

CHURTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on **TUESDAY 25 JANUARY 2022 AT 8.00PM.**

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

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

1 member of the public.

PART 1

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

i) Stannage Lane resurfacing: A member of the public attended to again express dismay at the lack of progression by CWAC with the resurfacing of Stannage Lane.

Resolved: Clerk had organised a Ward Walk for 28 January and the resident was invited to join.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Cllrs R Crump, C Hayes, P Kitchin, A Thacker.

Resolved: Noted.

The Clerk advised Members that Cllr Hayes had tendered her resignation from her position as Councillor with immediate effect due to relocation away from the area.

Resolved: Noted. Thanks to be extended to Cllr Hayes and Clerk to liaise with CWAC regarding advertising the vacancy.

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 Hurst in attendance and monthly Police report circulated prior to meeting.

i) Damage to Aldford Bridge: In response to concerns from Members regarding no charge having been made against whoever was responsible for the damage PCSO Hurst advised that any witnesses should report any information via 101 in order to provide a line of enquiry.

ii) Speed gun training: PCSOs Hurst and McKevitt would be organising face to face training in the use of the community speed gun as CWAC were still not offering face to face sessions.

Resolved: Noted.

5. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT.

Report circulated from Cllr Roberts prior to the meeting.

Further discussed:

i) SP Energy Works: Update on disruption to power supply.

Cllr Roberts advised that an annual programme had been due in a few months' time but that SP had brought it forward, running a drone survey and bringing planned maintenance forward as a result of recent power outages. Drones being used to identify the problem, solution being to bring forward the planned maintenance.

Resolved: To monitor the situation for any subsequent problems.

ii) Broadband: Briefing on meeting with Digital Specialist (CWAC).

Noted: CWAC had appointed a new Digital Officer with a focus on rural broadband who already had been very helpful and who would be happy to come and talk to the Parish Council.

iii) Wildflower planting scheme.

Noted: The scheme was a 5-year programme and two sites had been identified in Farndon and a further one in Saighton. Further sites would be put forward in the future.

6. TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16 NOVEMBER 2021.

Resolved: Agreed as a true record: Proposed Cllr P Thacker Seconded Cllr D Rudd.

7. TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

i) CWAC Community Resilience Plan.

Noted: No further progress.

ii) Platinum Jubilee commemoration plans and planting.

Cllr A Thacker had asked residents via the village Facebook page if there was any appetite for a village celebration but there had been very little interest expressed. It may be that individual roads may decide to hold their own smaller celebrations.

Resolved: Cllr Cundill to get prices and designs of commemorative mugs.

Tree planting: It was noted that the existing commemorative trees outside the hall were in need of reducing and the metal retainers removing. The aim was to plant another tree on or around 11 March to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee.

Resolved: Clerk to contact Openreach to see if they would cut the trees back as they were encroaching on their overhead lines. The Estate to make enquiries of their tree specialists as to a suggested site for planting and whether they considered beech to be a suitable choice. Cllr Cundill to price a tree and plaque.

iii) Request for a Ward Walk. (To encompass Stannage Lane resurfacing, Edgerley Lane resurfacing, Pump Lane resurfacing, Hob Lane width restriction, tarmac of verges, road signage).

Noted: Ward Walk arranged for 28 January 2022.

iv) Pump Lane fingerpost painting.

Thanks were extended to Cllr Roberts for the grant awarded from his Members Budget to pay for the renovation.

Noted: Works to be carried out before the end of the financial year. Cllr Cundill dealing with the arrangements.

v) Quote for speed indicator device.

Resolved: Not to budget for in next year's precept as cost too high but to ask residents in next newsletter if they would want to consider funding one.

8. DEFIBRILLATOR.

Cllr Cundill reported that he had replaced the battery and pads and the defibrillator was rescue ready. Cllr Cundill to meet with Cllr Rudd to explain the checks required to ensure that its care could be shared if necessary and therefore ensured at all times.

Resolved: Cllr Cundill to contact NWAS again to establish current status with regards to its registration.

9. 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.

10. BUDGET.

Resolved: Members approve the budget and set the precept for 2022/2023 at £5180.

11.PLANNING.

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

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

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

New applications:

21/04625/CAT Garden Cottage Chester Road Churton by Aldford fell Birch tree.

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

Decisions: None.

Resolved: Noted.

12. NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

Cllr Rudd reported that he was currently looking to co-ordinate an online meeting for the subcommittee to meet to progress. **Resolved:** Noted.

13. VILLAGE HALL UPDATE.

i)Play area update: Cllr Cundill reported that Cllr Kitchin intended circulating his feasibility study to members within the next week. A combination of grants was being explored. **Resolved:** Noted.

Cllr Cundill further reported that the hall had again started to receive party bookings on top of their regular weekly bookings. A tree had come down in the storm which Cllr Crump had kindly removed. **Resolved:** Noted.

14. THE WHITE HORSE.

The Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government (MHCLG) had requested a revised resolution to borrow as follows:

Resolved: At the Churton Parish Council meeting of 25 January 2022, it was RESOLVED to seek the approval of the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities & Local Government (MHCLG) to apply for a PWLB loan of £250,000 over the borrowing term of 25 years for the purpose of purchasing the freehold to The White

Horse Public house by way of match funding grant funding. The annual loan repayments will come to around £13493.52. It is not intended to increase the council tax precept for the purpose of the loan repayments.

Resolved: Agreed unanimously.

Cllr Rudd advised that the Government's Community Grant scheme was currently suspended. **Resolved:** Noted.

15. CORRESPONDENCE.

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

i) Insurance renewal: **Resolved:** To accept renewal with Hiscox Insurance through AJG Community Schemes at a premium of £442.81 with effect from 19 March 2022. Cheque to be raised at March meeting.

16. STANDING CONSIDERATION OF HIGHWAY MATTERS.

The following issues regarding highways and footpaths were raised:

i) Litter: Item requested by Cllr Hayes (not present).

ii) Hedge cuttings: Item requested by Cllr Kitchin (not present).

iii) Livestock in fields: **Resolved:** No warnings to be placed on field gates/approaches to warn of livestock in fields as the duty was on the dog owner to keep the dog on a lead and under control at all times.

iv) Pump Lane Noticeboard: **Resolved:** To be repaired when weather improves.

17. RESOLVED: DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL: TUESDAY 8 MARCH 2022 at 8.00PM.