

EAST CHALLOW PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY
11th JANUARY 2023

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

Apologies: Ms L Hooper (Clerk), Mrs I Game, Mrs S Terry.

Due to the absence of the Clerk the Chair undertook to take notes of the proceedings of the meeting.

01/23 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.

02/23 MINUTES OF MEETING 14th DECEMBER 2022

Minute 164/22 – Should read P22/V2406/FUL – Cllr Barrow reported that he had visited the site with Cllr Hayes, nothing has been done regarding the play area, EV charging points and bat boxes. A detailed plan of the site has been sent to Cllr Barrow.

Cllr Hayes requested more information/explanation to be added to minute 167/22 - Risk assessment - Check lists to confirm/record inspections as required by the risk assessment need to be prepared. These check lists can be made at the time of the next inspection and written by the person carrying out the inspection.

Minute 169/22 – 20's Plenty - should read no further responses will be requested from Survey Monkey at this time.

The minutes will be signed when the above additions are made.

03/23 PUBLIC DISCUSSION TIME

Cllr Webb spoke of the work Mr Broyd (litterwarden) had done clearing up the dog poo bags which had piled up at the location of a former rubbish bin (which is due to be replaced). The bin was formerly on the large grassed area opposite Goodlake House.

04/23 DISTRICT AND COUNTY MATTERS

Cllr Barrow (District Cllr) spoke about the re-instatement of the maternity unit at Wantage Hospital. Since it's closure new/expectant mothers have been sent to Wallingford Hospital if not attending the JR2. Cllr Barrow also spoke of the new integrated care system covering Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire and West Berkshire (BOB ICS). The vale Cabinet approved changes to car park permit costs by 10% inline with inflation levels. A third round of the Household Support fund will open in January, support will be tailored to individual needs but will focus on food and fuel vouchers.

05/23 PLANNING MATTERS

P22/2702/0. Bewley Homes 55 dwellings Canal Way.

Objections have been submitted, a decision is expected at the end of January.

P22/V2843/HH. 4 Vicarage Hill, East Challow, rear extension.

No objections

P22/V3002/Ful. Grove Business Park, erection of catering structure

ECPC to respond with no objection.

06/23 MATTERS OF REPORT NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA

Cllr Hayes asked if there was any information on a start date for the kerbing near Goodlake House/Letcombe Hill.

Cllr Barrow advised councillors that the work to aid crossing the road is even more relevant as pupils attending KA's School from Childrey now must make their own way to school. Many walk or cycle along the Childrey Bridlepath and cross the road at this point.

07/23 ACCOUNTS

Cllr Webb proposed, the Chair (Ms V Bosley) seconded the January payments of £1095.69.

The review of bank reconciliation's is ongoing.

The Chair has obtained an extension from the Vale regarding the submission date for the precept. A Budget will be prepared and circulated to councillors for comment/approval outside this meeting as the precept will need to be submitted before the next Parish Council meeting.

Review of bank signatories is ongoing by Cllr Webb and the Chair.

Work on the reconciliation of the CIL money is ongoing.

08/23 RISK ASSESSMENT

Cllr Hayes will confirm this minute reference once wording is amended in the December minutes.

09/23 CEMETERY

Information regarding the notice board will be carried forward.

The Chair updated councillors on Mr Wises thoughts regarding the beech hedge (Vicarage Hill Cemetery) which he has recently cut.

Cllr Barrow requested an update on the area to be reclaimed/cleared in the Vicarage Hill Cemetery.

Cllr Barrow asked for thoughts on an additional cemetery, Cllr Hayes reminded councillors that the new cemetery adjacent to the church still needs landscaping.

10/23 TRAFFIC MATTERS

Cllr Barrow updated councillors that Mr R Moore of OCC is still waiting to hear from Crest Nicolson regarding SIDS for the village. Cllr Barrow is due to have a meeting with Crest Nicholson and will remind them that Mr Moore is waiting for information.

20s Plenty Survey

No more information available until more of the survey has been collated.

Speedwatch

A small team of volunteers have come forward and are waiting for information regarding training.

Community Bus

No further information. Cllr Barrow will make enquiries.

Bus Stop Relocation

The request to move the bus stop near the black barn needs to be forwarded to County Councillor Constance.

11/23 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The plan is with the examiner. Cllr Barrow hopes to have it back within 2/3 weeks when further work maybe required.

12/23 FOOTPATHS AND RIGHT OF WAY

Cllr Barrow will start walking the paths again in the Spring. 4x4 are using the south end of Cornhill Lane, Cllr Barrow has supplied photographs to Steve Tebbitt of OCC.

13/23 RECREATION AREA

Allotment Fence

A second quote from Stick Design has been obtained and sent to Ms. J Perrin at the Vale regarding S106 funding.

Pavilion

No update.

Football Pitch
No update.

14/23 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

Mr J Hanham (grounds maintenance contractor) has been in touch with his updated price list for 2023. It was agreed that the Parish Council would accept the new prices.
Mr Hanham again enquired about his request for replacement village green posts.

15/23 PUBLIC ART/S106 MONEY

Cllr Hayes updated councillors, he has been in contact with the artist. Cllr Hayes asked councillors for their thoughts regarding the contents of a time capsule which is part of this project.

16/23 WARM SPACES INITIATIVE

Cllr Barrow updated councillors; the initiative started before Christmas with flyers now being delivered, a mention of the warm space's initiative will be put in February Challow News.

17/23 CHALLOW NEWS

Cllr Hayes requested information be included on defibrillators and how to use them.
A mention will be made about irresponsible parking around the village and a reminder about waste bins.
Thanks will also be given for Christmas lights around the Village and those involved in the Village Carol Singing.

Date of next Parish Council meeting 8th February 2023.

18/23 CLERKS CORRESPONDENCE

Relocation of the memorial tree for Eric Jones -request from daughters.
Highbank Cottage – request for information regarding storage of building materials.
Hedgerow Project – request from Mr Barclay (West Challow) for a donation.

19/23 NEXT AGENDA

Drains in the village.
HGVs using Vicarage Hill.
Mr Barclay's hedgerow project.

20/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 8th February 2023.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Signed (Chair.....)

Notes on declaration of interest

- I. Any member arriving after the start of the meeting is asked to declare personal interests as necessary as soon as practicable after their arrival even if the item in questioned has been considered
- II. With the exception of the circumstances listed in paragraph 9(2) of the Local Code of Conduct for Members, a member with a personal interest also has a prejudicial interest if it is one which a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the member's judgement of the public interest. In such circumstances, the member must withdraw from the meeting room, and should inform the Chairman accordingly.
It is not practical to offer detailed advice during the meeting on whether or not a personal interest should be declared, or whether a personal interest should also be regarded as prejudicial.