

CHURTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at **CHURTON VILLAGE HALL**, on **TUESDAY 15 JANUARY 2019 2018 AT 8PM.**

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

In Attendance: Mrs Claire Taylor (Clerk), PCSO R McEvitt and 29 members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllr H Greenwood.

2. GENERAL PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME.

The following issues were raised:

- i) Wynnstay Hunt; concerns were raised regarding the Hunts activities and clarification requested as to whether they had a Highways risk assessment in place.

Resolved: PCSO McEvitt to make enquiries.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Members are invited to declare any personal, prejudicial or pecuniary interests they may have in any item on this 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.

Nothing declared.

4. COMMUNITY SAFETY.

PCSO Rachael McEvitt attended and updated on local policing matters.

5. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT.

Cllr Greenwood not present. The clerk advised that the speed gun funded from Cllr Greenwoods Members Budget had been ordered and would be delivered imminently. The gun was to be a shared resource with other ward parishes (Aldford and Saighton, Coddington, Farndon and Tilston). CWAC would be delivering training and would require the nomination of a lead Cllr from each Parish. Volunteers from the community would be needed to form a group to deploy the gun. Farndon Parish Council had agreed to act as main custodian of the gun. PCSO McEvitt welcomed the initiative and offered to work with the parishes in its deployment.

Resolved: Noted.

6. TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13 NOVEMBER 2018.

Resolved: Agreed: Proposed Cllr Crump Seconded Cllr Cundill.

7. TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

i) Litter bins: Funding received from Members Budget.

Resolved: Need to identify locations and suitable bins. Cllr Cundill to investigate.

ii) Fingerpost signs: Funding received from Members Budget.

Resolved: Cllr Cundill to source 2 quotes.

iii) Broadband: Following on from the announcement of Government plans for full fibre to premises (FFTP) by 2020 the clerk had asked Connecting Cheshire for a response. They had advised that they were not aware of any issues in Churton but would look into if specific addresses and landline numbers were forwarded.

Government advice was that fibre to the premise (FTTP) technology would be rolled out to 3m premises by 2020, 10m by 2025 into predominantly urban areas.

Resolved: Noted.

8. THE WHITE HORSE.

Action group WHAM (White Horse Action Management), formed by residents to independently address ongoing concerns in parallel to the Parish Council regarding the future of The White Horse, attended to outline their position. A member of Camra also addressed the meeting.

Resolved: WHAM to set up a further meeting and keep Parish Council informed of actions.

9. FERAL CATS.

A resident had raised concerns about feral cats in Pump Lane.

Resolved: Noted. Cllr Thacker to speak to resident and give assurance that the cats were farm cats and looked after and fed appropriately.

10. VILLAGE NOTICEBOARDS.

Maintenance and key holders was discussed.

Resolved: Cllr Rudd to undertake some renovation work and boards to be left unlocked for a trial period.

11. TO RECEIVE UPDATE FROM THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE.

Cllr Cundill reported:

The war memorial was included in the estate lease and therefore covered by their insurance. Surplus funds pledged from the War Memorial Committee to the Village Hall Committee were to be used to fund the flagpole and planting. There was an intent to organise a function for either summer or Christmas this year but this would require volunteers to help.

Defibrillator: Cllr Cundill confirmed that the village hall caretaker continued to carry out the required NWAS checks.

Resolved: Article to go in the Spring newsletter to gauge appetite for a village hall led function along with a request for volunteers.

12.PLANNING.

To note any recent decisions made by Cheshire West and Chester on planning applications in the parish, and to consider any new applications received.

Application:18/04864/FUL: Erection of Single Storey Rear Extension: The Ridings Walnut Croft Churton by Aldford Chester Cheshire CH3 6NB

Appeal Dismissed: Planning Inspectorate APP/AO665/D/18/3211516: Springfield, Stannage Lane, Churton by Farndon. Proposed removal of existing hedge and installation of new fence and gated access.

Resolved: Noted.

13. STANDING CONSIDERATION OF ANY HIGHWAY MATTERS.

The following issues regarding highways and footpaths were raised:

i)Marsh Lane: Drainage issue update.

Resolved: Estate and Cllr Cundill to liaise to remedy.

ii)Hob Lane/Pump Lane: Request for roads to be resurfaced to same standard as New Lane.

Resolved: Clerk to write to Highways again.

iii)B5130 Churton to top of Stannage Lane: Overgrown pathway.

Noted: Resolved. Litter picker to be requested to now clear.

iv)Pump Lane: Damage to grass verge update.

Resolved: Estate to progress and also speak to occupiers of 2 Minshull Cottages.

v)Pump Lane: Further complaint re speeding and heavy vehicle use.

Resolved: Cllr P Thacker to monitor and give data to the estate.

vi)Stannage Lane Hedges: Overgrown from The Knowle towards Farndon.

Noted: Resolved.

vii)B5130 request for Cycle Path Lane.

Resolved: Rob Bailey to make enquiries.

viii) Concern re litter on bin collection day.

Noted: Current provider Kier had given notice to terminate their contract early. Further information yet to be circulated by CWAC.

ix)Sibbersfield Lane: Give Way sign in need of attention.

Resolved: PCSO McKevitt to deal with.

x) Stannage Lane drainage: Drain blocked between 1 and 4 Stannage Cottages.

Resolved: Clerk to report.

xi) Grange Farm: Complaint received regarding use of quad bikes on land.

Resolved: Estate to make enquiries.

14. TO RECEIVE / RESPOND TO ANY MATTERS RELATING TO CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER COUNCIL.

Received:

- i) CWAC Local Plan (Part 2) Land Allocations and Detailed Policies Main Modifications consultation.
- ii) Copy of Electoral Register.
- iii) Notification of election briefing.

Resolved: Noted.

15. FINANCE MATTERS. 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 by Cllr Cundill and seconded by Cllr Thacker.

16. INSURANCE RENEWAL.

Cllrs approved renewal through Came & Company with Inspire with effect from 19 March 2019.

Proposed by Cllr Hayes and seconded by Cllr Cundill.

17. CORRESPONDENCE AND INVITATIONS RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING.

Received: the following correspondence, publications and invitations.

(i) Insurance renewal invitation: Dealt with at Item 16.

18. RESOLVED: DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL: TUESDAY 19TH MARCH 2019.