

CHRISTCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Christchurch Parish Council on 14 November 2016 at Christchurch Community Centre, Upwell Road, Christchurch at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs N. Russell, J. Bliss, W. Beswick, R. Gladwin, J. Hughes, P. Owen, G. Harper, W. Sutton, M. Tanfield, J. Rees (clerk), P. Haresnape, V. Haresnape, S. Hawthorn, M. Hawthorn, A. Warren, P. Warren, S. Clarke (PCSO)

090/16-17 **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr F. Yeulett
Declarations of Interest: None

091/16-17 **Confirmation of Minutes** **RESOLVED**
Minutes of the meeting held on 10 October 2016 were correctly recorded and sign as being a true record.

092/16-17 **Outstanding Matters**

- Street-lighting – alternatives to Balfour Beatty with FDC are still being considered. There is a meeting on 22/11/16 with two prospective companies to discuss terms. **CLERK**
- Hedges and trees. These have improved following the item in the Heron. But there are still a couple of properties that are a problem – clerk to write to them. Trees are more of a problem due to the potential fire risk. Item to be put in the Heron and some letters sent by clerk
- Sat navs – showing Sixteen Foot Bank at 60mph. There is no single place to amend sat nav information and each company would need a separate account setting up which isn't practical. Users need to report corrections under their own accounts when they find errors such as this. **CLERK**
- Recreation Ground – dog mess. No new solution/ideas. Is this a PC matter or for the rec ground charity to decide? Clerk to mention the Ruth Ingram for them to put forward their thoughts **CLERK**
- Alzheimer's Society request – not really suitable for the PC at present. No further action. Sue Clarke (PCSO) mentioned that she has a contact who can talk on dementia (Sue is a dementia friend) – could be a good talk for the village to have? Clerk to follow up **Cllr Hughes Resolved**
- Community Highways Volunteering Scheme – update from Cllr Hughes not available at present. **Resolved**
- Trees, Sixteen Foot Bank – reported to Les Middleton. Until they are a problem, there's nothing to be done.

Deferred Outstanding Matters

- Dog waste bin – installed
- Path to Community Centre – with Cllr Russell. Review Jan 2017
- Tesco Bags of Change – nothing to report at present.
- Sign into village from Padgetts Road at church Road junction – nothing to report at present

093/16-17 **Police Report:** elderly couple in Elm who were asked if they would like some gardening work done and £20 was agreed. The offenders have since come back and asked/demanded another £600. They were given £35 and have not returned. Police are keeping an eye on things. It was an orange van with 3 people.

Hare coursing last week – various arrests and charges made over the weekend.

She will chase up action on the abandoned car by the bridge (Sixteen Foot Bank)

The Horizon bus is no longer available. Sue would like to visit clubs etc in the village where she can meet villagers. Any clubs interested in this, please contact Sue directly.

094/16-17 County & District Councillors Reports

Cllr Tanfield:

charge for brown bins has now been accepted; £40 per bin per year – there will be a 10% early bird discount or 3 stage payment option. NO food waste will be allowed in the brown bins. Multiple houses can share one bin.

A decision on devolution will be made this week

Cllr Sutton:

In other areas the take up on the brown bins has been about 50-60% in the first year and this has increased as the years go on. The area will need to be vigilant about fly-tipping but it has not been an issue elsewhere.

The war memorial was cleaned by Cllrs Sutton, Bliss and Owen.

Cllr Sutton expressed how this job hits home as to the importance of the people named on the war memorial.

095/16-17 Recreation Ground Charity

Cllr Russell is looking into some gridding that can be put under the gravel in the car-park to make a pathway.

096/16-17 Highways/Street Lighting

Highways

- LHI Funding – Tipps End speed restriction and sharp bend signs. This is of direct benefit to a large number of parishioners. Cllr Hughes raised the motion for this to be put forward as an LHI bid; Cllr Beswick seconded. All were in favour. Clerk to prepare LHI documentation and submit
- Barriers at Upwell Road/Sixteen Foot Bank. The agreement for the Tipps End matter does not detract from the importance of this matter. The Parish Council will continue to press forward with this matter, considering an LHI bid next year if possible (the cost means it is likely to need a special agreement); checking on any affect of the checkerboard signs; discussions with council etc.; consider ring fencing some money in budget for this matter. Clerk to continue pressing forward with this
- Community Gritting Scheme. Clerk to obtain more information on costs etc involved.

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Street Lighting

FDC9 needs a new lantern and bracket arm. Advised that Balfour Beatty are waiting for the OK from FDC. Clerk to review with Cllr Sutton

097/16-17 Planning/Development

Clerk attended recent FDC Planning training, and felt that it was an excellent training. Head of Planning, Nick Harding, has offered to give

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the PC a training on planning before the Jan or Feb meeting. Clerk to arrange

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Meeting Dates

- Meeting dates for 2017 – second monday of the month as at present
- Budget meeting – 19/12/16 at 7pm at Cllr Gladwin's house. Clerk to have information packs prepared before next PC meeting so everyone can review before meeting

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The Future of the Bus Shelter

The general view was that this is now a dangerous eyesore that is often used by children to climb on and graffiti. It is not used as a school bus stop as the chicane makes it dangerous.

It is felt that the area around the bus stop is very attractive now and a garden area in place of the bus stop would be much nicer.

Cllr Sutton will check if planning permission is needed to remove the bus shelter.

The Heron agreed to include an article asking for the opinion of residents

Cllr Sutton
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Correspondence

- Consultation on the Enforcement Plan for Planning, Minerals and Waste – no action required
- Mid-year meeting of CVRC – 17 November at 7pm Cllr Owen and Cllr Bliss are planning to attend
- Cambridgeshire Energy Switch – posters to be displayed on notice board and in community centre.
- FDC Carol Service – Cllr Harper and Cllr Bliss may attend.

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Income and Expenditure

a) Received: None

b) Members to consider and approve the following accounts for payment:

Clerk salary and home office allowance (paid by bank transfer on 1 st November 2016 as agreed)	£275.35
Clerk expenses	£ 17.79
Laptop (purchased 3/11/16 as agreed at last meeting)	£479.98
The Heron	£ 80.00
E. Mason & Son	£936.00

Laptop – asset tag, note serial numbers, add to insurance

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c) Report on income and expenditure. All agreed

d) VAT claim has been submitted

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Public Time

Sign into community centre – confirmed this has been set aside to be discussed within the next budget meeting

Community Centre fence is difficult to see, so some lights or florescent marker would be very useful. Clerk will let Community Centre Committee know.

Dyke between Syringa House and Red Bricks has been filled in, but it is used for the drainage from the road. Cllr Owen has spoken to FDC who will be doing a site visit. On-going matter with FDC

Signage is still left from when the roadworks were carried out. Cllr Sutton agreed to arrange for them to be removed

Cllr Hughes – trees from the Woodland Trust have been planted now. Thanks for organising Cllr Hughes. It was agreed that an application

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Cllr Sutton

would be made for next year. They will arrive in March 2017 and help planting will be needed.
Welney Wash sign at Lots Bridge has been left open for a long time.
Needs to be sorted.

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Agenda Items/Next Meeting

Include Cllr Beswick – update on bus for the village.
Include discussion on when public time should be at next meeting
The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Monday 12
December 2016. Items to be included on Agenda should be with the
Clerk by Friday 2 December 2016