

CHEDDON FITZPAINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.00pm on Monday 11th September 2023

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

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Present: Parish Cllrs Woollacott, Batsch, West, Reece & Wilson.

In attendance: Mrs S Millard-Jones, Clerk, SC Cllr Cavill, and 2 members of the public.

Cllr Woollacott chaired the meeting.

09/01 To receive apologies for absence: Cllr Fothergill.

09/02 To receive declarations of personal/prejudicial/disclosable pecuniary interests: None. To note that Cllr Woollacott has resigned from the role of governor for Cheddon Fitzpaine Primary School.

09/03 To approve Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 10th of July 2023. The minutes from the Meeting of the Parish Council on 10th July 2023 having been previously circulated, were taken as read. It was **resolved** to approve the Minutes.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

Chris Lee was in attendance (Planning Director for Gladman) regarding planning application 08/19/0035 which is yet to be finalised and resubmitted.

Residents in attendance urged consultation to take place once the application becomes live.

09/04 Reports: Somerset Council report available on the website.

09/05 Joint Projects with West Monkton:

a. Maidenbrook Country Park & Somerset Wood: (R)

Country Park Volunteer co-ordinator explained plans for the Remembrance Day Service which will take place on the 10th November at 2pm.

There continues to be a lot of vandalism in the Country Park where volunteers are having to clear up rubbish and broken glass. The Country Park Working Group continues to look into solutions to the problem.

09/06 Cheddon Ward:

A resident suggested that there may be a problem with the defibrillator as it seems to be flashing quite frequently. The Clerk had only been made aware of this issue on a few occasions and suspects that it is due to people attempting to unlock the cabinet.

The Clerk to contact the manufacturer to assess whether there may be a problem with the cabinet overheating.

09/07 Highways:

Cheddon Fitzpaine Road and Gotton Lane, Cheddon Fitzpaine and West Monkton to close from the 27th September 2023 and last for 8 days (08:00-18:00) to enable National Grid to carry out overhead refurbishment work.

09/08 Planning Applications (R) None

Report on applications considered under delegated powers:

08/23/0016 Conversion of garage to annexe at Rowford Barton, Lyngford Lane, Cheddon Fitzpaine – No comment

08/23/0017/LB Conversion of garage into studio annexe at Rowford Barton, Lyngford Lane, Cheddon Fitzpaine – No comment

38/23/0256 Consent under Section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 to underground existing overhead electricity lines and for the erection of associated replacement terminal towers on land west of Staplegrove, Taunton – No objections

Planning Decisions:

08/22/0014 Erection of a two-storey extension to the side with drive-thru to the rear, erection of double garage with first-floor annexe accommodation and erection of single-storey infill extension with conversion of an outbuilding into ancillary accommodation at 78 Lees Cottages, Priorswood Road, Priorswood (retention of part works already undertaken) - Conditional approval

08/23/0005 Erection of a first floor to the modular telecoms offices at Western Power, Venture Way, Priorswood Industrial Estate, Taunton - Conditional approval

08/23/0012 Conversion of garage and derelict barn, with erection of single storey extension, into 1 No. holiday let with formation of access and associated parking at Rowford Cottage, Lyngford Lane, Cheddon Fitzpaine (resubmission of 08/21/0016) - Refusal

09/09 Enforcements(R) To consider village planning consent.

The planning department advises that individuals raise enforcement issues as opposed to the parish council.

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/planning-buildings-and-land/report-a-planning-breach/>

09/10 Reports:

Church: No report

Cheddon school: No report

Memorial Hall: No report

09/11 Admin:

Cllr Reece signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office. Parish Council documents have been sent to new Cllr Reece. Cllr Reece to attend training sessions; Cllr Essentials part 1 & Part 2.

PCC Autumn Councillor Forum - Taunton and surrounding areas on 19th September at Trull Village Memorial Hall from 17.00 – 19.00.

09/12 Finance:

a) Approval of Payments & Receipts (R)

Payments

To whom	Description	Net	VAT	Total	Pay Date	Confirmed on Bank Statement
S Millard-Jones	September Salary, Homeworking & Mileage, PAYE & NI	£192.15	£	£192.15	29/09/23	
S Millard-Jones	October Salary, Homeworking & Mileage, PAYE & NI	£149.65	£	£149.65	31/10/23	
CF Memorial Hall	June meeting	£18.75	£	£18.75	12/09/23	
CF Memorial Hall	July meeting	£18.75	£	£18.75	12/09/23	
CF Memorial Hall	September meeting	£18.75	£	£18.75	12/09/23	

Debit Card/Direct Debit: To note:

To whom	Description	Net	VAT	Total	Pay Date	Confirmed on bank Statement
SWS	Email addresses	£27.60	£5.52	£33.12	04/09/23	
Microsoft	Monthly Subscription	£9.40	£1.88	£11.28	19/09/23	
SWS	Hosting Inv	£28.00	£5.60	£33.60	20/09/23	

Receipts: To note:

Bank interest July		£0.03
Bank interest August		£0.03
	TOTAL	£0.06

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

b) Approval of the bank reconciliation (R)

Main Account	£9,575.75
CIL Account	£24.06
NSI Account	£3,123.62
CP Account	£
Total	£12,723.43

It was **resolved** to approve the bank reconciliation.

c) Reserves (R)

To note that reserves are low and the budget to be managed carefully.

09/13 Community Governance Review (R) Confidential session

CFPC withdrew from the claim and the judge awarded the costs to the defendant. £28,00 which had previously been ringfenced an account with the legal team.

It was **resolved** to spend £28,000 on the legal fees

09/14 Local Community Network update: next meeting date 2nd October. Cllr Reece & Wilson to attend.

09/15 Matters raised by Councillors: None

09/16 Correspondence:

Gambling Policy consultation. Public Spaces Protection Order for Dog Control Consultation.

09/17 Items for next agenda:

- Scheme of Delegation
- Budget versus expenditure
- Budget for 2024/25
- How to fundraise for the Country Park
- To consider ways to promote what is happening in the community.

2023 Dates: 13th November.

2024 Dates: 8th January / 4th March / 8th April (Annual Meeting of the Parish) / 13th May (Annual Parish Council Meeting) / 8th July / 9th September / 11th November.

Meeting closed at 9.26pm

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Chair