3.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 section30(3) of the Localism Act 2011. **No declarations made.**

### 4. POLICE UPDATE.

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

i)Community speed gun: Churton had the speed gun booked out for the month of October. A new volunteer to help with deployment had come forward following the newsletter distribution and had received training.

**Resolved:** Noted.

### 5.BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT.

Report circulated from Cllr Roberts prior to the meeting.

Further discussed:

- i) Planning application timescales: Any applications that were taking a long time to resolve to be raised with Cllr Roberts.
- ii) School transport: Sixth form pupils currently had zero chance of free transport, but Cllr Roberts wanted CWAC to take some responsibility for their transport even if self-funded.

Resolved: Noted.

## **6. TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 25 MAY 2021.**

**Resolved:** Agreed as a true record subject to the date of the next meeting being amended to read Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September: Proposed Cllr R Crump Seconded Cllr C Hayes.

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

- i) Community Resilience Plan: Resolved: Clerk to recirculate papers to all again.
- ii) Community Broadband Scheme: Cllr Rudd reported that he was still waiting for a quote from Open Reach. No further forward but will continue to pursue.
- iii) Platinum Jubilee commemoration plans: Resolved: To raise again at November meeting.

## **8. 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.

Proposed: Cllr D Rudd Seconded: Cllr K Cundill.

## **9. PLANNING.**

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

**Noted: Existing applications where decision still awaited:**

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

**21/00346/FUL** Greenhaven Stannage Lane Churton. Extensions and alterations to dwelling and erection of garden room.

**21/01147/FUL** 2 Sibbersfield Cottages Sibbersfield Lane Farndon  
Installation of brick pillars, wall and timber driveway gate.

**New applications:**

**21/02127/TPO** Greenfields Chester Road Churton CH3 6LA Walnut – fell due to extensive decay. Replant one standard tree in a suitable location within garden boundary.

**21/02760/FUL** Keepers Cottage Stannage Lane Churton CH3 6LE Demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of single storey outbuilding for use as ancillary home office.

**21/03375/FUL** 5 Church Mead Churton CH3 6LP Single storey rear extension.

### **Decisions:**

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

**Approved: 21/00728/FUL** Land at Sibbersfield Farm Sibbersfield Lane Farndon Erection of a livestock building to house cattle.

**Decided: Withdrawn: 21/00539/FUL** Land at Marsh Lane Kings Marsh Chester Erection of stable building and a storage building for hay and straw with associated hardstanding, construction of outdoor arena for exercising horses. Falls within Farndon Parish but comment made by Churton PC as a non-consultee.

### **Appeals:**

**Refused: 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. **APPEAL APP/AO665/W/21/3275947**

## **10. NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN.**

Cllr Rudd reported that he had hoped for further expressions of interest coming from the recent distribution of the newsletter but there had been none so it was now his intention to go back to those who had earlier expressed an interest in the view of taking it forward as a sub-committee. A member of the Farndon NDP team had offered to help.

**Resolved:** Noted and Clerk to forward contact details of FNDP member to Cllr Rudd.

## **11. VILLAGE HALL UPDATE.**

Cllr Cundill reported:

**i)Play area update:** Cllr Kitchin not in attendance. Cllr Cundill reported no further update.

**Resolved:** To progress at November meeting.

**ii)Hall:** The Estate had installed the new boiler and radiator piping. The new oil tank was due the following week and the Estate would then test it.

**Resolved:** Noted.

**iii)Churton War Memorial Committee (CWMC) funds:** Cllr Cundill reported:

The Village Hall Committee had finalised with CWMC the transfer of funds. The funds transferred could only be used for future maintenance of the memorial.

**Resolved:** Noted.

## **12. THE WHITE HORSE.**

Members of WHAM attended to outline the current situation as per a position statement circulated to all Members prior to the meeting.

**Resolved:**

- i) Churton Parish Council agree in principle to apply for a PWLB loan.
- ii) WHAM will devise a survey form and circulate it to all in the village.  
Responses to be physically collected as opposed to being invited to return to a central point.
- iii) WHAM to speak further to Admiral Taverns regarding negotiations.
- iv) A specialist lawyer(s) be approached for preliminary advice regarding how any agreement can be drawn up to satisfy the PWLB in terms of ownership and control. Cllr Rudd to explore appropriate lawyers(s).
- v) WHAM to drive the progression of work to be done between this meeting and the next in November with the possibility of the need to call an extraordinary meeting.

## **13. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY.**

**Resolved:** Clerk to purchase a wreath from Royal British Legion. Cllr A Thacker to organise the commemorative gathering.

## **14. CORRESPONDENCE.**

Received: correspondence, publications and invitations with agreed actions and attendees.

i)Notification of MBNA Chester Marathon and Metric marathon 3 October 2021.

**Resolved:** Noted.

ii)River Dee Water Safety Week Event 25 August 2021.

**Resolved:** Noted that the Clerk had attended.

iii)UK City Images: Website renewal due.

**Resolved:** Agreed to renew.

iv)Concern raised regarding water supply and condition.

**Resolved:** Clerk to write to Severn Trent to request an update.

v)Electricity supply: Concern raised regarding frequency of power outages.

**Resolved:** Cllr Roberts to make enquiries.

## **15. STANDING CONSIDERATION OF HIGHWAY MATTERS.**

The following issues regarding highways and footpaths were raised:

i)30mph signs on entry to village reported as obscured.

**Resolved:** Noted as reported to CWAC.

ii)Pump Lane: Speed of tractors raised as being of concern.

**Resolved:** Noted. Speed gun to be possibly used opposite Church Mead.

iii)Pump Lane: Complaint received regarding recent closure notice and in general the coordination, timing and communication of Highway works.

**Resolved:** Noted. Cllr Roberts advised that when CWAC issued closure notices they were generally for a 5-day window, but that work may take place for only a short time within that window. Any issues should be reported to Cllr Roberts at the time.

iv)Enquiry regarding cycle path funding for B5130 raised.

**Resolved:** Noted that funding was available and various cycle paths had been identified. Difficulty lay in there being sufficient land available within the carriageway. No room on the B5130 but if any locations could be identified where there was land available Cllr Roberts to be informed.

v)CWAC: Coordination, timing and communication of Highway works, condition of Highways and potholes.

**Resolved:** Covered at (iii).

vi)Hob Lane: A request was received for a width restriction to be explored.

**Resolved:** Clerk to write to Highways to ask.

vii)Guidance requested regarding placing of mirrors to help with sight lines.

**Resolved:** Cllr Roberts advised that CWAC would want to do this themselves, but a resident can do so to aid their own entry and exit but if accessing more than one property they were not allowed to do so.

**16. RESOLVED: DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL: TUESDAY  
16 NOVEMBER 2021 at 8.00PM.**