

EAST CHALLOW PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY
14th DECEMBER 2022

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

One member of the public (part of the meeting).

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

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

160/22 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.

161/22 MINUTES OF MEETING 9th NOVEMBER 2022

Cllr Webb proposed and Cllr Barrow seconded approval of the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th November 2022.

162/22 PUBLIC DISCUSSION TIME

Mr L Boyd spoke about litter collection around the village. Also a bin seems to have disappeared resulting a pile of rubbish and dog poo bags piling up on the grassed area of Letcombe Hill and Hedgehill Road. A replacement bin is needed.

Cllr Webb felt the original bin had disappeared when work had been undertaken in the area.

Mr Broyd reported that the carpark adjacent to St Nicholas School was much better with not so much litter. Mr Broyd also mentioned the proposed Canal Way development.

144/22 DISTRICT AND COUNTY MATTERS

Cllr Barrow (District Cllr) reported on local council tax bands; on the lack of solar panels on new housing developments and that Housing Regulations may need amendment.

163/22 PLANNING MATTERS

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

No update.

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

Approved.

P22/V2337/DIS Fullers Grove site, Goodlake Avenue.

Residential development comprising of 36 dwellings.

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.

PV208/HH 6 the Park. Request for dropped kerb. Withdrawn.

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

A response is required to be sent to the Vale by 19 December.

Councillors all agreed that the attendance of the agent was not necessary as all councillors objected to the proposed development.

164/22 MATTERS OF REPORT NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA

The Clerk was not present to update the Parish Council on the site meeting held recently with Mr M Francis of OCC Highways. Contact has been made with Cllr Barrow agreeing to undertake the work on kerbs and road junctions as agreed but no date for implementation.

165/22 ACCOUNTS

Cllr Webb proposed and Ms V Bosley seconded the December payments of £1232.57.

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

A meeting will be required in early January to discuss the budget and set the precept. The Chair will check with the Vale regarding the submission date and seek an extension.

Review of bank signatories is ongoing, the Clerk has sent off paperwork but it is not known if she has had a response.

166/22 RISK ASSESSMENT

Cllr Hayes was not present but sent word that he has no problems with the Risk Assessment. It can be brought forward at the next meeting for acceptance with the date updated and then added to the website. Cllr Hayes requested more information/explanation he added: Check lists to confirm/record inspections as required by the Risk Assessment need to be prepared. These Checklists can be made at the time of the next inspection and written by the person carrying out the inspection.

167/22 CEMETERY

Item to be carried forward to the next meeting.

168/22 TRAFFIC MATTERS

Speeding

Cllr Barrow updated councillors that Mr R Moore of OCC has had no communication with Crest Nicolson regarding payment for SID.

20s Plenty Survey

There has been some paper responses from the flyer sent round the village. The Cricket Club and the British Legion need to be asked for any responses returned to them and the total collated. No further responses will be requested from Survey Monkey at this time.

Speedwatch

All those who have been approached regarding Speedwatch are still keen to be involved. The Clerk may have had more people willing to help but we have had no update.

Community Bus

Cllr Barrow updated councillors that a small group of councillors from Wantage and Grove is being put together to evaluate the requirement for a community bus. Cllr Barrow has requested that East Challow be involved and he will represent East Challow as required.

169/22 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Barrow updated the Council that he has been sent a list of potential examiners and he has asked Mr Flawn for guidance. Finance for the Neighbourhood Plan needs to be included in the budget.

170/22 FOOTPATHS AND RIGHT OF WAY

Cllr Barrow spoke of a recent online presentation where our area warden spoke on the lack of upkeep on parish footpaths.

171/22 RECREATION AREA

Allotment Fence

A second quote previously obtained needs updating. Cllr Webb proposed paying Stick Design the fee to update their quote, seconded by Cllr Bosley.

Pavilion

Cllr Terry is trying to obtain the plans used for the Childrey Pavilion to give some idea as to size etc. The scouts/cub leaders are looking into grant funding. Grants from the Football Association are also being investigated.

Football Pitch

Councillors reported on a meeting with Mr Allen and M Cooper. A flyer will be put together by Mr Allen asking for suggestions for use of the recreation area and potential improvements to the pavilion.

172/22 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

This item was carried forward to the next meeting

173/22 PUBLIC ART/S106 MONEY

The Chair read an update from Cllr Hayes regarding this project. The artist reported that preparatory design work on the main village sign has been undertaken.

174/22 CHALLOW NEWS

As the next issue is February 2023 this item will be brought forward to the next meeting.

175/22 CLERKS CORRESPONDANCE

The Chair read out an email she had received from Mr D Alder regarding the recent break-in which involved vehicles crossing the recreation area and onwards to LJ & CA Cannings premises.

An email has been received from the owner of High Bank Cottage Main Street. A retaining structure (a wall and fence) is failing, they wish to store building material on the grassed area opposite their entrance. Councillors responded that OCC should be asked directly for assistance as the land in question is not parish land but is part of OCC Highways.

An email has been received regarding the fence which makes up the curtilage of the Nalderfields estate. The Clerk should respond to the resident of Canal Way that the Nalderfields fence and its upkeep are not the Parish Councils responsibility.

Donation Request for Challow News. The Parish Council will give the same amount as last year (£250), seconded by Cllr Bosley. The amount will be reviewed once Mr Langford (editor) knows what the financial situation is regarding advertising.

Cllr Barrow left the room while a request for financial support for the hedgerows project which he is working on with Mr Barclay of West Challow was discussed. It was decided to postpone a decision due to lack of councillors and will be brought to the next meeting.

It was suggested the Queens Green Canopy Initiative could be asked for funding, it runs until March 2023.

Cllr Webb asked for an update on the County Governance Review. Cllr Barrow responded that the meeting has taken place and there will be no change to the parish boundary.

Cllr Webb asked for an update on the proposed solar farm at Denchworth. Cllr Barrow had attended the meeting which was just for local information.

The waste team from South & Vale have performed a deep cleanse of sweeping and removing moss on pavements. The job was well done and Cllr Webb asked that a letter of thanks be sent.

It was noted that some street lampposts have been replaced.

The request for the bus stop on the A417 to be relocated needs to be passed to Cllr Y Constance of OCC.

Warm Spaces Initiative

Cllr Barrow had spoken with Cllr Bosley regarding starting a warm spaces initiative for villagers to get together. The Cricket Club has been approached and is very willing to help with accommodation. Cllr Bosley proposed and Cllr Webb seconded Parish Council funding for coffee and biscuits plus any fliers required.

176/22 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- Precept/budget
- Website
- Allotment fence
- CIL money

177/22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 11th January 2023.

The meeting closed at 9.27pm.

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 question 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.