

CHURTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on **TUESDAY 8 MARCH 2022 AT 8.00PM.**

Present: Cllr D Rudd (Chair), Cllr P Thacker, Cllr K Cundill, Cllr A Thacker, Cllr P Kitchin.

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

1 member of the public.

PART 1

1.PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

Ed Barnston confirmed:

i) that he would be able to provide a gazebo for the Jubilee event and would also supply 4 or 5 trees for commemorative planting.

ii) the resident at Cross Cottage had been reminded not to park on the roadside.

iii) the sheep in the field had escaped due to damage to the electric fence and that they were due to be moved.

Resolved: Noted.

2.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Cllr R Crump, PCSO McKevitt, S Dawson (Grosvenor Estate).

Resolved: Noted.

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 section 30(3) of the Localism Act 2011. **No declarations made.**

4. VACANCY FOR COUNCILLOR.

Resolved: C Shaw to be co opted to the role of Councillor for Churton Parish Council. Clerk to inform CWAC.

Nominated Cllr A Thacker Seconded Cllr P Kitchin

5. POLICE UPDATE.

Police not in attendance.

ii)Speed gun training: PCSOs Hurst and McKevitt would be holding face to face training in the use of the community speed gun in April.

Resolved: Noted.

6.BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT.

Report circulated from Cllr Roberts prior to the meeting.

Resolved: Noted.

7. TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 25 JANUARY 2022.

Resolved: Agreed as a true record: Proposed Cllr K Cundill Seconded Cllr A Thacker.

8. TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

i) CWAC Community Resilience Plan.

Cllr Rudd informed that he had drawn up a draft plan based on the Ashton Hayes model which needed to be further populated. **Resolved:** Members to forward any comments or suggestions to Cllr Rudd.

ii)Platinum Jubilee commemoration plans and planting.

Tree planting: Cllr Rudd reported that he had planted a commemorative beech tree in the grounds of the village Hall.

Resolved: Noted. Cllr Cundill to speak to Cllr Crump about a plaque and cutting the grass.

Older commemorative trees outside the hall: CWAC had confirmed that the tree on the centre island was their responsibility but not the two on either side of the road.

Resolved: Clerk to ask Treefellers to carry out the works previously quoted for (reducing and the metal retainers removing) and to request that they save both plaques.

Village Celebration: Cllr A Thacker had asked residents via the village Facebook page if there was any appetite for a village celebration and a small group had since been established to make plans for one on the 4th June.

Resolved:

A grant/loan of £300 to be given by CPC as a 'float' to fund the arrangements, to be repaid where possible and any profit made to be given to charity.

Cllr Roberts to make enquiries regarding any application to CWAC required to hold an event.

Cllr Cundill to check if the Village Hall insurance would cover the event.

Cllr Cundill to progress an order for commemorative mugs.

iii) **Ward Walk.** (Stannage Lane Edgerley Lane Pump Lane resurfacing, Hob Lane width restriction, tarmac of verges, road signage).

Noted: A report had been received from Highways following the Ward Walk which had been circulated to all members.

Resolved: Clerk to ask CWAC to clarify/confirm the extent of resurfacing works to be carried out and a timescale.

Cllr Roberts reiterated that members and residents should continue to report highways issues to CWAC via their online reporting portal.

iv) **Pump Lane fingerpost painting.**

Noted: Works to be carried out before the end of the financial year if at all possible. Cllr Cundill was dealing with the arrangements.

v) **Broadband.**

Cllr Rudd reported that he had now received a revised (vastly increased) quote from Openreach for FTTP (a cost of £312,228.00 to 105 properties) which would mean an individual property cost of £1500 over and above the voucher allowance would be incurred even if there was 'take up' from every house.

Resolved: Noted.

9. DEFIBRILLATOR.

Cllrs Cundill and Rudd reported that they had discussed the ongoing care/checks required for the defibrillator. A 'check' chart was in monthly use. All consumables were in date. Cllr Cundill was dealing with sending the details to the appropriate agencies for registration.

Resolved: Noted.

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.

Proposed: Cllr D Rudd Seconded: Cllr K Cundill.

11. PLANNING.

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

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

21/04623/FUL The Nook, Chester Road Churton Proposed single storey rear extension, proposed side porch, external rendering and cladding and replacement windows.

New applications:

22/00378/FUL Highfield House Stannage Lane Churton Installation of a Ground Mounted Solar Pv array (Domestic scale).

22/00097/FUL Land Adjacent to The Cottage Marsh Lane Kings Marsh Chester Erection of a stable building and a storage building and construction of an outdoor arena. (Farndon Ward but Churton PC have previously commented). **Resolved:** Cllr Roberts advised that he had called the application in. Clerk to reiterate comments made by Churton Parish Council on previous application.

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

Resolved: Noted.

12. NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

Cllr Rudd reported that he had held a meeting of the subcommittee to progress. The possibility of engaging an outside consultant to assist had been discussed. A further meeting was scheduled prior to Easter. **Resolved:** Noted.

13. VILLAGE HALL UPDATE.

i)Play area update: Cllr Kitchin reported that his feasibility study was now complete and that he would circulate it to members. He had received offers of help from residents. Enquiries had suggested that insurance cover would be a nominal sum.

Resolved: Cllr Cundill and Cllr Kitchin to look into the tendering process for the project. Clerk to forward Financial Regulations re tendering to Cllr Kitchin.

Cllr Cundill further reported that the hall continued to receive party bookings on top of their regular weekly bookings. **Resolved:** Noted.

14. THE WHITE HORSE.

CWAC had been informed by the Community Benefit Society that Churton Parish Council and the Society intended to make a bid and the second moratorium had therefore been triggered meaning that there could be no sale unless there was no change of use.

Cllr Rudd advised that the Government's Community Grant scheme was still currently suspended.

It was noted that there was now a potential buyer for The White Horse.

Resolved: Until such time as there was a confirmed sale under the terms of the moratorium the Parish Council and the Community Benefit Society should continue with their plan to buy The White Horse.

15. CORRESPONDENCE.

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

i) Information regarding the 2023 Boundary Review had been received. Consultation open until 4 April 2022 for anyone wishing to comment.

Resolved: Noted.

16. STANDING CONSIDERATION OF HIGHWAY MATTERS.

The following issues regarding highways and footpaths were raised:

i) Request for a dog waste bin Pump Lane/Marsh Lane: **Resolved:** Clerk to make a request to CWAC.

ii) Potholes Pump Lane and Edgerley: **Noted:** Dealt with at item 8 (iii) on the agenda.

iii) Damaged field gate at Edgerley: **Noted:** Grosvenor Estate were aware of the damage.

iv) Flooding at Marsh Lane: **Resolved:** The Estate to investigate.

17. RESOLVED: DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL: TUESDAY 10 MAY 2022 at 8.00PM. THIS WILL BE THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.