

CHEDDON FITZPAINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.00pm on Thursday, 12 October 2017

In the Committee Room of the Memorial Hall at Cheddon Fitzpaine

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Draft Minutes awaiting Approval.

Present: Cllrs Webber, Isaacs, Batsch, Thompson & Woollacott. SCC Frascini, D Cllr Cavill & West Monkton Clerk. Lengthsman Brian Keal. Clerk: Mrs J Pearson.

1. Apologies for absence: SCC Cllrs Fothergill, D Cllrs Townsend, Tucker, & Parrish.

2. Declarations of personal/prejudicial/disclosable pecuniary interests – none

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14 September 2017: It was **resolved** to approve the Minutes of the previous meeting. All in agreement.

Public Question Time: No issues raised.

4. Lengthsman Brian Keal:

Quote for Vegetation clearance: Clerk had shown BK the issues at Waterleaze. BK produced an estimate for work to be undertaken. The recommendation of hiring a brush cutter to reduce the brambles was considered and deferred until the precept planning meeting. Clerk requested to ascertain permissions from TDBC and C&RT regarding the legality of clearing brambles on the canal-side. Concern was raised over the mulch on the edge of the canal.

Cllr Cavill suggested undertaking a residents' survey. The first three items on the lengthsman's estimate were deferred for consideration at the 2018-19 precept meeting.

Bench at Maidenbrook Public Open Space POS. It had previously been approved for the purchase of a bench to be undertaken (£460). Mr Keal has quoted hiring a concrete breaker for £53 to remove the concrete posts attached to the bench, and £120 for removing and replacing the new bench. It was **resolved** to support this estimate: Clerk to purchase bench to be delivered to a Waterleaze property pending installation.

Grass cutting: It was **resolved** for the Lengthsman to undertake the grass cutting (previously carried out by DLO) at the entrance road to Waterleaze, and Summerleaze (as required) at a cost of £90 per cut. Clerk to cancel the three grass cuts by DLO at £135 per cut per year for 2018.

IWA Picnic Tables: The Inland Waterways have two picnic tables which are offered to the Parish Council for installation. It was agreed to defer this item until the bench has been installed at Waterleaze.

SCC Reports: SCC Cllr Frascini reported the Small Improvement Scheme is open for the Maidenbrook Ward. The Parish Council agreed to request the asphaltting of the footpath from Nerrols Drive towards the Bus Stop (Bridgwater side) of the A3259 at the CMC roundabout (previously requested of Cllr Adkins in November 2015). Clerk to follow up. If Cllr Fothergill has funds, a request for improved footpath and kissing gate from the Church to School is required.

- National Adoption Week is being promoted
- St Augustine's School is to be demolished in the near future. £9m funding required to rebuild.
- A consultation regarding Libraries is open to the public.
- Home First – is an idea promoted within hospitals to prepare patients for returning home.

TDBC: D Cllr Cavill reported:

- Making A Difference (MAD): A method of new 'smart working' that TDBC and WSC are adopting
- The technology, hot desking, working from home and other new procedures.
- BT phone bills will be reduced as TDBC numbers change to 219....
- Office papers are being scanned.
- Housing Infrastructure Funding HIF has two funds: Marginal Viability, and Forward Funding. The FF for Phase 2 at West Monkton bid for funds will allow the Langaller to Walford Cross road to be built as the same time as the house building.

- Staplegrove planning applications: SCC has applied for a grant of £83m, part to be used for the building of the spine road of Manor Road. The schemes are viewed on merit by Government, and a decision may be given in the Chancellors Autumn Statement.
- OneTeam: was predicted to save £1.8m per year; has achieved £7m over four years.
- Taunton Town Centre: Pedestrianisation may take place in the new year.
- Green Forum attended by NC, and Waterleaze Resident: information on the Sponge leaky dams. Conference organised by Somerset Wildlife Trust SWT – NC, and CF clerk to attend on 31.10.2017.

5. Neighbourhood Plan: Regulation 16 Public Consultation was concluded on 22 September 2017 after TDBC granted a week's extension to Persimmon. Both West Monkton & Cheddon Fitzpaine Parish Council's approved the appointment of Ann Skippers as External Independent Examiner; TDBC have arranged the appointment.

Ann Rhodes, Policy Officer (Planning and Environment) advises:

"As of the consultation deadline TDBC has received 17 Representations on the West Monkton & Cheddon Fitzpaine Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Under the Councils data protection duty, we are redacting personal information (signatures, addresses, e-mails, phone numbers) before we place them in the public domain. As this is completed we are placing all representations on the Councils Webpage for the WM&CF NDP.

<https://www.tauntondeane.gov.uk/planning-policy/west-monkton-and-cheddon-fitzpaine-neighbourhood-development-plan/>

However, I can summarise that of those 19:

7 are from Statutory Consultees;

4 are from Parish Councils;

1 from a neighbourhood plan group;

2 from Local Planning Authorities;

2 are from Members of the Public;

3 are from Developers or Strategic Land Agents.

In line with the request of the Independent Examiner, we will be posting out paper copies of the representations to her. It is for the Independent Examiner to set the scope and content of the Examination, including whether a hearing is required.

I will keep you updated on Examination matters in due course."

6. Cheddon Ward:

Residents welcome letter: Printed and distributed with the October Newsletter. Each distributor has spare letters to give to new residents within their road or area.

Defibrillator/s: See Memorial Hall report below.

Dog Bin at Cat Lane: DLO Manager kindly arranged installation of a new dog bin within a week of the request. Farmer Read will cut the hedges along Cat Lane following the harvest.

Bins in Play Areas at Summerleaze: A review is being undertaken by TDBC.

Village Agent: Regrettably, the Village Agent is no longer in post. We await to hear of a new appointment.

Rumble Strips: have been installed alongside a new road sign at the lower end of Pitchers Hill.

Staddons: It is understood that the children residing at Staddons have vacated the premises.

7. Maidenbrook Ward:

Notice Board for Northwalls: David Wilson Homes are seeking to purchase and install a new notice board on the Northwalls Grange site.

IWA Volunteer Working Parties: The volunteers have worked for six days to date clearing the dry ditch from the Canal towards the football pitch and sheep pond. Branches have been cut and laid as dry hedges – for preventing access to the ditches, and also enabling wildlife to flourish. TDBC have agreed to remove all the brambles from the site.

Watercourse infrastructure at ditches on Waterleaze: Following the site meeting with Richard Burge, it was believed that SCC would adopt the brick wall infrastructures surrounding the culverts on Maidenbrook. Enquires are under way; there could be a combination of ownership between SCC, TDBC, WW, C&RT, and EA.

Thefts: have been reported in the Waterleaze area from both property and vehicles; to be noted in November Link Up and December newsletter.

Roadside Accident in Waterleaze: Police and ambulance in attendance.

Northwalls Primary School: 28.9.2017. Service Manager – Schools Commissioning: “The provision of a new 14 class primary school is to meet pupil place demand arising from significant demographic growth in the area, in addition to the initial phases of the housing development at Nerrols/Northwalls Grange. The existing schools in the area cannot be expanded to meet this demand.

Back in June this year the Richard Huish Trust wrote to the parish council seeking your support in relation to an application they were and still intend to submit to the Government’s Free School Programme. The school is to cater for 420 pupils and will also provide a nursery. Somerset County Council has identified that the school will be required by September 2019.

As I write the Government have not yet opened the next Free School bidding round which means that Richard Huish Trust bid (which is fully prepared) cannot be submitted and it is now just under two years before the school needs to be open. In order to make sure that the school building will be ready in time Somerset County Council will commence design and planning of the school now in order to keep the opening on track. This does not stop Richard Huish Trust submitting a bid when the next Free School bidding round opens, hopefully in the not too distance future. If the DfE Free School process does not open, the Local Authority will have to seek proposals to establish a free school under the Free School Presumption route which will involve a competitive process.”

Country Park: Cllr Cavill reported TDBC will consider at meeting on 17 October 2017 the two lower fields bordering Maidenbrook Lane and A3259 (opposite Tudor Park) as part of the Country Park. It is hoped the Crown will sell or lease the 30 acres; and for a footpath and cycleway to be included along the A3259 as a safe route for children.

- The legal agreement is nearing completion with the Crown and Conquest Riding for the Disabled to be on the fields to the north of the Country Park. This promotes the link from the Canal towards Hestercombe and the Quantocks allowing access from Halcon and Creech St Michael, including a footbridge over the canal.
- A field to the east of Allens Brook (within West Monkton Parish Council) is thought to be handed over to WM PC from Strategic Land Partnership.

It was resolved ‘in principle’ for Cheddon Fitzpaine Parish Council to support the idea of a Country Park, and for West Monkton Parish Council to assist with the maintenance of the Country Park. CIL money could be used. All Parish Councillors in agreement. The deal is expected to be finalised by end of 2018.

National Citizen Scheme: Clerk met with two NCS organisers and exchanged information regarding volunteering work undertaken by the 16-17 year olds who work towards this certificate. They would be able to meet Councillors and to discuss tasks that may be undertaken – eg: sprucing up Play Areas at Nerrols/Summerleaze.

Bovis- 11.10.2017 Malcolm Gilmore, Regional Technical Director, Bovis Homes:

“I have now had the opportunity to speak to members in our internal team. The current solution will require adjustments to the water course and a Land Drainage Consent Application will be required. Given our reduced resources which has been affected by recent operational changes, I have invited an engineering consultant, Peter Brett Associates to resolve this on our behalf.

I will drop you a further email over the next fortnight, as soon as I have met with PBA.

Please accept my apologies for the delay in resolving this matter. I appreciate that this has been an inconvenience for you.”

8. Highways:

Bus Shelter cleaning: Cllr Batsch had personally arranged for the bus shelter at CMC to be cleaned by his window cleaner – it being impractical to take water to the site by car. It was agreed ‘in principle’ for this to be undertaken on alternate months. Cllr Batsch to find three quotes from local window cleaners.

Bus Shelters – S106 of Northwalls Grange Travel Plan: Information had been received from TDBC Assistant Estate Officer regarding the locations and other details along Nerrols Drive. After discussion, it was agreed to refer to Julie Moore for more information regarding the legal details. Clerk to arrange. It is requested a Bus Shelter be placed at opposite the Crown Medical Centre on the new No.2 bus route. The joint WM & CF Neighbourhood Plan support encouraging people out of cars and onto other forms of transport. Distances are believed to be 300m between bus stops, of 200m near primary school. Cllr Woollacott requests a bus stop between the CMC roundabout and Maidenbrook Lane on A3259 Bridgwater side.

9. Planning Applications: No objections were raised to the following applications:

08/17/0027 Erection of a single storey rear extension at 1 Summerleaze Crescent, Taunton

08/17/0029 Erection of a single storey extension to the side of 84 Waterleaze, Cheddon Fitzpaine

08/17/0030 & 31 Listed Building (LB) – Conversion of barn to dwelling with erection of carport at The Barton Farmstead, Upper Cheddon.

08/17/0035 Installation of window to second floor side elevation and additional roof light to rear elevation of 16 Hale Way, Taunton

10. Planning Decisions:

34/16/0007 and 34/16/0014 – Staplegrove West/East – planning meeting 20.9.217 – deferment.

08/17/0023 Installation of 3 No. ground mounted air conditioning units to the rear of 3A The Monarch Centre, Venture Way, Priorswood Industrial Estate, Taunton - CONDITIONAL APPROVAL

11: Reports:

Church: Cllr Thompson reported there had been no applicants to the advertisement for a new part-time Vicar, which is disappointing. The Church wardens continue to deliberate the issue.

Pastoral Care Group: A successful coffee morning was held at Mary Gunning’s house in September.

Memorial Hall: Cllr Batsch reported information as a Trustee of the Memorial Hall, that the decision had been taken in principle to purchase and install a defibrillator inside the Hall. This does not qualify for grants. Information is being obtained via the SW Ambulance Service.

School: Cllr Woollacott reported the school is at full capacity. The Ofsted Inspection will take place this term. Cllr Woollacott has been re-elected as Chair of Governors, and new parents have taken on Governor roles.

Footpaths: no report.

Police: Information can be obtained for crime on the Avon & Somerset website for individual areas when a postcode is entered.

12. Administration: It was proposed for the Precept working party to take place on 15 November 2017 at Cllr Isaacs office. Clerk to arrange.

13. Finance: A request from the St Margaret’s Hospice will be considered at the Precept meeting.

14. Payments for Authorisation:

Payments 12 October 2017

		Pay Date	
Mrs P J Pearson – Clerks Sept expenses	£9.50+£46.15	£ 55.65	13 October 2017
Mrs P J Pearson – Clerks October Pay		£574.60	30 October 2017
Neighbourhood Plan/POS hours September (£132.60– NI £4.62)		£127.98	30 October 2017
HMRC NI employer £5.31 & employee £4.62(October)		£ 9.93	by 22 nd Nov 2017
CAB donation		£ 50.00	13 October 2017
Keal’s Fencing & Property Services		£234.00	13 October 2017

Total: £1,052.16

It was **resolved to approve payment and pay** by internet banking:

Proposed: Cllr Woollacott Seconded: Cllr Isaacs

15. Matters raised by Councillors:

16. Correspondence: circulated:

Meeting closed: 9.40 pm

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Chairman