

# CHERITON FITZPAINE PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the meeting held on 15th March 2016.

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**Present:** Cllr C. Sheldrick, Cllr C. Lawson, Cllr A. Norton, Cllr J. Skinner. CCllr M. Squires.  
One member of the public.

### 1. Parishioners Questions.

Miss Walls attended to ask whether any more had been heard about the planning application affecting her property. There have been no developments.

### 2. Apologies.

Apologies for absence have been received from Cllr Meads, and Cllr Humphreys.

### 3. Minutes.

The minutes of the meeting held in February 2016 were signed as a true and accurate record.

### 4. Declarations of Interest.

None.

### 5. Roads and Footpaths.

5:1. Some work had been done in Cherry Meadow and probably this would be the extent of what might be expected.

5:2. The water grid at Lower Saunders has not been touched.

5:3. The road surface at Coffin Tree Cross is still in need of attention. Potholes have also appeared between Redyates Cross and Haynes Cross and also just down from White Cross by the 30mph sign. The Clerk was asked to contact the Highways Department and request action with all the sites.

Cllr Skinner visited the Lane leading to Jacks Acre again and found that after the inspection by Ross Hext, tarmac and concrete were both prohibitively expensive and the alternative is digging away the soil and other substrate and replacing it with chippings. Before any such action was taken, however, it must be established who owned the land.

Cllr Sheldrick said that he had spoken to the litter picker who promised to keep his eye on the rubbish situation particularly as the weather improved.

The drain is still working after a fashion but the sewer to it is broken. Essentially, the drainage' arrangements do not take the water away. Members were happy to wait until Ross Hext and Mike Smith have met and discussed the options.

### 6. Playing Fields.

Work had begun on the playing field wall which seemed to be in a worse condition than formerly believed. The foundations were loose and unlikely to support the weight of a new wall. A structural engineer is to be called to the site and inspect the foundations to recommend a course of action. Obviously, this will incur further expense.

### 7. Burial Ground.

7:1. The signs needed at the entrance to the Burial Ground have been installed.

7:3 The Clerk reported that he had received a cheque for £127.00 in respect of the burial of Mrs M. Cotter.

## **8. Allotments.**

The Clerk reported that the returned submission to the Land Registry had been sent back, this time with a declaration from Mary Dolley to the effect that the land was not worth £6,000.00 and therefore exempt from much of the administration necessary had it been worth more. The Clerk sought leave from members to issue new tenancy agreements to allotment holders. The amount requested as a donation by the Gardening Club has yet to be established.

## **9. Finance.**

9:1. The current bank statement was presented, it showed a credit balance of £10,569.27

9:2. The Clerk said that he was researching the cost of insurance to try to bring down the cost.

9:3 Account to settle.

9:3:1 John Wilkinson Clerks pay £273.42  
(salary £240.87, expenses £32.55)

The cheque for £18.00 made out to the Parish Hall during the February meeting was ratified.

## **10. Planning.**

**16/00042/HOUSE** Erection of an extension, alteration of existing door to window and existing window to door following demolition of existing shed and wo. South Coombs Farm. Approved.

**15/01949/LBC** Listed building Consent for erection of extension following demolition of existing conservatory and a chimney. Mill Farm House. Consent given.

## **11. Correspondence.**

The printed matter received by the Clerk was presented.

## **12. Arthur's Wood.**

Following a suggestion by Cllr Meads, the possibility of the PC undertaking the management of Arthurs Wood, part of the estate of the late Cllr Pauline Thomas. The current standing of the wood as it stands is not legally Secure and it contains a Crop of trees planted as a profit making speculation. The expected rent will have to be established as will all other conditions. it was also pointed out that the way through the wood was slippery and possibly dangerous and the PC could be held liable for any injury caused that way.

## **13. Queens Medals.**

The Royal Mint are producing a commemorative medal for the Queens 90th birthday and they are to be offered for presentation to groups. The costs are clearly stated and members were content to consider the matter further.

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

Ray Swain has become concerned that food waste is being thrown into the playing field. This is attracting vermin and badgers. Due to the presence of children, this situation must stop. Cllr Colthorpe undertook to get the Environmental Health Department to contact each of the tenants of Landboat View to request that these activities cease.

The meeting ended at 8.20pm, next meeting April 19th.