

CHURTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Virtual Zoom Meeting of the Council held on **TUESDAY 16 JUNE 2020 AT 8PM.**

Present: Cllr A Thacker (Chair), Cllr R Crump, Cllr D Rudd, Cllr P Thacker, Cllr K Cundill, Cllr P Kitchin.

In Attendance: Mrs Claire Taylor (Clerk), Cllr Paul Roberts, 2 representatives from Grosvenor Estate, Mr E Trevor-Barnston.

1.ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Cllr A Thacker – Nominated by Cllr P Kitchin, Seconded by Cllr K Cundill.

2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN.

Cllr R Crump – Nominated by Cllr P Thacker, Seconded by Cllr K Cundill.

3.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

None received.

4.DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Members were invited to declare any personal, prejudicial or pecuniary interests they may have in any item on the agenda, subject to the rules regarding disclosure contained in the current Members' Code of Conduct and as defined by regulations made under section30(3) of the Localism Act 2011.

No declarations made.

5.GENERAL PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME.

Nothing raised.

6.COMMUNITY SAFETY.

PCSO not in attendance but news sheet circulated prior to meeting.

Resolved: Noted.

7.BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT.

Report circulated from Cllr Roberts prior to the meeting.

8. TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14 JANUARY 2020.

Resolved: Agreed: Proposed Cllr A Thacker Seconded Cllr R Crump.

9. TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

i) Flooding at Marsh Lane: Annabel Farbon (Grosvenor Estate) reported that their contractors had had to be stood down as a result of Covid 19 but were now back working and would be addressing the issue.

Resolved: Noted.

10. STATUTORY DOCUMENTS.

i) CWAC Code of Conduct

ii) Standing Orders

iii) Financial Regulations / Appointment of Signatories

iv) Risk Assessment

Resolved: To readopt and approve unchanged.

Proposed: Cllr D Rudd Seconded: Cllr P Thacker

11. ANNUAL INSURANCE.

Noted: Annual insurance renewed with effect from 18 March 2020.

12. PLANNING.

To note any recent decisions made by Cheshire West and Chester on planning applications in the parish, and to consider any new applications received/awaiting decision.

Noted: Existing applications where decision still awaited:

Application: 19/02479/FUL Land at Church House, Pump lane, Churton. Erection of one dwelling.

Application: 19/03433/FUL Pinewood Stannage Lane Churton By Farndon Chester Cheshire CH3 6LE Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling.

Noted: New applications: None

Noted: Decisions:

Approval: 20/00505/TPO Highfield House, Stannage Lane, Churton. Tree in front garden snapped in storm. Removal of stump required.

Approval: 19/04453/FUL Redwalls, New Lane, Churton addition of 2 oak framed porches, replacement windows and doors.

Approval: 20/00148/FUL Churton Lodge, Chester Road, Churton Refurbishment and reuse of existing outbuildings and construction of new garden wall, lean to glasshouse and work yard workshop.

20/00216/PDR Outbuildings At Monument Place, Stannage Lane, Churton By Aldford, Chester Proposal: Prior notification for the conversion of one barn to holiday accommodation (use Class1). Decision: Prior approval required and approved.

13.ACCOUNTS.

Resolved: That the payment of salaries and expenses, the payment of invoices for goods received and services rendered be approved and the receipts and balances be noted.

14.ANNUAL AUDIT.

- i) Noted: Internal Audit concluded by Hacker Young.
- ii) Approved: Annual Statement of Accounts Part 1.
- iii) Approved: Annual Statement of Accounts Part 2.
- iv) Resolved: To declare Smaller Authorities Exemption from external audit.
- v) Resolved: To Appoint Hacker Young as Internal Auditor for 2020/2021.

Proposed: Cllr A Thacker Seconded: Cllr P Kitchin

15.CORRESPONDENCE, PUBLICATIONS, AND INVITATIONS.

- i) Covid 19 advisories received and circulated to all members.

Resolved: Noted.

- ii) Complaints received regarding low water pressure in village: Clerk had reported to Severn Trent and issue appeared to have been resolved.

Resolved: Noted.

- iii) Complaint received from resident regarding PC communications in relation to the use of social media.

Resolved: Parish Council to use the Churton Facebook page as a means of communication when and where appropriate. Posting to be by the Chair or Clerk only on behalf of the full Parish Council following prior agreement by Members.

- iv) Concern raised by a resident regarding excessive speed of vehicles passing through the village.

Resolved: Clerk to log with PCSO and Parish Council to deploy the speed gun as soon as practicable during current Covid 19 pandemic.

16. STANDING CONSIDERATION OF ANY HIGHWAY MATTERS.

The following issues regarding highways and footpaths were raised:

- (i) Footpaths behind Monument barns: Ed Trevor Barnston confirmed that footpaths would be redirected/ reinstated, and that fresh hedging would be planted with a stile at either end. **Resolved:** Noted.
- (ii) Street lighting: Various lights reported as faulty. **Resolved:** Serial numbers from problem lampposts to be forwarded to Clerk to report to CWAC.
- (iii) Stannage Lane road repairs: Recent repairs not complete. **Resolved:** Clerk to raise with CWAC.
- (iv) Litter picking: Cllr Cundill confirmed that the litter picker had resigned with effect from the end of March. **Resolved:** Parish Council to look into establishing a volunteer scheme to both litter pick and possibly tend verges etc. Residents to be consulted in next newsletter and Clerk to ask CWAC if they would supply equipment (high vis and litter picking sticks).

17. RESOLVED: DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL: TUESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2020. THIS MAY BE A VIRTUAL MEETING PENDING COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE AT THE TIME (TBC).