

CHERITON FITZPANE PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of this Council will be held on Tuesday 19th January 2016 at 7.30pm. All councillors are summoned, members of the public are welcome.

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AGENDA

1. Parishioners Questions.

2. Apologies.

3. Minutes.

To sign (if approved) the minutes of the December 2015 meeting.

4. Declarations Of interest.

5. Roads and Footpaths.

5:1 Pothole in Cherry Meadow.

5:2 Flooding at Ford Cross.

5:3 Potholes at Coffin Tree Cross.

6. Playing Fields.

Mike Smith asked what the best course of action would be with the bushes surrounding the Jacks Acre playing field. If the tops are not trimmed this year, trouble could be stored for coming years. The farmer has not found time to trim the hedges as he usually does. The question seems to be who owns the land on the other side of the hedges.

Zoe Lentell from MDDC made contact concerning TAP funding and the playing field wall which needs financing. She has contacted Paul Tucker who says that on 26th January, the grant application made earlier in 2015 will come up before the Water Authorities. He says that the application appears to meet the general requirements but there is no guarantee that any grant will be made. In discussion with Ms Lentell we are at liberty to raise the precept by the amount needed to rebuild the wall, returning the 2017/18 precept amount to the norm. At the moment, there is no cap on precept payments and an explanatory note sent with any application would be enough.

7. Burial Ground.

7:1. Mike Smith has noticed that the roots of the conifer trees near the entrance are fouling proper operation of the entry gate. He asks whether he should trim them back.

7:3 The revised charges for burial services came into effect on 1st January and copies of these charges will be distributed. There will also be a laminated copy for display on the site.

8. Allotments.

The lease for allotment land at White Cross has been signed and returned and the fee paid. It is assumed that the process is now complete.

A letter complaining of the length of time this lease has been in process was sent to M Clive Egginton.

9. Finance.

9:1 Presentation of current bank statement.

9:2 Decision on annual precept.

9:3 Progress with the cheque signing mandate.

9:4 Accounts to Settle.

9:4:1 Ross Hext Hedge Trimming £30.00

9:4:2 Mr R. Swain Maintenance. £118.00

9:4:3 John Wilkinson, Clerks pay £270.09 (salary £240.87, expenses £32.22)

10. Planning.

15/01800/FULL Conversion of agricultural barn to a dwelling, Leys Farm, Approved.

15/01796/OUT Erection of 1 dwelling following removal of existing garage. Outline. Approved.

15/01866/FULL Change of use of agricultural land to equine use and erection of a static field shelter at Waterhouse Barn. Approved.

15/01858/FULL Erection of mixed use agricultural building at Holes Farm. Approved.

15/02004/FULL Conversion of redundant building to dwelling at Holes Cottage. Circulated on 5th January.

16/00042/HOUSE Erection of an extension, alteration of existing door to window and existing window to door following demolition of existing shed and WC, South Coombe Farm.

11. Standing Orders.

Copies of the standing orders were circulated at the December 2015 meeting. Members are invited to Comment.

12. Correspondence.

Printed matter received by the Clerk. Members' attention is drawn to the letter from Cllr Binks.

13. Website.

The Clerk contacted MDDC concerning the available courses on website management. Nothing has yet been heard.

No contact details have yet been found for the Cliffe-Duffields,

14. Grass Cutting. MDDC were informed of the traditional activities of the Gardening Club and it is assumed that no further action is required Concerning Grass Cutting quotas.

15. Chairman's Reports.

Matters of immediate concern or for inclusion in the February agenda.