

## CHURTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on **TUESDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2021 AT 8.00PM.**

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

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

4 members of the public.

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## PART 1

### 1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

i) Speed gun deployment: Mr J Gallagher attended to update on the recent use of the speed gun. Following an appeal for residents to help there had been a good response and a team of 10 managed to capture the speed of over 6500 vehicles, identifying 183 of those to be over the speed limit and who would receive cautionary letters from the police. There would however be repercussions if reoffending during the next 3 months.

It was felt that an interactive sign displaying the actual speed that vehicles were travelling at as opposed to the current 30mph flashing sign would be better and that more stringent safety precautions were required. Speed bumps would have the most significant impact.

The speed gun training currently delivered by CWAC was only virtual and it was felt that in person training was needed.

**Resolved:** Noted. The Parish Council thanked Mr Gallagher for all his efforts and asked that the same was passed to the rest of the team.

ii) Stannage Lane resurfacing: A member of the public attended to express dismay at the lack of progression by CWAC with the resurfacing of Stannage Lane. **Resolved:** Clerk to write to CWAC Highways to ask when the works might be completed and to copy Cllr Roberts into the correspondence.

iii) A resident attended to reinforce concerns regarding the need for better signage/traffic control measures before, mid and after village. It was felt that the 'slow' signs before the 30mph were not well spaced. **Resolved:** Clerk to email Cllr Roberts requesting that he ask CWAC Highways to deal with the partially obscured 30mph sign in the hedge, the faded road signs (and potentially the spacing of them).

Clerk to request a ward walk (CWAC Highways, CPC, Police) to discuss traffic issues and any other issues of concern (including Stannage lane resurfacing).

iv) Village Hall Trustees: Mr J Gallagher requested that the 3 Trustees sign an agreement for the transfer of the monies remaining in the Churton War Memorial Fund to the Village Hall ( to be used for the upkeep of the Memorial).

**Resolved:** Trustees to sign the agreement and return to Mr Gallagher. The Parish Council extended their thanks to Mr Gallagher for all the work he and his team had put into this project.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** A Farbon (Grosvenor Estate), PCSO R McKevitt.

**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. POLICE UPDATE.**

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

i) Community speed gun: Discussed at Item 1.

**Resolved:** Noted.

**5. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT.**

Report circulated from Cllr Roberts prior to the meeting.

Further discussed:

i) Members Budget funding: Cllr Roberts agreed to fund the sum of £400 to finance the painting of the Pump Lane fingerpost.

**Resolved:** Noted.

**6. TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14 SEPTEMBER 2021.**

**Resolved:** Agreed as a true record: Proposed Cllr P Thacker Seconded Cllr R Crump.

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

i) Community Resilience Plan: **Resolved:** Cllr Rudd to draw up a draft plan and circulate to all members.

ii) Community Broadband Scheme: **Noted:** Cllr Rudd reported that he was waiting for a revised quote from Open Reach.

iii) Platinum Jubilee commemoration plans: **Resolved:** S Dawson (Grosvenor Estate) to ask the estate if the Parish Council could plant a tree outside the village hall and to also ask their arboriculturist if they could suggest a suitable tree and supplier. To advise at the January meeting of the Parish Council. **Resolved:** Cllr A Thacker to

explore via social media whether residents would be interested in forming a group to arrange a village celebration.

## **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 A Thacker   Seconded: Cllr K Cundill.

## **9.BUDGET.**

Members looked to identify areas requiring financing as part of the budget setting process prior to approving the budget and setting the precept for 2022/2023 at the January meeting of the Council.

Resolved: An interactive speed sign was highlighted but it was agreed to ask CWAC if they would finance this.

## **10.PLANNING.**

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

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

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

### **New applications:**

**21/04321/CAT** Threave Cottage Knowl Lane Churton Eucalyptus – regular prune Leylandii – regular prune.

### **Decisions:**

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

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

**Approved: 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.

**Approved: 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.

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

**Refused:** 21/03817/TPO Holly Lodge Stannage Lane Churton Felling of oak. Replant apple tree.

**Decided:** 21/03826/CAT 6 Church Mead Churton Silver Birch needs to be removed as soon as possible. Notification Closed 25/10/2021.

**Decided:** 21/03953/CAT 6 Church Mead Churton Felling of 1 Cedar 2 Silver Birch 1 Ash tree. Notification Closed 2/11/2021.

#### **Appeals:**

**APP/AO665/W/21/3277537** 21/00070/REF RE 19/02479/FUL Land at Church House Pump Lane Churton Erection of 1 dwelling.

**Resolved:** Cllr Roberts to ask planning, where trees were to be felled, could it be stipulated that they be replaced like for like.

**Resolved:** Clerk to seek clarification from planning regarding the term 'decided'.

### **11. NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN.**

Cllr Rudd reported that he was currently looking to co-ordinate a date for the subcommittee to meet to progress.

**Resolved:** Noted.

### **12. VILLAGE HALL UPDATE.**

**i) Hall:** Cllr Cundill reported: The new oil tank was now in place, heating on and user groups back using the hall. **Resolved:** Noted.

**ii) Play area update:** Cllr Kitchin reported: Progress had been made with plans and approval gained from Grosvenor Estate and the Village Hall. A feasibility study was currently underway, and this would be shared with members in the next few weeks. A combination of grants was being explored. **Resolved:** Noted. Cllr Roberts advised that an approach for funding from his members budget would be appropriate in the next financial year.

### **13. THE WHITE HORSE.**

Cllr Rudd advised that a survey had been circulated to all in the village as planned by WHAM and results collated. WHAM intended applying to the next round (in December) of the Government's Community Grant scheme.

There had been no feedback from Admiral Taverns. The Asset of Community Value listing ran to September 2023 with a protective period due up in January 2022.

**Resolved:** Churton Parish Council apply to the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government (MHCLG) for borrowing approval (to apply for a PWLB loan) in order to purchase the freehold to The White Horse Public house by way of match funding grant funding. Proposed: Cllr P Thacker Seconded: Cllr P Kitchin

#### **14. CORRESPONDENCE.**

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

i) Severn Trent response regarding concerns raised re water supply and condition.  
**Noted:** Detailed response received from Severn Trent and circulated to members.

ii) Tarmac of verge. Concerns received regarding works to grass verge by resident.  
**Resolved:** Clerk to send correspondence to Cllr Roberts.

iii) Police and Crime Plan 2021/2024. **Noted:** Circulated to all members.

iv) Security of Cllrs (Chalc event). **Noted:** Clerk was to attend.

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

The following issues regarding highways and footpaths were raised:

i) Hob Lane: A request had been made to CWAC for a width restriction to be explored. **Noted:** Highways had advised that they were to attend the following week to assess.

ii) Pump Lane: Complaint regarding cars parked on pavement raised. **Resolved:** Barnston Estates to deal with.

#### **16. RESOLVED: DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL: TUESDAY 11 JANUARY 2022 at 8.00PM.**