

CHEDDON FITZPAINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.00pm on Thursday, 12 April 2018

In the Committee Room of the Memorial Hall at Cheddon Fitzpaine TA2 8JY.

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Present: Cllrs Batsch, Woollacott, Thompson & Isaacs. SCC Cllrs Fothergill & Frascini. D Cllrs Cavill & Townsend.
Clerk: Mrs J Pearson. No members of the public present.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Webber. WM Clerk. Vice Chairman Cllr Isaacs chaired the meeting.

2. Declarations of personal/prejudicial/disclosable pecuniary interests. None.

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8 March 2018: It was **resolved** to approve the Minutes of the previous meeting. All in agreement. Vice-Chairman signed.

Public Question Time: None

Reports:

SCC:

Cllr Fothergill: Travellers had caused the Henlade Park & Ride to close and caused considerable damage before moving on. £83m obtained from Housing Infrastructure Fund HIF to build roads and infrastructure before developments proceed. Wessex Water has been fined for infringing highway regulations. Junction 25 of M5 has received full planning permission; the NIDR will be renamed Trenchard Way with a ceremony on 14 June 2018. Other topics include: Fostering and Adoption, Broadband, Devolution, Step up to Social Work, Library Consultation, Colley Lane Bridgwater road construction, Electoral Division naming for Somerset,

Cllr Frascini: Small Improvement Schemes (SIS) – no news received.

TDBC:

Cllr Cavill: Country Park: At Taunton Deane's Main Council meeting 10 April 2018, the 9th agenda item was the "Acquisition of land near Nerrols Farm, Taunton as a Country Park". TDBC has agreed to underwrite this project, prior to further grant funding being obtained. Future ownership to be agreed with both Parishes.

"I presented the Item and then with Nick Bryant answered concerns and questions. The recommendation received unanimous support.

The **main Recommendation** was:

2.1.1 To approve a supplementary estimate to the Capital Program of £ 479,000 for the acquisition of land near Nerrols Farm, tree planting and other associated costs, for the purpose of creating of a County Park to be funded from the Garden Town Reserve less any contribution from WMPC and any successful grant applications.

2.1.2 Agree in principle to passing on responsibility.....of the country Park to WM and CF Parish Councils
Another part of the report covered, that as this was a time limited offer certain items were still to be agreed, in particular the future ownership, whether it should be Joint, Single or Lease. For future discussion; I put down a marker that lease did not seem to be the right way forward. After all, the aims of all concerned are to ensure that this land is Park land, in perpetuity, permanent or forever whichever is the longest for present and future generations to enjoy. On making that point, everyone agreed that such things could be left to those involved to resolve."

A proposal is made for a Working Party to be set up to set out the aims for the Country Park. Members from both Parish Councils to be invited. A proposed meeting is end May 2018."

Warding of new single Council (Somerset West & Taunton). It is proposed that the new council is set up with 58 District Councillors, each covering an electorate of approximately 2063 residents. Consideration is being given to making one ward of West Monkton and Cheddon, which would require three District Councillors. Councillors requested to send their views to TDBC.

Parish Councillors requested clerk to write preferring to stay as one united Ward. The Unparished Area of Taunton will be 'Parished', either as a Town or as a series of parishes.

Junction 25 – Local Development Order passed for work to progress.

Western Relief Road WRR: The Hartnells appeal has been won by the developer; therefore, the Strategic Land Partnership do not have to pay a previously agreed £1m contribution to the WRR. Initial work began prior to 9 March 2018 ie within the three years of the planning application being granted. Under the new agreement which takes over from the previous S106, Persimmon builds the WRR. Now that Hartnells £1m will not be forthcoming, further talks with SCC and TDBC are to be expected.

4. Neighbourhood Plan: The Referendum date is 19 April 2018. TDBC Electoral office sent out Voting Cards to every resident on the Electoral role within the joint parish boundary. The NP Steering Group arranged for flyers to promote the vote and Get Out the Vote cards will be delivered on the eve of poll. A majority is required to enable the NP to be 'made'. If a satisfactory result is obtained, TDBC meet on 23.4.2018 to formally ratify the decision. Five people to attend the Count the same night. Results to be posted on websites and notice boards.

Creech St Michael NP: Information has been received that a 'Further Regulation 14' to be undertaken. No action required by WM & CF Parish Councils at this stage.

5. Cheddon Ward:

Church Wiring: The Church Warden spoke of the current wiring problems in the Church at the recent APM. The Parish Council considered the matter and request the Clerk ascertains from the Church Warden what assistance is required. The Parish indicates a willingness to assist or support as required.

Defibrillators: Cllrs Batsch & Thompson report:

-A local resident had come forward as a 'First Responder' which is valuable to establish the skills within the parish and an article to appear in next newsletter.

- Updated quotes had been received from preferred supplier which had been tailored to fit each location of Hall, Phone Box and School. There are 'basic' boxes and higher specifications can be chosen. The key feature is the 'Real Time Frequency' which measures the effectiveness of compressions.

- Information given on recent installation at WM BACH.

- Recommendation is for CPR monitoring.

- Hall installation will be inside, for use when hall occupied; therefore, no grants available.

- Kingston St Mary noted no defibrillator had been used to save a life, and two operators needed.

- Three quotes will be needed (for parish installations at a later date) to show value.

- 10 year guarantees available from manufacturer. Custodian or guardian to check fortnightly for governance.

- Defib will be registered with SW Ambulance for certification.

- First Aid Course arranged for 8 May 2018 at CF Memorial Hall and advertised in newsletter.

- Vice Chair thanks both Parish Councillors for their considerable effort to date on this matter.

Broadband: Clerk & local resident attended Kingston St Mary Community Plan evening to hear of the Broadband proposals. A small group of people will work towards finding an acceptable solution to this matter.

"Enquires or Fibre / Church spire broadband are Split into two sections: Direct fibre connection / Church spire:

On the direct broadband: it was very interesting to hear what Greg XXXX had to say at the K-S-M Parish Council Meeting. The following day I tried his suggestions (ie. I located the box where my telephone line came from - which for me is K-S-M box 2) and got the following info: either 4 - 6 mbps (which is what I'm getting), or FTTP at 350 mbps. I rang BT (who is my service provider) and was told that the FTTP was indeed available to me, but at a cost of £225 per month. There was nothing in between, and I was getting the best that could be expected for the present. Gigaclear (the company who have undertaken to fulfil the Government's pledge to provide superfast broadband to everyone by the end of 2019) will start their layout for FTTP (up to 150 mbps) for this area in the first quarter of 2019, completing by the 3rd quarter of 2019.

With regard to a local satellite connection emanating from the spire of Cheddon Fitzpaine Parish Church, I tried various groups to try and locate a company that might provide a service similar to the one provided by WiSpire in Norfolk - emails were either unanswered or dead ends. Again, at K-S-M's Parish Council meeting I was introduced to Ray Stokes (Chairman of K-S-M Parish Council), who told me that his wife was pursuing this for K-S-M (from their Church), and whatever she was doing would include Cheddon Fitzpaine Church. It would appear that the bottleneck is not the problem of which company can provide this service, but whether the installation of the apparatus involved would be acceptable to the Church. This decision is to be made by the architect for the Diocese, and if positive, the

company (whoever it is) will be given the go ahead, and presumably we'll all be notified as to what the deal is and sign up if we want to. Given that this is all in hand (within the Church), I'm not sure what result was expected from my enquiries, but like everyone else, I now await the result of the deliberations between Mrs Stokes / the Diocese Architect / the Church / the service provider.

It was apparent from the K-S-M meeting that Greg has a lot of knowledge regarding the infrastructure and modus operandi of the involved parties, and I would be very happy to meet up to pool all resources and try and get to the bottom of what is actually going on, and whether we can influence this in any way. For example, because my telephone number is in the Gigaclear rollout for FTTP connection by the 3rd quarter in 2019, I understand that I am not eligible for the new voucher scheme - does this apply to anyone else in the K-S-M / Cheddon / Broomfield areas? If superfast broadband is available for businesses in my postcode, is there a way to split the cost amongst several other residents in the same postcode?

Conquest Riding Centre: It had been expected that the planning application would come forward by this time. However, TDBC have requested a pre-application meeting, prior to a community consultation. Information will be posted on notice boards to advise of a meeting (if before 1 June newsletter).

6. Maidenbrook Ward:

Bovis Gabions update: Contact between Bovis, Environment Agency, Parish & TDBC has progressed to the point where architects are drawing up plans for the repair of the Maiden Brook watercourse with collapsing gabions (adjacent to 26 Barbers Mead). It is understood that TDBC are now prioritising the adoption of the Public Open Spaces in Maidenbrook (Waterleaze) estate, and the legal teams are working on the matter. This can be concluded when the gabions are finally repaired.

Summerleaze Notice Board repair: A plastic glass has been replaced. It was **resolved to approve** the expense of £97.00. All in agreement. Thanks to the repairer.

Canal & River Trust signage along canal: A meeting has been set up in early May to consider extra signage advising location of bins, 'share the space', dog poo issues etc.

Litter Pick 14.4.2018 at Stoney Furlong and Nerrols Drive: Meet at 10 am for litter pick prior to grass growing using the new litter picking equipment.

Bench/Picnic Tables at Waterleaze Football pitch area: The bench to be installed shortly. The Picnic Tables to be installed by IWA volunteers at no cost. Clerk has permission to purchase the postcrete and restraint straps using the parish debit card.

Northwalls Grange new notice board: DWH have ordered a notice board for entrance off A3259.

7. Highways:

SIDs briefing at Somerton: WM & CF Clerk attended session on 14.3.2018 regarding the future installations of SIDs. Clerks forwarded the information regarding each parish request for future installations.

SIDs: results for Nerrols Drive received: speeds continue to show readings which are high enough to warrant future monitoring.

Road Closure at Nerrols Lane/Crosslands: Ongoing discussions continue regarding access.

Tudor Park Cycle Way: Request for clearance to be carried out.

Residents parking problems: Several complaints have been received. Good neighbourliness was suggested via the newsletter to resolve local issues where no enforcement is possible.

WRR: as reported above by Cllr Cavill under 'Reports'.

CMC-Nerrols Drive roundabout/Toucan Crossings: SCC report that Developers have been given a deadline to complete the tasks by.

Bus Shelters Nerrols Drive: The request to arrange for the S106 money to be accessed for the provision of 10 Bus Shelters was forwarded to Fiona Webb, TDBC Regeneration & Infrastructure Manager.

Taunton Bus Rapid Transit report available from TDBC – with particular emphasis on West Monkton to Taunton route, including the Park & Ride. Details of 54-page report circulated to Councillors.

Staplegrave Chairman's letter regarding connecting road from Staplegrave via Cheddon to Nerrols Drive. A request was received seeking support for the provision of a Northern Outer Ring Road. After discussion, it was agreed the Clerk should reply agreeing to support 'in principle'.

8. Planning Applications: No comments were made regarding the following application:

08/18/0006 - Erection of extension to provide self-contained annex at Rowford Cottage, Lyngford Lane, Cheddon Fitzpaine

08/18/0008 - Erection of replacement extension to the rear of 28 Barbers Mead, Taunton

08/18/0011 – Erection of a replacement single storey extension to the rear of 12 Cashford Gate.

9. Planning Decisions: Conditional Approval on the following applications:

08/17/0032 - Replacement of sheds with a shed for storage purposes and formation of pond at Meads Barn, Tudor Park, Taunton **CONDITIONAL APPROVAL**

08/17/0048/LB Various internal and external alterations at 2 Barton Cottages, Upper Cheddon, Taunton **CONDITIONAL APPROVAL**

08/18/0001 Erection of single storey extension to rear of 4 Warres Road, Cheddon Fitzpaine **CONDITIONAL APPROVAL**

08/18/0002 Repairs and erection of extension to external privy at 2 Barton Cottages, Cheddon Fitzpaine (retention of works already undertaken) **CONDITIONAL APPROVAL**

08/18/0003/LB Repairs and erection of extension to external privy at 2 Barton Cottages, Cheddon Fitzpaine (retention of works already undertaken) **CONDITIONAL APPROVAL**

Awaiting Decision:

08/16/0033 Mill Brook, Tudor Park, - Double garage amendment to 08/16/0010 Variation of condition No. 02 (approved plans) of application 08/16/0010 to incorporate the erection of a double garage at Mill Brook, Tudor Park, Maidenbrook.

08/17/0037 -Variation of Condition No. 02 (approved plans) of application 08/14/0020 at Brook View, Tudor Park, Cheddon

08/18/0005 Display of 2 No. illuminated fascia signs, 1 No. illuminated pylon sign, 1 No. illuminated gateway sign, 2 No. non-illuminated wall mounted signs and 1 No. flag pole at Taunton Van Centre, Crown Industrial Estate, Venture Way.

10: Reports:

Church: Vacancies are being advertised.

-A new Pioneer Ordinand, Tracey Hallett, to join the Benefice Team from June.

Pastoral Care Group: No new information.

School: Attendance numbers remain good. There is a request to increase the children intake from 21 to 25. Thanks were given to Headmaster for his interesting talk at APM and for deputising for another speaker.

Memorial Hall: Busy as usual.

11. Administration:

- Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP has approved the proposal to create **a single new district council** to serve the people of Taunton Deane and West Somerset on 22 March 2018. The matter to proceed, including new Warding patterns, to allow for voting in May 2019.

- A Parish Council meeting took place on 20 February 2018 at Wilton regarding concerns from West Somerset parishes raising concerns. Notes circulated to all parishes for information.

Warding patterns for new Council: Cheddon Fitzpaine Parish Councillors 'prefer for the Parish to be united' on this matter, unlike the present split Warding for District and County Councillors. A second option would be to work with West Monkton because of the affiliation with some matters and the Neighbourhood Plan. Clerk to inform TDBC.

Website upgrade: After discussion, it was **resolved to update the website** from Bronze to Silver package. This will include three extra items: user stats, online contact form and photo gallery. A one-off payment of £100 was approved for 'Community Pages' which was felt useful to the growing parish. Clerk to action.

Grant Policy- Drafts previously circulated: It was resolved to approve a new policy for grants and charitable giving was approved. All in agreement. The policy to be uploaded on the website and advertised in the newsletter.

Annual Parish Meeting 22.3.2018. A good attendance of approx. 40 residents saw a Powerpoint presentation by the Vice-Chairman Cllr Isaacs. Somerset Wildlife Trust and Canal & River Trust gave interesting talks. Cllr Cavill spoke of the Country Park Plans with a map projected to the screen. The Church, Hall, School also gave presentations. It was **resolved** to approve expenditure of £44.00 for light refreshments.

National Citizen Scheme: information has been received which could be advertised in the June Newsletter.

General Data Protection Regulation GDPR. Information is filtering through regarding this complex matter. Clerk watching for developments regarding the Data Protection Officer DPO and the impact on the Parish Council by 25 May 2018. Training will be given by SALC.

Hall Bookings: Clerk to book meeting room for 2019.

12. Finance:

Bank Reconciliation to 31 March 2018

21/02/2018	Pioneer Window	Clean CMC bus shelter	649	£21,599.51	£20.00
27/02/2018	P J Pearson	February salary	Internet	£20,936.51	£663.00
09/03/2018	P J Pearson	February expenses	Internet	£20,790.11	£146.40
09/03.2018	West Monkton P C	NP Referendum	Internet	£20,290.11	£500.00
14/03/2018	Toolstation Ltd	Litter Picking Grant	DC	£20,061.95	£228.16
23/03/2018	Morrisons	AMP refreshments	DC	£20,017.95	£44.00

Main Account	£20,017.95
CIL Account	£3,784.20
Election Account	£3,054.22

The Bank Statements were checked against the Bank Reconciliation figures. All in order. It was **resolved** for the Vice-Chairman to sign. All in agreement.

13. Payments for Authorisation:

Payments April 2018

	Amount	Pay Date
Repair of Summerlease Notice Board	£97.00	13 April 2018
TDBC – Feb newsletter	£55.75	13 April 2018
TDBC – Waste bin emptying 2017-18	£1,244.88 (VAT £207.48)	13 April 2018
Mrs P J Pearson – Clerks March mileage	£84.50	13 April 2018
Mrs P J Pearson – Clerks April Pay	£700.70	
Mrs P J Pearson – NP/other hours	<u>£193.38</u>	30 April 2018
	£893.38	
Inform HMRC RTI £893.38		30 April 2018
	<u>Sub-total: £2,376.21</u>	

To Note Debit Card:

APM Refreshments 22.3.2018	£ 44.00
Toolstation – 13.3.2018	<u>£228.16</u> (VAT £30.03) litter picking equipment
	£272.16

To approve:

Parishcouncil.net Website upgrade:

Silver Package set up	£100.00
Ongoing Annual Cost	£200.00
Domain name	£75.00
One off cost	<u>£47.82</u>
	£422.83

It was **resolved to pay** the above by internet banking:

Proposed: Cllr Woollacott

Seconded: Cllr Batsch

14. Matters raised by Councillors: Cllr Thompson asked about the newsletter item for suggestions for those living alone. If requests are received, the matter could be considered or forwarded as relevant.

15. Correspondence: circulated: including Somerset Rivers Authority update for 2018-19 expenditure.

Meeting closed: 9.51 pm

Denise Webber (signature on original)

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Chairman