CHEDDON FITZPAINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.00pm on Thursday, 8 August 2019
In the Committee Room of the Memorial Hall at Cheddon Fitzpaine TA2 8JY.
www.cheddonfitzpaine-pc.org.uk

Present: Cllrs Webber, Woollacott, Baker, Batsch, West; SCC Cllr Fothergill; D Cllr Cavill; WM Cllr Hall (Chairman of Working Party for Country Park) & West Monkton Assistant Clerk Mrs T Cavill.
Clerk: Mrs J Pearson. One member of the public

1. **Apologies for absence:** SCC Cllr Fraschini; SWTC D Cllr Tully & Pritchard; Cllr Isaacs; K Tutill NP Chairman of Delivery Group.
2. **Declarations of personal/prejudicial/disclosable pecuniary interests/amendments to the Register of Interests.** None**.**
3. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11 July 2019:** It was **resolved** to approve the Minutes of the meeting. All in agreement.

Public Question Time:
A member of the public raised the issue of cars parked on the exit of Waterleaze onto the CMC roundabout. Problems have arisen from the 'outfitters' vehicles associated with Nerrols Primary School, and the postman being forced to park in the middle of the road to collect from the Postbox. This prevents the free flow of traffic. Clerk to contact Police to request a Police presence.
BT Openreach van parked on T-junction by No. 14 Waterleaze. Clerk to follow up.
See Highways for further information.

4. **Reports:**

SCC Cllr Fothergill:
-£1m has been granted over three years for Emotion & Mental Health support for Young People.
-Winter gritting: the first deliveries of salt have been arriving at depots.
-SCC Finance: considerable positive progress has been made, and SCC have received an 'unqualified' opinion from the auditors for the accounts.
-Forecast School places: the new Education Infrastructure Growth Plan is available on the Somerset website.
-Summer Outdoor Activities: Kilve Court and three other centres offering activity programmes www.sseoudoors.co.uk
-Reducing Flood Risk: SCC have received £2.53m for funding schemes to reduce flooding within the county.
-Library Outreach Services: the new mobile library service has been launched.
-Higher Education courses: a new website: www.studyupsomerset.org.uk.
-Local Teacher Training: Somerset School Centred Initial Teacher Training (SCITT) moving to Dillington and courses available from September www.somersetscitt.co.uk
-Free Business Training: free training and some grants available.

SWT D Cllr Cavill:
-Langaller employment site: a joint planning application to come forward regarding this site and road access.
-MH2: plans moving forward regarding the future development.
-Bawler Road roundabout: to be installed prior to nearby houses being occupied.
-Railway Station: work to commence shortly.
-Coal Orchard site: work to commence shortly.
-Housing Infrastructure Fund HIF: first stage successful, and next bid is being prepared.
-Wellsprings: a new operator to take over the running of the sports centres.

5. **Maidenbrook Country Park:** WM Cllr Alan Hall reported:

Somerset wood

-Meeting held with Rod Williams and Sam Astill from Heritage Centre to establish a concept for the dedication area. Sam to review how a simple display area can be established in keeping with the CP. They are preparing a scheme for presentation in a couple of weeks.

-Discussions held with Ken Darch as a way forward with further tree planting this Nov. for phase 2.

-Volunteers have been forthcoming to cross check existing planted trees to and remove grass growth within tubes to ensure they are not being choked. 50% done, good effort. Tree status is that 99% thriving.

Country Park

-Meeting held at CP with Thirza Ashekford and Mandi who have a great deal of experience with setting up Forest schools and have developed a working document as a guideline to the requirements and H & S requirements.

-Presentation given to Engage on 29.7.2019 as part of the initial outlines for fund raising.

-To raise the profile and give more credence to the Somerset Wood and Country Park project, a presentation was given to the Lord Lieutenant of Somerset. This was well received, will promote with the powers that be, and will work with us to ensure Crown Estate works with us to resolve any issues that might occur.

-A review of the storage for Mower was held with WM Cllr Besley; and for the training on 6th Sept. the use of the Car boot sale area can be used.

-To give further advancement within this static period for the Country Park, volunteers from the Inland Waterways are working with us to clear and open up the Allen's brook stream visually on the CP side only. The removal/disposal of the brush and tree clearance needs a review.

-The South Somerset Astronomy group wish to move their monthly meetings to this area so that they can take full advantage of the proposed facility. AH has approached the WM Village Hall but they could not facilitate. Talks ongoing with Cheddon Fitzpaine Memorial Hall.

-To finalize the overall costings a meeting took place on 7th Aug. with Quantity Surveyor, Ian Dacre from Rider Levett Bucknall in Bristol. They have kindly offered to give us an overall costing of the Visitor centre. ID was involved in the construction of Gloucester Service area working alongside Jonathan Roynon, Technical Director for Burohappold Bath specializing in free form timber structures and did design for the same project.

-We have a very strong team now alongside Reed and Holland all waiting in the wings to make the Centre come into being.

-Cllr Batsch and clerks, have been working on presentation to the schools/Colleges as a competition to develop a logo/emblem for the CP and is in the final stages for issuing, thanks to you all.

-We are informed a new Officer has been appointed by Nick Brynt for the Garden Town project, Emma Jane Priest. Her roll will be GT Landscape Officer and how she interfaces with us we don't know. We have offered to give a presentation but to date we have not been given access to her or what the brief is in relationship to the CP.

-We are also still awaiting a presentation date with the head of Somerset West and Taunton.

-Nature is still proceeding; grass is growing and main park needs short back and sides. WM Cllr Besley to be asked to deal with this.

-Conquest is still in overview and in an attempt to ensure that planning do not leave the CP with a bad legacy, an attempt to present to our "Partners"? was initiated, so that the CP design is not compromised and undermined. AH's concern, as is the other members of the team, is that we are not being consulted on developments which is a sad situation as we are supposed to be working together.

-The possible Management meeting, previously minuted, to remain on hold at the present time.

-Chestnut fencing: a change of staff at Fyne Court results in renewing contacts to provide training on fence construction. Ongoing.

A letter of support from the Parish Council to be sent to Quantock Hills Landscape Partnership Scheme to support their bid to the National Lottery Heritage Funding of £2.6m.

6. **Neighbourhood Plan:** Draft wording for the revision of NP policies has been assembled by the writing groups and clerks; these have been cross-referenced to the Taunton Vision for the Garden Town. A draft questionnaire has been put together including all ages and abilities. A meeting on 12.8.2019 has been arranged with Ann Rhodes, NP Officer, to seek advice regarding the way forward and if a Referendum is required.
7. **Cheddon Ward:** the suggestion of a **new Parish notice board** in the Pyrland Fields/Farm View area is being discussed. With the new growth in the parish, communication via notice boards is deemed imperative. Some discussion with District Councillors and a shared notice board on the Farm View open space is being considered but may not be viable for shared maintenance reasons. Clerk requested to contact Summerfield Developers regarding siting a notice board on Pyrland Fields land to reach parishioners in the area.
   Upper Cheddon notice board: has been rebuilt by the Parish lengthsman and installed.
   Cheddon Flower & Dog Show: another successful year, good weather and atmosphere with two PCSOs in attendance.
8. **Maidenbrook Ward**:
   Gabians: It is understood Bovis plans are with the Environment Agency awaiting approval. Once the EA permit is obtained, work on site can begin.
   Crown Land/future District Centre: Crown requested to remove ragwort.
   Viridor: smells from compost turning. Advice was received prior to turning was forwarded to some local residents. It was not possible to delay the turning, and regrettably wind conditions were not favourable. Following on, residents note dust on homes and windows. Clerk advised to write to Mick Green, Director of Somerset Waste to request 'misting with fans' is undertaken to dampen the compost as used by Wessex Water.
   Site visit to Nerrols Primary School: Parish Councillors have accepted an invitation from the Head Teacher to visit the new school in August prior to opening in September 2019.
9. **Highways: SCC report** August 2019**:**
   "**In relation to the (CMC) roundabout query**, I have been advised by my traffic manager that the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 prohibits the use of yellow box markings on roundabouts unless the entry of traffic is under full-time signal control.
   The rationale given in the directions is because a circulating vehicle has priority over those entering. If it stops to avoid obstructing the box when its exit is blocked, thereby releasing the flow of entering vehicles, there is likely to be uncertainty over re-establishing right of way when the exit is clear again. Moreover, a vehicle stopped in an outer lane might obscure vehicles lawfully continuing to circulate on the inner lanes (whose exit might not be blocked) from the view of drivers entering the roundabout.
   For information – A yellow box has been installed on a temporary basis on Hankridge roundabout; however, has been done to address a specific issue resulting from the road works and will be removed when the works are completed. "
   Nerrols Primary School. New yellow road markings to be placed on Nerrols Drive and Summerleaze Crescent junction shortly.
   Western Relief Road: The issue of the 'found' pipe has been resolved and work on the WRR can recommence shortly.
   Road Closure: Upper Cheddon Farm area 4.9.2019 for water meter.
10. **Planning Applications: no objections to the following:**
    08/19/0019/T Application to fell one ash tree included in Taunton Deane Borough (Cheddon Fitzpaine No.2) Tree Preservation Order 1997 at 20 Hale Way, Taunton (TD708)
    08/19/0021/T - Notification to fell one cypress tree within Hestercombe Conservation Area near to Middle Lodge, Hestercombe
    08/19/0022/T- Notification to fell 6 ash trees, 4 elms, 6 Robinias and one sweet chestnut and to coppice 4 lime trees within Hestercombe Conservation Area in three areas of Hestercombe Gardens, Hestercombe.

11. Planning Decisions:

08/19/0012 Erection of single storey extension to rear of The Gatehouse, Tudor Park, Priorswood- Conditional Approval

08/19/0014 Erection of a detached double garage at Park View, Tudor Park, Taunton (amended scheme to 08/19/0008) CONDITIONAL APPROVAL

08/19/0016/A Display of 2 No. non-illuminated fascia signs, 2 No. non-illuminated totem signs and 2 No. non-illuminated board signs at Keyline, Venture Way, Priorswood Industrial Estate, Taunton CONDITIONAL APPROVAL

Awaiting Decision:

08/18/0028 *Relocation of Conquest Equestrian Centre with the erection of office facilities, flat, cafe, indoor and outdoor arena, stable block, parking facilities and associated works on land at Maidenbrook Lane, Cheddon Fitzpaine*

08/19/0001 *Application for approval of reserved matters following outline application 08/10/0024 in respect of the appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for the erection of 237 No. dwellings with associated works on land off Nerrols Drive, Taunton*

08/19/0013 *Erection of an agricultural multi-purpose storage building at Pyrland Farm, Cheddon Road, Taunton*

38/19/0129 *Erection of a residential development of up to 347 No. dwellings (87 No. affordable) with associated access, infrastructure, open space (formal and informal) and landscaping on land off Lyngford Lane, Taunton*

12. Reports:

Church: No report.

Pastoral Care Group: No report.

Cheddon School: School on holiday.

Memorial Hall: Cllr Batsch, as a Trustee of the Memorial Hall, to follow up re application to SWT for a grant for the electric charging point. Still awaiting legal papers for completion of land boundary with Crown.

13. Administration:

Consultation on draft of new Licensing Act 2003 statement of licensing policy on SWT website

Electric Charging Points: Cllr Pilkington, SWT Climate Change Officer has sent details of grants available. The Parish Council to support the initiative, and promote enabling of the Memorial Hall location as a possible site.

14. Finance:

Bank Rec: to 15 July 2019: Bank figures were checked against the NatWest statements: It was **resolved** for the Chairman to sign; everyone in agreement.

Current Balances/Reserves
15/8/2019

Main Account	**£25,498.54**
CIL Account	**£5,626.10**
Election A/c	**£3,076.37**

Payments for Authorisation: to approve payments:

Payments August 2019		**Amount**	**VAT**	**Pay Date**
B Keal, Upper Cheddon Notice Board		£216.00	£36.00	9.8.2019
Character Graphics (Aug newsletter)		£73.50		9.8.2019
SALC – Councillor training (West)		£25.00		9.8.2019
Burnham Portable Toilet Hire (June)	(C.Park)	£110.40	£ 18.40	9.8.2019
Bus Shelter – July clean		£10.00		9.8.2019
Mrs P J Pearson – mileage expenses	£42.25			
Homeworking	£18.00			
	£60.25			9.8.2019
Mrs P J Pearson – July Salary £707.98				
(minus July Tax & NI £0.79)	£707.19			
Mrs P J Pearson – July overtime	£140.04			
	£847.24			30.8.2019

HMRC July Tax & NI £0.79 + £0.91= £1.70
Overspend £21.24 in June.
Current HMRC Credit is £22.14-£1.70 = £19.54

Inform HMRC RTI (July) £847.24 30.8.2019

Total: £1,342.39

To Note Debit Card:

2.8.2019 Timpsons: Keys for Country Park: £30.00

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

Cllr Lee Baker

Proposed: ……..

Cllr Mike Batsch

Seconded: ……..

15. Matters raised by Councillors:

- excessive noise from party at Four Winds, Cheddon 3.8.2019
- WM PC suggest a Bus Shelter on A3259 near Crown Medical Centre for Hinckley Point bus service users
- TPO trees on Nerrols Lane – possible breach reported to Tree Officer.

16. Correspondence: circulated:

Next Parish Council meeting: 12 September 2019.

Meeting closed: 9.10 pm

Denise Webber – (signature on original).

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Chairman