

CHERITONFITZPAINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of this Council which took place on 18 October 2016

Resigning Clerk: John Wilkinson 4 Silver Way, Shobrooke, Crediton, Devon, EX17 1HP

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Present: CCllr Squires, Cllr C Sheldrick(ch), Cllr S Meads, Cllr G Kingdon, Cllr P Colthorpe, Cllr C Lowson, Cllr Skinner, Cllr Lancelles Cllr A Norton, Cllr G Denton

Resignation.

The Clerk tendered his resignation on the grounds of ill health.

1 Parishioners Questions.

Two members of the public were present to register an objection to the proposed building development in Bary Close. The strength of their objection was largely vehicle parking which was shown to be inadequate as the plans according to the plans. The private driveway was sufficient for three vehicles, but there were four dwellings proposed. It was resolved that the Council apply for a 28 day extension of the objection sent in three weeks ago.

2. Apologies.

An apology for absence was received from Cllr Humphreys.

3. Minutes

Following several minor amendments, the minutes were signed as a true and accurate record of the September 2016 meeting.

4. Declarations of Interest.

None.

5. Roads and Footpaths

5:1. A walking party toured the village over 35 years ago and the piece of land identified as Bluehayes was found to be inadequate for car parking purposes. Cllr Meads thought that this square of land should have come into the development area which would have allowed its use for parking.

5:2 CCllr Squires spoke to Steve Tucker who said the road surface should settle down soon

5:3. Cllr Lowson said that Public Transport was important and was a village resource. In fact it is only the things that sustain a village such that children can get to school, workers can get to employment, also Hospital visits. Currently only buses supported by the County Council can be considered. Cllr Lowson proposed that the 55b Bus leaving Exeter and passes through Cheriton Fitzpaine on its route. Cllr Sheldrick suggested that this be condensed and circulated as a suggestion. He also proposed that Cllr Lowson present a short statement which will invite response to it.

6. Playing Field.

6:1 The Under 11 sign gives instruction of emergency phone, Clerk's number etc. Cllr Sheldrick proposed to leave it until new information becomes available.

6:2 The resurfacing of the lane to Jacks Acre - it has proved difficult to establish communication with Ross Hext.

7. Burial Ground.

Members reports.

8. Allotments.

A few plots could do with better tending, possibly a written approach to all tenants. It was proposed to make an inspection next Spring

9. Finance

9:1. The Current bank Statement was presented it showed a credit balance of £15489 which included the September allotment of the precept.

9:2 Recent awkwardness at the bank was compounded by the receipt of a letter refusing payment of cheques issued to ALL TIMBER FRAMES. This alleged that the bank had detected attempted fraud. Later consideration suggested that it was the amount of the cheque not the signatories that was at fault. The Bank provided a list of signatories which they insisted was up to date. The Clerk had been in the Bank's Office two years before this and amended the list. Five of those listed have resigned, two of the others are deceased. The clerk had written a letter to the Bank amending the list and suggesting it would be updated 9:3 The payees of the of the accounts to settle were credited by cheque.

10. Planning.

16/1201 TPO he work to the Sycamore tree had already been done on account of the unsafe nature of the tree.

14/00835 - Building consent given.

16/01395 - Roof at Orchard Hayes -No objection.

11. Bonfire.

The Clerk wrote to the Bonfire Committee asking them to once again take over management of the event. It is four years since such a letter was sent.

12. Removal of certain phone boxes in the MDDC area.

It has been proposed that a substantial number of red telephone boxes be removed in the area.

Discussion proved that this is an unwelcome intrusion since such a removal in Cheriton Fitzpaine would remove one of the last means of communication in the village. Mobile telephones and modern electronic telephones will not work any nearer to the village than Wordland Cross and that even Police telephones are similarly gagged.

The Clerk has written a letter to this effect awaiting response.

13. Closure of Post Office and shop.

Discussions and meetings have taken place in the area centered around the replacement of and competition with the Post office and shop. The idea of a monthly market gave rise to some alarm because of the possible rise of local competition. There may be a need for the parish Council to consider financial contribution toward this.

The matter Will be raised in The Cheriton News.

14. Correspondance.

None

15. Christmas arrangements.

The December meeting of the Council has been brought forward to the 13th of December to better fit in with members festive arrangements. An advanced apology for absence was received from CCllr Squires for this date.

Next meeting 15th of November 2016