

CHURTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on **TUESDAY 10 January 2023 AT 8.00PM.**

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

In Attendance: Mrs Claire Taylor (Clerk), Cllr P Roberts (Borough Cllr), Mr E Barnston.

PART 1

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

Nothing raised.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Cllrs R Crump, P Kitchin, A Thacker, A Farbon and S Dawson (representing Grosvenor Estate) and PCSO R McKevitt.

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. POLICE UPDATE.

No police presence. The Clerk reported that the rural policing team for the ward was currently under resourced as a result of retirement and illness of officers.

Cllr Roberts was due to attend a police forum and offered to ask for an update regarding raising staffing levels.

Resolved: Noted.

5. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT.

Report circulated from Cllr Roberts prior to the meeting.

Further discussed:

i) Bus service: Cllr Roberts reported that there was currently a government subsidy on some bus services with participating companies charging a maximum £2 fare. The local No. 5 service was participating and use of the bus was to be encouraged.

Resolved: Noted.

6. TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8 NOVEMBER 2022.

Resolved: Agreed as a true record: Proposed Cllr C Shaw Seconded Cllr K Cundill.

7. TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

- i) CWAC Community Resilience Plan: Need to populate to progress. **Resolved:** Noted.
- ii) Defibrillator current status and registration: Cllr Cundill reported that he had spoken to R Hussey and had been given the log in for the portal. It would be completed in the next 24 hours. A second person was needed as a contact on the records: Cllr Rudd agreed to be the second person. Cllr Cundill was to continue to do the checks and upload to the portal. **Resolved:** Noted.
- iii) Speed Indicator Device: **Resolved:** Clerk to ask Highways to loan a device.
- iv) Flooding on Sibbersfield Lane: Cllr Roberts advised that he would raise the issue with the flood risk action group. Ed Barnston advised that should the field adjacent be needed for a holding tank etc he would be willing to accommodate.

Cllr Cundill reported that Marsh Lane also continued to flood.

Ed Barnston confirmed that Cheshire Wildlife Trust were aware of the need to clear out the brook at Aldford and some of the pits/ditches were to be widened and a slow flow instated.

Resolved: Noted.

- v) Gully/kerb cleaning: Some had been cleaned but there were still some blockages (Pump Lane by Stone Cottage, Highway Farm, although this had been reported).

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 K Cundill Seconded: Cllr P Thacker

9. BUDGET.

Resolved: Members approve the budget and set the precept for 2023/2024 at £5700.

Proposed: Cllr K Cundill Seconded: Cllr P Thacker

Resolved: Cllr Cundill to approach the owner of The White Horse to discuss the poor state of repair of the noticeboard in the car park.

10. PLANNING.

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

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

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 area.

22/01578/FUL Edgerley Farm Edgerley Lane Churton New livestock shed for calf housing, extension to an existing livestock shed and extension to existing yard area and boundary fencing.

22/02834/FUL Lamorna Stannage Lane Churton 2 storey side and rear extension.

New applications: None.

Decisions: Approved:
22/02116/FUL Greenhaven, Stannage Lane Churton Demolition of existing conservatory, cladding to existing dormers, erection of dormers to side and rear first floor above garage, alterations to garage roof, single storey rear extension, alterations to windows and doors, rooflights, all elevations to be rendered.

Resolved: Noted.

11. NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

Cllr Rudd reported that a meeting had taken place with CWAC during December which had been helpful but had revealed that there was less funding available than had been thought. Quotes were currently being obtained for specialist reports i.e., housing needs etc. which would give a budget to work to/apply for a grant. A further meeting was planned within the next month or so. The CWAC Neighbourhood Area application had been submitted. **Resolved:** Noted.

12. VILLAGE HALL UPDATE.

Cllr Cundill reported:

- i) The Rural Crime team had made enquiries regarding hiring the village hall for an information session.
- ii) He intended applying to the Platinum Jubilee Hall Grant and needed to allocate a provisional amount by 20 January with the intention of applying for a new kitchen, toilet refurbishment and insulation/secondary internal glazing. A cap was set at £78k with a decision by April.

Cllr Roberts advised that if the grant application was unsuccessful CWAC were currently operating a Crowdfunding initiative where they would fund up to 75% of the total cost with the other 25% having to come from local community fundraising which could include the Parish Council.

A tender document had been drafted for the new play area and a quantity surveyor was checking it before applying for funding.

Resolved: Noted.

13. CORRESPONDENCE.

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

i) Town and Parish Council Election arrangements for May 2023: Photo ID would be required for all voters. CWAC would be holding some briefing sessions in March for candidates and Clerks. The cost to Churton Parish Council for a contested election would be £547.50 and £216.75 if uncontested.

Resolved: Noted.

14. STANDING CONSIDERATION OF HIGHWAY MATTERS.

The following issues regarding highways and footpaths were raised:

i) Removal of fence at Stud Farm: Reported that the ground still needed attention.

Resolved: Clerk to remind the Estate that the works were still outstanding.

15. RESOLVED: DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL: TUESDAY 14 MARCH 2023 at 8.00PM.