

## **CHERITON FITZPANE PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the meeting held on 19th January 2016**

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

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Present: Cllr C. Sheldrick (ch) Cllr S. Humphreys, Cllr G. Kingdon, Cllr C. Iowson, Cllr J. Skinner, Cllr A. Norton, Cllr P. Colthorpe, CCllr M. Squires. Three members of the public Miss Walls, Mr & Mrs Bailey

#### **Parishioners Questions.**

Ms Karen Walls was present to make representations concerning proposals for alterations to property adjoining her house.

Planning matters were brought forward to discuss 15/02004/Full

A further matter relayed from a parishioner by Cllr Humphreys was deferred to Roads and Footpaths.

#### **2. Apologies.**

An apology for absence was received from Cllr Meads.

#### **3. Minutes.**

The minutes of the meeting held in December 2015 were signed as a true and accurate record.

#### **4. Declarations Of Interest.**

Cllr Norton declared a personal interest in Holes Cottage planning application. Cllr Humphreys declared a personal interest in the Planning application concerning Dovers Linhay.

#### **5. Roads and Footpaths.**

No action had been taken with either Cherry Meadow or the flooding at Ford Cross. The Clerk was asked to contact the Highways Department once again. The potholes at Coffin Tree Cross had been patched but floodwater had begun to do damage again, the Highways department to be appraised.

There was flooding between Hayne Cross and Brindiwel Cross which has now reached a dangerous depth which compounded with soft banks constitutes a hazard to all traffic. The Clerk was asked to inform the Highways Department.

Cllr Humphreys produced a letter from Mr. Mayer of Ivy Cottage who complained about the condition of the lane behind his house. He had been in the habit of maintaining this lane with help from others but that now his age and infirmities prevent this. He complains of the accumulation of rubbish and the development of a dangerous surface. The use of a tractor by a local farmer compounds matters leaving heavy ruts and turning the ground to mud. He felt that such damage rendered the farmer liable for some contribution to upkeep. He appealed for help from the Parish Council who also own property (Jack's Acre) at the end of this lane. It was felt that the situation merited a site visit and Cllr Skinner undertook to carry this out in company with Mr. Mayer and report back to the next meeting. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Mayer and tell him of the PC's intentions.

**6. Playing Fields.** Following an enquiry by Mike Smith, grass cutter, it was accepted that Holes Farm owns one end of the hedges round Jacks Acre. The Clerk was asked to have Mr Smith find out who owns the rest.

In the matter of the playing field wall which is in need of attention, the Clerk was asked to claim an extra f8,000.00 in the annual precept with a consequent decrease next year. This has already been mooted with MDDC and appears to be feasible. It is not known yet what the results of the grant claim to Paul Tucker will yield, if anything. If both sums come to hand, the excess will be banked for a year and regarded as part of the 2017/18 precept. The TAP funding available for the year is to be claimed for this purpose and coupled with the £400.00 promised by CCllr Squires will provide the necessary 10% deposit required by Pennon.

#### **7. Burial Ground.**

7:1. Mike Smith is to be told to go ahead and clear the pine tree roots which are fouling the entry gate to the burial ground.

7:2 The Clerk distributed copies of the revised burial charges with a laminated copy for open display on the site. The percentage rises were approved during the November meeting.

#### **8. Allotments.**

The lease for the allotment land at White Cross is finalised and has been received. The allotment holders now become tenants of the PC and are to be managed directly, not as part of the Allotment Tenants Group. The Clerk was asked to furnish the new tenants with a copy of the tenancy form which will appraise them of the terms under which tenancies are granted but to not charge rent until the new tenancy year begins in April. The Land Registry is to be contacted.

#### **9. Finance.**

9:1. The current bank statement was produced showing a credit balance off £11,236.08

9:2 Discussion of the annual precept was carried out in section 6.

9:3 Further signings were taken with the form to appoint signatories for cheques etc.

9:4:1 Ross Hext Hedge trimming £30.00

9:4:2 Mr R. Swain Maintenance £118.00

9:4:3 John Wilkinson Clerks Pay £270.09

(salary £240.87 expenses £32.22) All were proposed for payment by Cllr Norton and seconded by Cllr Skinner with all in favour.

#### **10. Planning.**

Ms Karen Walls attended the meeting to present a case against the proposed alterations around her property. **(15/02004/FULL)** She produced photographs and diagrams which showed that the proposed alterations would impinge upon her lifestyle and privacy to a grievous degree. In addition, the problem of parking near or close to her home would be exacerbated from a bad situation to an almost impossible one. Other neighbours were in attendance to support what Ms Walls was saying and the PC agreed that the plan was not attractive. The Clerk was asked to write to the Planning Department objecting to the proposal on the above grounds

**16/00042/HOUSE** Erection of an extension, alteration of existing door to window and existing window to door following demolition of existing shed and WC at South Coombe Farm No objection.

### **11. Standing Orders.**

Members could find nothing amiss with the orders as they stood and the Clerk was asked to bring up the matter at the next Annual Parish meeting.

### **12. Correspondence.**

Several items were presented.

### **13. Website.**

The Clerk reported that he had attended a course at MDDC on the new websites available and that he hoped that with a little experimentation he would be able to manage such a Site. Cllr Humphreys undertook to supply the Clerk with contact details of the Cliffe-Duffields who have also expressed an interest in managing the website.

### **14. Chairman's Reports.**

The Clerk was advised that the contact for the Cheriton News was Clive Yeates. The Chairman said that a list of contributors for the website should be drawn up. He also asked for a report on the forthcoming meeting on broadband installation being held at Black Dog. The Clerk was give leave to make a year's forward bookings for the use of the Parish Hall for PC meetings. Cllr Skinner asked about the defibrillator and the progress of its installation so far. The Chairman said that the equipment was ready for use but the initial proposed site was unsuitable because of the possibility of a vehicle knocking it off the wall. A suitable site has now been chosen which will be close to a motion operated light within good view for users. The installation is promised during the coming week. Cllr Norton asked about having the roads in the village cleaned in anticipation of the Village Fete on July 16th 2016. He was advised to contact the Highways Department in good time.

The meeting ended at 9.10pm, next meeting February 16th 2016.