

## CHEDDON FITZPAINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Thursday, 9 March 2017

in the Memorial Hall Committee Room.

**Present:** Cllrs Webber, Batsch, Isaacs, Thompson. SCC Cllr Fothergill, D Cllr Cavill, NP Chairman K Tutill, WM Clerk Mrs T Cavill. Clerk: J Pearson

1. **Apologies for Absence:** SCC Cllr Adkins, D Cllrs Townsend, Tucker, Parrish, Cllr Woollacott
2. **To receive declarations of personal/prejudicial/disclosable pecuniary interests:** None
3. **The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9 February 2017:** It was **resolved** to approve unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

### **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME - None**

4. **Neighbourhood Plan NP Update:** The NP policies are in place, evidence has been gathered and is being recorded. The meeting with Ann Rhodes, TDBC was positive in co-ordinating the information into the NP. Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)/Habitat Regulation Assessment (HRA) must be adhered to, where certain criteria are met, are compatible with EU regulations, impact on the environment, and must not contradict other policies. HRA was prepared by Somerset Ecology and has been forwarded to Natural England for their response. One example where 'bird and bat boxes' were sought, had the 'and bat' removed as it would favour the more dominant local variety. It is anticipated that the NP can go to informal Consultation by the end of March 2017 for six weeks. TDBC would arrange the formal consultation from end May to mid-July, it would then be submitted to the Independent Examiner for six weeks (end August). If all is acceptable, TDBC would have 56 days to arrange for the Referendum in late autumn.
5. **Cheddon Ward issues:**

**Signage 'To the Church':** SCC Highways have been contacted with description and photo.

**Flytipping:** The parish-wide problem persists. Contact has been made with TDBC, Somerset Waste, and DLO. Measures are being taken to find a solution; possibly with remote CCTV cameras in order to obtain number plate recognition.
6. **Maidenbrook Ward issues:**

**Maidenbrook Estate Adoption:**

**K Tutill explained Title Deeds** for the boundary alongside the ditch at the Crown Medical Centre: The Clerk had obtained two Land Registry documents 2011/ST294118 and 2014/ST137947. The land was originally owned by the Crown Estates. In 2011, the land covered by the CMC was granted a lease until 2022 subject to various covenants and rights of way across the land. The terms of the lease are not detailed and it may be the Medical Centre's responsibility to maintain (covered by title ST 294118). ST137947 – this was part of the sale of the Crown Industrial Estate to Legal & General Property Partners in 2014 (including various rights of way). Cllr Batsch/Clerk to follow up with CMC to ascertain the boundary ditch, and to request the brambles cleared from the ditch between CMC/No 2. Waterleaze.

**Taylor Wimpey** papers progressing; TW to clear fallen tree at Sheep Dip, and repair snags at the new Play Area. TW have forwarded the outline boundary map to Parish Council for reference.

**Bovis** have cleared the attenuation area, but not forwarded the boundary map as previously indicated. Clerk to follow up.

**Reinstatement of Wall at 76 Waterleaze.** TDBC DLO have indicated this will be repaired within the next two months.
7. **Northwalls Grange:** Site entrances are being constructed off Nerrols Drive to the Barratt Houses, and the entrance to David Wilson Houses off A3259 is being constructed with temporary traffic flow restrictions.

**Stoney Furlong:** Knightstone to undertake a sports event in the Easter holidays.
8. **Crown/Hestercombe:** HGT Community Advisory Group meeting was held on 21.2.2017. The notes are available on the Parish website.

## 9. Highways:

**Bus Service/Bus Shelter at Crown Medical Centre:** Tenders have been opened by SCC; awaiting news of the new service for inclusion in the April Newsletter.

**Finger Sign Posts:** The Lengthsman has provided a quotation for £620 to renovate three heritage SCC Highway signposts for renovation and repainting. It was **resolved** to accept the quotation with all in agreement.

**Cat Lane reclassification:** SCC Highways looking to declassify this 'road', in order that bollards may be erected to reduce flytipping.

## 10 Planning Applications: none

## 11 Planning Decisions:

**08/16/0019;** Glen Lodge, Tudor Park: A decision of **Refusal** was issued on 16/02/2017.

Please see the website for the decision notice and the officer report. (email dated 21.2.2017)

08/16/0033 and 08/16/0035 remain outstanding at this current time.

## 12 Reports:

**SCC:** Cllr Fothergill reported:

Elections for 4 May 2017; purdah period has begun

SCC M Adkins not standing again. Clerk to thank him for his services.

DF met school parent regarding road signs around Cheddon school. SCC Jo Sharp to review.

£6.5m funding secured to alleviate congestion at Creech Castle junction.

Cllr Thompson thanked DF for arranging repair of pothole by school.

Pothole reported at Upper Cheddon/Staddons.

NIDR – no information to report. Legal dispute continues with SCC and Carrillion.

**TDBC:** Cllr Cavill reported:

Firepool plans revised. NIDR road to be open to allow access to this site.

Coal Orchard planning application proceeding

TDBC revamping of Deane House to commence in preparation for Police to relocate.

Western Relief Road WRR: detailed plans ongoing in discussion with Persimmon.

Tarka Land (adjacent to Waterleaze Play Area and Aginhills) to have an Option Agreement. This may allow for a Baseball pitch to be created.

Garden Town Status: Everyone invited to contribute ideas to formulate plans.

**Hall:** Cllr Batsch reported: Cheddoners Play had another successful year. An Alzheimer Talk has been arranged for 2pm on 10 May 2017.

**Pastoral Care Group:** Cllr Thompson reported:

A leaving service for Rev Tony Woodward will be held on 19 March 2017 at Cheddon Church with a United Service.

Mary Gunning will hold a Coffee Morning on 25 March 2017 – everyone invited to cottage behind church.

**Footpaths:** Philip Boyce reported:

"I'm pleased to report the parish paths are in reasonably good order. As the Parish Paths Liaison Officer I try to wander the pathways of our lovely parish as much as I can to check they are not too overgrown and ensure all the styles, gates and signs are in good repair. I am also extremely grateful to all those I see out and about who also try to maintain the paths by trimming back any overgrown sections or reporting any issues to myself or directly to the council. If there are any issues with the paths which need to be reported back, please contact myself or the council directly on 03001232224. One of the main bugbears and cause of annoyance to many is the needless fly tipping that constantly occurs throughout the parish. Lots of rubbish left down our lanes seems to be dumped by unscrupulous builders who won't pay to take their waste to the tip so just leave it on the roadside late at night for the council to clear up. To report any fly tipping either use the online form on the Taunton Deane website or phone Customer Services on 01823 356356. The council are quite quick on clearing it up but that's no excuse for leaving this blot on our landscape. It is also a criminal offence punishable by a fine or in some circumstances a prison sentence. It is also a threat to our health and that of wildlife and pets. If you see anyone dumping anything, please contact the police on 101 and give as much detail as possible including a description of those responsible and their vehicle number plate. By working together, we can send a message to those who don't care about our countryside that this parish will not tolerate their illegal behaviour.

**Police:** none.

**Meeting with MP** Rebecca Pow regarding Infrastructure: Cllr Woollacott attended for the Parish. Approx 20 parishes attended to highlight the problems faced; mainly a lack of connectivity between areas or planning applications. It was a listening exercise from MP who cannot afford to fix the problems, but can forward concerns and speak on our behalf. The lack of a plan for an Outer Distributor Ring Road across Cheddon was noted which, without it, cause problems on Kingston Road and Cheddon Road for all traffic heading out of Taunton towards Bridgwater.

**Green Forum:** One parishioner and clerk attended Green Forum at Somerset Wildlife Offices; the main issues concerning all green parks are the commercial dog walkers letting 6-8 dogs off leads at one time, coupled with the excess of dog poo not being picked up. New notices to be erected on canal at Acacia Gardens side where a problem persists.

**13. Administration:**

**Co-opt Vacancy:** Clerk has advertised via notice boards/website and Link Up for a new Parish Councillor.

**SALC Regional Conference:** 16.3.2017 at Taunton Rugby Club. Clerk to attend for continued CPD.

**Annual Parish Meeting:** 30 March 2017 – Chairman and Clerk to arrange refreshments

**Newsletter:** April draft underway. Ideas for front page discussed.

**14. Finance:**

**NatWest Signatory:** It was **resolved unanimously** for signature of Cllr Durham to be removed from the Natwest Account. Clerk to action.

**Internet Banking:** Following the **Resolution** to commence internet banking at the February 2017 PC meeting, Cllr Isaacs signature was obtained. It was **resolved unanimously** for Internet Banking at Natwest to be authorised. The current six signatories all obtained and signed.

**NI Payment:** Clerks hours for NP work will trigger NI payment at end of fourth quarter, and due on 22.4.17.

**Purchase of Spray Cans** to identify dog poo: It was **resolved** for the clerk to purchase six cans. Proposed Cllr Webber, seconded: Cllr Batsch.

**Bank Rec:** Figures were checked, and Chairman signed. All in agreement.

**Payments for Authorisation:** Proposed: Cllr Batsch, seconded: Cllr Thompson

Clerks Expenses: (Mileage £50.05, NP hours £255.12, BT £110.00) Total: £415.17

TDBC Newsletter Printing Feb 2017 £55.75, NP flyer £40.00 Total: £95.75

SALC Conference 16.3.17 £72.00 (clerk) Lengthsman: £150.00

**15. Matters raised by Councillors:**

Chairman had received message from a parishioner at Summerlease who has requested a litter pick be arranged for that area. Cllr Batsch to follow up.

-Kingston St Mary Youth Group poster: agreed this could be put on Notice Board.

-Defibrillator: Cllr Batsch to attend training meeting. Discussions continue between Church/Hall for best location.

-Cllr Thompson requested slimmed down bi-monthly meetings. It was agreed to keep Ward Issues, Finance and payments months, and reduce Reports, Bank Rec, and Planning matters where appropriate.

**16. Correspondence:** circulated.

Meeting Closed: 9.01pm

Denise Webber (signature on original)

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Signed by Chairman

**Cheddon Fitzpaine Parish Council**