

CHURTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at **CHURTON VILLAGE HALL**, on **TUESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2024 at 7.30 PM.**

Present: Cllr D Rudd, Cllr P Thacker, Cllr L Green, Cllr K Cundill.

In Attendance: Borough Cllr A Waddelove, 2 members of the public and C Taylor (Clerk).

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllrs C Shaw, P Kitchin and N Holland. S Dawson Grosvenor Estate. PCSO R McEvitt.

2. Declarations of Interest: Cllr Rudd declared an interest in planning application 23/00143/LBC.

3. Public Participation: Residents of Churton House attended to outline and seek the Parish Council's initial views on a potential planning application for a small bungalow in the grounds of Churton House for personal use. **Resolved:** Members confirmed support in principle pending any formal application made to CWAC Planning Department. Attention was drawn to the need for the perimeter sandstone wall in the conservation area to be treated appropriately and splayed in with the new entrance.

4. Police Update.

PCSO McEvitt was not in attendance but had circulated a report prior to the meeting.

Following a request from the Clerk, PCSO McEvitt had recently deployed the police speed gun.

Resolved: Noted.

5. Traffic monitoring through Churton.

Cllr Green had circulated data recovered from the recent speed monitoring/tracking exercise carried out by CWAC Highways which, in confirming a speed compliance issue through the village, supported the installation of interactive signage. The signage would require rotating every 8 weeks with a volunteer needing to attend a street works course to do so. The present proposal was for one Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) to be installed opposite New Cottage in addition to the two current VAS along with new road

markings either end of the village. CWAC only supported the installation of one VAS. The other option that could be considered was a mobile tripod which would offer more flexibility when positioning but would have to be chained to a post and was susceptible to being removed/disappearing.

Resolved: Cllr Green to ask CWAC for possible different locations for the VAS for members to consider and to ask Ashton Hayes PC for feedback on their tripod style VAS. Cllr Thacker to seek the views/preference of the person offering to fund the installation.

6. Borough Councillors report.

Cllr Waddelove reported:

- i) Severn Trent works schedule and road closure signs: Statutory guidance dictates the frequency /placement of road closure signs.
- ii) Standard of pothole repairs: Not all potholes were being repaired to the required standard.
- iii) Garden waste collection charge increase: A 25% increase this coming year was disappointing and he had challenged the lawfulness of that increase. A further increase was likely the year after. Council tax was to increase 4.9% equivalent to an extra £89.44 pa for an average Band D property.
- iv) Domestic water bills charge: Noted: 50% is spent on sewage/waste water charges.
- v) Increase in interruption/loss of electrical supply: Increase acknowledged with a suggestion that a record is kept of incidences to raise an evidence-based complaint with supplier going forward.
- vi) Number 5 bus service: Extended with later services on Friday and Saturday evenings for a 6-month trial period to see if it is financially viable.

Resolved: Noted.

7. Minutes of last meeting (14 November 2023).

Resolved as agreed. Proposed: Cllr D Rudd Seconded: Cllr L Green

8. Matters Arising.

- i) Request to move defibrillator to The White Horse: Cllrs Thacker and Cundill reported. The agreement of The White Horse was needed to progress. An

approved electrician would be needed to resite the defibrillator. A custodian would be required to ensure the defibrillator was 24/7 ready for deployment if needed. It would need to be checked on a weekly basis. **Resolved:** Cllr Thacker to check with The White Horse that they are happy to have the defibrillator relocated to their outside wall.

ii) CWAC Community Resilience Plan: Cllrs Green and Shaw reported as work still in progress. **Resolved:** Noted.

iii) Commemorative tree plaques: The plaques were located in the village hall. **Resolved:** Cllr Cundill to organise having them put back on the original trees and also to get a quote for a plate to go on the ornamental stone.

iv) Commemorative trees: **Resolved:** Clerk to ask for an update to the minute/action from last meeting (The possibility of planting a tree to mark the Coronation of King Charles 111 was raised. A possible site would be in Stannage Lane (North to Old Farm end at the end of the line of oak trees). **Resolved:** Grosvenor Estate representative Sarah Dawson would ask the estate for their view).

9. Broadband.

Cllr Green updated: Nothing changed, still waiting for formal approval.

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. Balance at 13 February 2024 £5755.

Proposed: Cllr Rudd Seconded: Cllr Thacker

11. Planning Matters

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

To note: Existing applications where decision still awaited:

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.

22/04650/FUL Outbuildings at Monument Place Stannage Lane Churton Demolish ancillary building and build a new smaller outbuilding comprising garaging and storage to service the C1 use.

23/02583/FUL Churton Hall Farm Pump Lane Churton CH3 6LR Subdivision of existing dwelling to form one additional dwelling with associated internal and external works.

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New applications:

24/00100/CAT Threave Cottage Knowl Lane Churton CH3 6LG Eucalyptus (T1) – Crown top and reduce girth to maintain scale. Leylandii (T2) – Remove. Leylandii (T3) – Crown top and reduce girth to maintain scale.

Resolved: Cllr Green to discuss T3 with neighbouring resident.

23/03940/TPO Churton Hall Farm Pump Lane Churton CH3 6LR Horse Chestnut (T1) – Remove to allow for restoration of listed wall to walled garden.

23/03797/CAT Churton Hall Farm Pump Lane Churton CH3 6LR Various trees (T2 - 22, T24 -28 & G1 -G3) - Remove to allow for restoration of listed wall to walled garden. Trees have caused damage to wall resulting in total collapse in places.

23/00143/LBC Church House Pump Lane Churton CH3 6LR Internal accessibility works to install platform lift and ramps.

Decisions:

Approved: **23/02111/FUL** Dairy Barns Chester Road Churton by Aldford Single storey side extension, front storm porch and addition of first floor side window. Erection of oak framed garage and garden canopy outbuildings. Replacement door and windows to existing outbuilding. Erection of garden wall.

12. Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP).

Cllr Rudd updated: Another meeting of the working group had taken place and they had consulted with both Tattenhall and Tarporley Parish Councils who had provided some forms to aid their completion of the Churton submission. A housing needs survey was required which would be difficult within the allotted timescale. CWAC had recently invited submissions for land that could be used as housing development in the next 10 years and were asking for residents views. An interactive map was available showing sites already identified/put forward as potentially viable (including for Churton). **Resolved:** NDP group to draw Churton residents attention to this (via village social media platforms) so that they could object/comment. Councillors to comment individually.

It was further noted that a Neighbourhood Policy was another less complex 'way to go' than a full-blown Neighbourhood Development Plan. It was a new initiative but might be more appropriate for Churton. **Resolved:** Noted.

13. Village Hall Update.

Cllr Cundill reported: The Charity Commission accounts had now all been done. There had been a flurry of party bookings for the hall. The grant application was now back on track with quotes for the kitchen and toilet with a September deadline for applications. **Resolved:** Noted.

14. Correspondence.

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

i) Cllr Thacker recorded his thanks to residents for messages of condolence received. **Resolved:** Noted.

ii) Insurance renewal quote received for year commencing 19 March 2024 at a premium of £523.24 (unchanged from last years premium). **Resolved:** Clerk to accept renewal invitation and pay invoice.

15. Standing consideration of Highway matters.

i) Footpath between barns behind Stannage Lane: **Resolved:** Clerk to write to Barnston Estate again requesting clarification regarding their stance on members of the public using this route to walk and to ask if the original path was to be reinstated. To be escalated to CWAC PROW Officer if no response.

16. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 12 March 2024 at 7.30pm in Churton Village Hall.