

CHERITON FITZPAINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 17th May 2016

Immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting.

Clerk: John Wilkinson, 4 Silver Way, Shobrooke, Crediton, Devon. EX17 1HP

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Present. Cllr C. Sheldrick(ch) Cllr S. Meads, Cllr C. Lawson, Cllr J. Skinner, Cllr S. Humphreys, Cllr A. Norton, Cllr P. Colthorpe, CCllr M. Squires.

1. Parishioners Questions.

Cllr Lawson reported that there was concern about the placing of stakes in The Hayes which he believed was set aside by bequest for the disposition of children. The Chairman said that the Cheriton Charity will be approached about the matter since it was they who administered the Hayes.

On behalf of parishioners, Cllr Colthorpe asked whether action could be taken about lack of visibility at the Cheriton Fitzpaine/Poughill junction. The chairman undertook to investigate this.

2. Apologies.

An apology for absence was received from Cllr G. Kingdon.

3. Minutes.

The minutes of the April 2016 meeting were signed as a true and accurate record.

4. Declarations of Interest. Cllrs Sheldrick and Meads declared a personal interest in the question in 1 above asked by Cllr Coltrhorpe.

5. Roads and Footpaths.

5:1. The iron grid has still not received attention.

5:2. The 'temporary' sign at Coffin Tree Cross is now covered by growing grass. The Clerk was asked to Contact The Highways Department about this sign and also the grass which is not to be cut whilst orchids grow. The Chairman has visited the site and satisfied himself that there are no orchids growing there.

5:3 Ross Hext had produced a quote for the improvement of the lane leading to Jack's Acre following the complaints by Mr. Mayer. This was for £950.00 and whilst members happily admitted that the lane served PC property this was not exclusively for the PC but served two other motor/tractor owners. Accordingly, the Clerk was asked to contact these people and canvass some financial support for the repairs.

The Clerk was asked to find out the Cost and feasibility of placing a traffic mirror at the junction of the Half Moon/Poughill junction.

5:4. To make the most of meetings with Steve Tucker it was suggested that a member of the Council become a highways representative to the PC at such meetings. There were no immediate volunteers and the matter was sent forward to the June agenda.

6 Playing Fields.

The wall in the Small Playing Field is now finished and the PC now awaits the invoice from Nick Guscott.

7. Burial Ground.

Stephens and Co. are placing an additional inscription to an existing headstone.

8. Allotments. The Chairman held the rent cheque for the final payment of annual allotment rents. All are now paid and in the bank.

9. Finance.

9:1. The current bank statement was presented, it indicated a credit balance off £19,136.10

9:2 The annual audit was passed for presentation to Grant Thornton.

9:3 The Clerk reported that attempts to reduce the annual insurance bill were futile since the PC is already locked into a three-year deal with Zurich Insurance.

9:4 PWLB will deduct £375.24 from the account for a half-year repayment. The outstanding money owed is £5,802.61

9:5 A modification of TAP awards was outline in a letter from Zoe Lentell.

9:6 Accounts to settle

9:6:1 Zurich insurance £406.39 annual premium.

9:6:2 John Wilkinson Clerks pay £273.48

The cheque for £50.00 in favour of Mrs B. Pratt for telephone box cleaning, made out during the April meeting was ratified.

10. Planning.

16/00437/LBC Notice of consent for erection of extension and replacement porch at April Cottage.

16/00657/CAT Permission given to carry out works to trees in a conservation area.

11. Representative on Parish Hall Committee.

Cllr Meads already appears as the MDDC representative on the Parish Hall Committee. She agreed to fulfil the same function for the PC.

12. Garden Club Notice. There was still no sum mentioned concerning the PC Contribution towards the proposed wooden carved notice for the Garden Club. Following considerable discussion, the sum of £150.00 was proposed but a counterproposal was made for £50.00 in the show of hands which followed, three members voted for £50.00 against two for £150.00 with Cllr Meads abstaining. The contribution of £50.00 was passed.

13. Correspondence.

A single item was presented.

14. Chairman's Reports. The Village Carnival is set for July 16" in anticipation of which the streets needed an extra clean by MDDC. This has now been arranged. Reports on surreptitious building in the village have not been Confirmed though it would be as well to continue to listen out for further developments.

CCllr Squires gave her apologies for the 21 June.

The meeting closed at 9.43pm. Next meeting 21 June 2016.