

EAST CHALLOW PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY
8th MARCH 2023

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

Apologies: Mrs I Game, Mr P Barrow.

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

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.

41/23 MINUTES OF MEETING 8th FEBRUARY 2023

Cllr Terry proposed and Cllr Hayes seconded acceptance of the minutes of the meeting held on 8th February 2023.

42/23 DISCUSSION TIME

No members of the public were present.

43/23 DISTRICT AND COUNTY MATTERS

As Cllr Barrow (District Cllr) was not present so he had emailed his comments.

The Mission – there was a write up in the Wantage Herald with a photo.

Pupils from Childrey will have to walk to King Alfreds Academy via the Bridlepath as OCC transport is to stop.

EV charging points are needed for the Crest Nicolson site.

The VWHDC council tax is one of the lowest in the south of England.

44/23 PLANNING MATTERS

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

P22/V3002/Ful. G rove Business Park, erection of catering structure. Decision awaited.

P23/V0121/HH. The Barn Park Farm. Replacement of fence. Decision awaited.

P23/V0243/T28. Grove Business Park. Removal and replacement of antennas. Decision awaited.

P22/V2347/HH. Field View, Canal farm Lane, extension. Decision awaited.

45/23 MATTERS TO REPORT NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA

Cllr Barrow was not present to update on installation of dropped kerbs near Goodlake House and Letcombe Hill.

46/23 ACCOUNTS/FINANCE

Cllr Webb proposed, Cllr V Bosley seconded the March payments of £3030.13.

The review of bank signatories is still ongoing.

To agree revised payment to Calber for work securing the pavilion after a break-in. Cllr Bosley has spoken with Mr Cannings and obtained a reduction in the bill.

CIL payments – any payments due to be made to the Parish Council have to be used within 5 years.

47/23 COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

Councillors will review the current procedure. Cllr Bosley is happy with the existing document.

48/23 CEMETERY

Details regarding the notice board for Vicarage Hill Cemetery are not available.

Mr Wise will contact Cllr Barrow regarding the beech hedge in the Vicarage Hill Cemetery.

49/23 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAY MATTERS

No update from Cllr Barrow regarding the two SIDs (speed indicator devices).

20s Plenty Survey

No further information on 20s Plenty speed limits is available.

Speedwatch

Cllr Bosley has contacted Charney Bassett Parish Council who are happy to meet and discuss their experiences with the scheme.

Drains

No update available on blocked road/kerbside drain emptying.

Vicarage Hill

No update HGVs ignoring the signs advising of its unsuitability for such vehicles. Mr Hayes suggested there maybe new signage regarding its unsuitability, Cllrs Webb and Terry will check.

Community Bus

No further information is available.

50/23 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

There is no further information on progress towards a referendum on the Neighbourhood Plan.

51/23 RECREATION AREA

Allotment Fence

Cllrs Bosley and Webb have signed the required paperwork to progress the S106 money. County Cllr Constance's £1000 contribution from the Community Fund has been received.

Councillors confirmed green wire will be used and the contractor will be Mr Pepler.

Tennis Court - Cllr Terry will liaise with Mr Broyd regarding its availability for opening.

Pavilion

Progress has slowed, Cllr Bosley will contact a local builder and also Mr Snell of Childrey.

The pavilion needs to be de-energised.

The bramble bush adjacent to Trevoise needs cutting back but this may not be the correct time of year to do it. Mr Wises quote of £750 was proposed by Cllr Terry and seconded by Cllr Hayes.

52/23 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

Urgent work needs to be done on two trees which hang low over the Park footpath. Cllr Bosley will obtain a quote email it to councillors for consideration out of a meeting.

53/23 PUBLIC ART/S106 MONEY

Cllr Hayes updated councillors that the work is progressing and awaiting the artist's submission for comment/approval.

54/23 CORONATION OF CHARLES III

Cllr Bosley updated councillors on village proposals, the church plan to hold a flower festival, Cllr Hayes will ask St Nicholas School if they plan to mark the occasion.

55/23 ST NICHOLAS SCHOOL-GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Cllr Bosley asked Cllr Hayes (PC representative on the school governing body) if he would remind the school of the access arrangements into the PC carpark from the school after a contractor left building materials in the carpark and a portaloo.

56/23 LOCAL ELECTIONS MAY 2023

Cllr Bosley reminded councillors that election paperwork needs to be returned to the VWHDC by 4th April. Cllr Webb kindly offered to deliver all nomination forms to the Vale Offices.

57/23 CHALLOW NEWS – APRIL 2023

Items for inclusion have been submitted early at the Editor’s request.

58/23 CLERKS CORRESPONDENCE

The Open Spaces Society membership needs paying.

The Hedgerows Project donation cheque has been delivered to Mr A Barclay, West Challow by Cllr Bosley.

Email received from St Nicholas School regarding a portaloo.

Cllr Webb reminded councillors of a request for information on Northview Cottages thought to be in East Challow. Cllr Terry was advised to ask a villager who was a postman in East Challow about 60 years ago.

Information on the Great British Spring Clean has been received.

59/23 NEXT AGENDA

Confirm the date of the May PC meeting. Cllr Webb requested a change of date due to her availability as acting Financial Officer due to the absence of a Clerk.

The rail at the junction of Old School Lane with Reynolds Way needs re-positioning.

The defibrillator light is still on (Telephone Box, Village green).

60/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 12th April 2023.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

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.