

**EAST CHALLOW PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY**  
**9<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2022**

**In Attendance:** Ms V Bosley (Chair), Mrs F Webb, Mr T Hayes, Mr P Barrow.

Five members of the public, one member of the public (part of the meeting).

**Apologies:** Ms L Hooper (Clerk), Mrs I Games, Mrs S Terry, Mrs Y Constance (County Councillor).

The Clerk texted the Chair at 5pm today to inform her that she would not be attending the meeting due to illness. The Chair undertook to take notes of the proceedings of the meeting.

**141/22 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

The Chairman invited councillors to declare any interests in matters about to be discussed and to declare an interest if any items in which they have an interest arise during the course of the meeting. No declarations were made.

**142/22 MINUTES OF 12<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2022**

Item 122/22. Cllr Webb noted the incorrect date of minutes to be accepted at the October meeting which should have read 20<sup>th</sup> July.

Cllr Webb proposed and Cllr Hayes seconded approval of the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

**143/22 PUBLIC DISCUSSION TIME**

**Hedgerows**

Cllr Barrow and Mr A Barclay (of West Challow) spoke about their project to re-instate hedgerows and cut grips in roadside verges within the local parishes of East and West Challow and Childrey. A joint venture would be good, they are looking for volunteers to assist, information on the venture will be put on village Facebook pages and websites. There is an app which can be used to show hedges, land buffers and to identify landowners.

Mr Barclay commented on the disappearance of hedges on Whitelands Lane/Silver Lane over the 30 years he has lived in West Challow. It is intended to make contact with Mr N Adams who is known to be investigating saving hedgerows. This will be a long-term project.

**Canal Way Development**

Two members of the public spoke about their objections to the proposed Bewley Houses proposal for 55 houses at the end of Canal Way.

Cllr Barrow spoke about the screening assessment which took place last month.

Concerns were about the population increase; loss of separation between East Challow and Wantage; the high-water table; loss of wildlife; heavy traffic and increased traffic along Canal Way; access onto the A417; the previous year's screening, proposal for 200 houses opposite King Alfred's School.

Other arguments against this proposal were the same as for the Crest Nicolson and McTaggart & Mickel developments.

Cllr Webb spoke on relaxed planning regulation.

Cllr Barrow spoke on housing figures/NPPF and the local plan.

Issues have arisen due to the Vale putting out a call for potential development sites.

The Park footpath closure was mentioned as well as the canal towpath.

**144/22 DISTRICT AND COUNTY MATTERS**

No reports were received.

**145/22 PLANNING MATTERS**

P22/V2347/HH. Field View, Canal Farm Lane. Single and first storey extension.

No objection

P22/V2406/FUL. 1 Challow Hill Farm Cottages. Agricultural storage barn and associated works.

No objection.

P22/V337/DIS. Fullers Grove site, Goodlake Avenue.

Residential development of 36 dwellings comprising a partial re-plan of 36 dwellings.

Noted by the Parish Council.

Notification of an early-stage solar farm proposal on land at Manor Farm east of Denchworth.

Noted by the Parish Council.

#### **146/22 MATTERS OF REPORT NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA**

The Clerk was not present to update the Parish Council to provide an update on a useful site meeting held recently with Mr M Francis of OCC Highways.

#### **147/88 ACCOUNTS**

Cllr Webb proposed, and Cllr Bosley seconded the November payments of £5866.22.

The review of bank reconciliation for Aug/Sept is ongoing.

The budget for 2023 was discussed in general but will be brought forward to the December meeting.

Review of bank signatories is ongoing.

#### **148/22 RISK ASSESSMENT**

Cllr Hayes reported that all was ok with the assessment, he would like a checklist to be provided giving more individual information.

#### **149/22 CEMETERY**

Item to be carried forward to the next meeting as there were no urgent matters relating to it.

#### **150/22 TRAFFIC MATTERS**

##### **Speeding**

East Challow Parish Council has had an offer of SIDS (speed indicator display). Mr R Moore of OCC will attempt to get the version on offer changed, Crest Nicolson will have to agree additional funding.

##### **20s Plenty Survey**

There is currently no update.

##### **Speed watch**

There is currently no update.

Cllr Bosley will approach villager who have previously put themselves forward to assist with this project.

#### **151/ 22 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Cllr Barrow updated the Council, a revised copy will be made available for parishioners to view in St Nicolas Church, Main Street and the Challow and Childrey Cricket Club Vicarage Hill as part of the consultation process.

#### **152/22 FOOTPATHS AND RIGHT OF WAY**

Item to be carried over to next meeting.

Cllr Barrow reminded councillors of the Zoom presentation to be given by Mr J Gordon on 12<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm on the progressive decline of hedgerows.

Cllr Barrow will speak with Mr A MacEwen James (footpaths officer) of OCC regarding the current state of the south end of Cornhill Lane.

#### **153/22 RECREATION AREA**

Allotment Fence

S106 funding paperwork is being prepared to complete the request for funding.

Cllr Webb gave an update on allotment rent collection.

Cllr Terry and Mr S Terry have met with Cllr Hayes to discuss the maintenance needed in the small children's play area. A working party is planned for 12<sup>th</sup> November.

A stolen vehicle was driven onto the recreation area from Cannings and burnt out on the football pitch recently. Once alerted Cllrs Webb and Bosley attended the scene, Police also attended the scene. A fence to the south was badly damaged and thanks were given to Mr Webb who has repaired it.

**154/22 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

There are no problems to be addressed at the present time. Cllrs Hayes, Bosley and Webb will review the various jobs and costings going forward to the next tender review.

**155/22 PUBLIC ART/S106 FUNDING**

Cllr Hayes has a meeting with Abi Brown arranged for 14<sup>th</sup> November and he confirmed he will lead the project.

**156/22 PAVILION REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

Item to be carried forward to the next meeting.

Cllr Barrow will ask a member of the Childrey pavilion trustees if a visit can be arranged to discuss how they manage their pavilion.

Cllr Webb suggested S106 or CIL funding maybe available.

**157/22 CHALLOW NEWS**

Date of next meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> December.

Christmas waste collection dates

Christmas tree disposal arrangements

**158/22 CLERKS CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter of resignation has been received from Cllr Parker

Donation request for Challow News

Request for an additional/replacement village bus stop.

**159/22 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

Community transport

Re-location of A417 bus stop

Budget/precept

**160/22 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> December.

The meeting closed at 10.10pm.