

# CHURTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at **CHURTON VILLAGE HALL**, on **TUESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 8PM.**

**Present:** Cllr A Palmer, Cllr K Prossor, Cllr K Cundill, Cllr R Prossor, Cllr C Hayes, Cllr P Thacker

**In Attendance:** Mrs Claire Taylor (Clerk) T Birtles (Grosvenor Estate), Mr E Trevor-Barnston, Andy White and Andrew Thompsett (Marathon organisers) and 2 members of the public.

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## **1.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr H Greenwood, and Cllr P Kitchin.

## **2.DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

Members were invited to declare any personal, prejudicial or pecuniary interests they had 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 were made.

## **3.OPEN FORUM**

(i) Marathon: Organisers attended the meeting at the request of the Parish Council to hear their concerns:

- a) road closures appeared to be getting longer each year
- b) access during period of road closure
- c) lack of consultation

Andy Whites responses:

Slightly longer road closures are to accommodate slower runners. Churton is at the tail end so the slow runners impact the most and they have a duty of care to all involved including workers. Further impacted by there being no pavement at Aldford/Rake & Pikel. There is advanced notice re the closures which the council agree and all have the option to object to the marathon route. It was agreed that Andy would speak to The White Horse regarding parking on the day.

Agreed: Clerk to write to Ian Tordoff to ask when representations should be made as the Parish Council had some positive suggestions to make. One suggestion was that the flow be reversed to mitigate the effect on Churton.

(ii) Dairy Barns: Resident raised concerns regarding planning application 17/03412/FUL. Parish Council agreed to log the concern with the Planning Department.

**4) POLICE UPDATE/COMMUNITY SAFETY** Noted: Spate of break ins in local villages. Agreed: Clerk to ask Police to attend the next meeting.

## **5) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD ON 4 JULY 2017.**

Agreed: Proposed by Cllr R Prossor and seconded by Cllr P Thacker.

## **6) TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

(i) Himalayan Balsam: Mostly cleared by the estate with the remainder to be cleared in the Spring now.

(ii) Dog fouling: Concern previously raised regarding excessive dog fouling in Knowle Lane in particular but not in isolation. Noted that commercial dog walkers were using the area which exacerbated the problem. Barnston and Grosvenor Estates to monitor the situation.

(iii) Road signs: Parish Council are permitted to paint/tidy up finger post signs in the village themselves but need to pay heed to Health and Safety issues. Agreed to ask if any residents would volunteer to form a small working party via the website. Agreed to make a list of the more modern signs which cannot be painted or washed to a satisfactory finish and report as in need of replacing.

(iv) Grosvenor Estate planning proposal: Nothing further to report at the moment.

(v) Severn Trent: Cllr K Prossor reported at the last meeting that she was awaiting a response to a request for a scheduled slot at future meetings which would aid her attendance but she had still not had a response.

(vi) Speeding: Clerk had asked the police for increased deployment of the speed gun in the village, investigated the cost of buying a speed gun and looked at obtaining additional signage through the village. Additional signage had been put up at both ends of the village as a result. Both Grosvenor Estate and Barnston Estate offered a donation of £100 each towards the cost of a gun should it be agreed to purchase in the future. It was agreed that the Parish Council would, in the first instance, look at hiring a speed gun for set periods from a neighbouring Parish Council who already owned their own before deciding whether to purchase one. The clerk to speak to the police to ascertain exact locations to be used for utilizing the gun. Cllr Prossor offered the loan of hi vis jackets. Note to be posted by the clerk on the website informing residents that the Parish Council are actively looking at addressing the community's concerns regarding speeding and asking if there would be any volunteers willing to commit to assist in the operation of a speed gun if one were to be loaned next Spring /purchased in the future. Request to be repeated in next newsletter.

## **7) UPDATE FROM THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE**

Noted:

(i) The fire risk assessment had been carried out at the hall.

(ii) VHC to now put application together for Village Hall renovations for submission to WREN. Submission still ongoing.

## **8) PLANNING**

**Approval: 17/02124/FUL** 2 Minshull Cottage, Pump Lane. Creation of new highway and pedestrian access to dwelling and provision of onsite parking and turning space.

**Application: 17/03412** Dairy Barns, Chester Road, Churton. Single storey side and rear extension, loft conversion and renovation of existing side extension.

## **9) STANDING CONSIDERATION OF ANY HIGHWAY MATTERS**

(i) Pothole between Mulberry and Village Hall, Stannage Lane. Clerk to report again as still there.

## **10) TO RECEIVE / RESPOND TO ANY MATTERS RELATING TO CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER COUNCIL**

- (i) Letter dated 29 August received from The Local Govt Boundary Commission. Draft recommendations have been published. Ten-week public consultation closes on 6 November 2017.
- (ii) Letter received in relation to the Farndon neighbourhood plan publicity stage consultation.

## **11) FINANCE MATTERS**

**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 noted.

Community Account Balance at 18 August 2017 £4964.34

Cheque raised for clerk's salary and expenses.

Cheque raised for litter pickers fee.

Cheque raised for £222 UK City Images for website renewal wef 11 September 2017.

Cheque raised for £8 Mid Cheshire Footpath Society annual affiliation fee.

## **12) CORRESPONDENCE AND INVITATIONS RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING**

(i) Letter received from Mid Cheshire Footpath Society requesting £8 annual affiliation renewal fee. Agreed at last meeting: To be considered at next meeting and Clerk to ask their advice regarding responsibility for overgrown footpaths and gates. The advice had been received and circulated to all Councillors. Agreed: Pay annual affiliation fee of £8.

## **13) MBNA MARATHON 8 OCTOBER 2017**

Discussed under Open Forum at beginning of the meeting.

## **14) DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Agreed:** 7th November 2017 at 8pm in Churton Village Hall

**Meeting closed at 9pm**