

CHURTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at **CHURTON VILLAGE HALL**, on **TUESDAY 12 November 2024 AT 7.30 PM.**

Present: Cllr D Rudd, Cllr P Thacker, Cllr K Cundill, Cllr L Green, Cllr S Davies, Cllr N Holland, Cllr C Shaw.

In Attendance: A Farbon and S Dawson Grosvenor Estate, C Taylor (Clerk).

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllr A Waddelove.

2. Declarations of Interest: Cllr Rudd declared an interest in planning application (tree works) at Church House, Pump Lane.

3. Public Participation:

i) Concern was raised that The White Horse had recently been closed to walk in patrons at short notice. **Resolved:** Cllrs Cundill and Thacker to raise informally with management.

ii) Concern was raised at the number of deceased animals (rabbit, pheasant, crow, hedgehog, squirrel) being found around the village and queried if there might be a reason. The estate representative did not have any suggestions/answers but advised that they did not use any poisons and that they were seeing signs of myxomatosis which was more prevalent with the wet weather.

4. Police Update: PCSO McKeivitt not in attendance. Report circulated before meeting. A Farbon reported that the Estate had seen an increase in hare coursing. The rural policing team had been very supportive and the advice was that any suspicious activity should be reported via 999.

5. Borough Councillors report.

Cllr Waddelove not in attendance but had circulated his report prior to the meeting.

6. Minutes of last meeting (10 September 2024). Resolved as agreed.

Proposed: Cllr S Davies Seconded: Cllr K Cundill

7. Matters Arising

i) Ultrafast Broadband update. Cllr Green reported: Churton was on track with work starting June 2025.

ii) CWAC Community Resilience Plan. Cllr Shaw reported: Work in progress.

iii) Defibrillator: Cllr Cundill reported: Relocation enquiry in hand. Checks up to date.

iv) Noticeboard: Cllr Thacker reported: Renovation in hand.

v) Traffic monitoring: Noted that dragons' teeth were now installed. **Resolved:** Clerk to ask CWAC to provide further speed monitoring.

30 mph signs were reported as obscured by overgrown hedge. **Noted** that the Estate would be cutting the hedges back.

vi) Dangerous driving/anti-social behaviour Stannage Lane: **Noted** that the PCSO had been informed and the incidents had stopped.

vii) Deployment of parish owned speed gun: **Noted** that more volunteers were needed. **Resolved** that Clerk would ask PCSO to deploy the police speed gun.

viii) Dog fouling issues: **Resolved:** Clerk to request an onsite meeting with CWAC to discuss repositioning of the bin by the village hall end of Stannage Lane (to be repositioned at the opposite end of Stannage Lane).

ix) Remembrance Sunday: **Resolved:** Clerk to write to J Gallagher thanking him for organising the wreath laying ceremony and to ask if he wished to continue as organiser or if, in recognition of the effort involved, he would like the Parish Council to take over the responsibility going forward.

x) The Clerk had raised the not infrequent unscheduled interruptions to power with Scottish Power but had not been able to get any response. **Resolved:** Clerk to escalate to Cllr Waddelove.

8. Website.

The new Parish Council website had now been built and the Clerk had forwarded all information to enable members to familiarise themselves with the site. Information from the old website had been migrated across to the new and it was ready for population with additional materials going forward.

9. Accounts

Resolved: That the payment of salaries and expenses, the payment of invoices for goods received and services rendered be approved. Members had previously agreed to set the budget and precept for the following financial year at their January meeting.

Proposed: Cllr Cundill Seconded: Cllr Thacker

i) Unity Trust Bank Mandate: Cllrs Rudd, Thacker and the Clerk signed a mandate for submission to Unity Trust Bank authorising triple signing authority on the account and the removal of access to the account of P Kitchin who was no longer a member of the Parish Council.

10. Planning Matters Planning applications/decisions received by the Parish Council since/outstanding from the last meeting:

Cllr Rudd declared an interest in planning application 24/03019/CAT.

To note: Existing applications where decision still awaited:

22/01578/FUL Edgerley Farm Edgerley Lane Churton New livestock shed for calf housing, extension to an existing livestock shed and extension to existing yard area and boundary fencing.

22/04650/FUL Outbuildings at Monument Place Stannage Lane Churton Demolish ancillary building and build a new smaller outbuilding comprising garaging and storage to service the C1 use.

24/02344/FUL Cinnamon House Walnut Croft Churton by Aldford First floor extension above the existing garage, replacement conservatory and porch to front.

New applications:

24/02533/FUL Ferry View Stannage Lane Churton by Farndon Erection of a greenhouse in the front garden (retrospective).

24/03019/CAT Church House Pump Lane Churton by Aldford Tree works.

24/02628/LDC Kingsmead Chester Road Churton by Aldford Demolition of existing rear extension to erect new rear extension.

Decisions:

Approved: 23/02583/FUL Churton Hall Farm Pump Lane Churton CH3 6LR Subdivision of existing dwelling to form one additional dwelling with associated internal and external works.

Approved:23/02584/LBC Churton Hall Farm Pump Lane Churton CH3 6LR Subdivision of existing dwelling to form one additional dwelling with associated internal and external works.

Approved: 24/00143/LBC Church House Pump Lane Churton CH3 6LR Internal accessibility works to install platform lift and ramps.

Approved: 24/02102/LBC Church House Pump Lane Churton by Aldford Solar panels installation on outbuilding roof.

Approved: 24/00898/FUL Dairy Barns Chester Road Churton by Aldford Erection of detached rear garage and rear/side boundary wall (amendment to application 23/02111/FUL).

Applications in neighbouring Parish of note to Churton Parish Council:

Refused:22/00097/FUL APP/AO665/W/23/3336058 24/00045/REF Notification of a Planning Appeal: Land at Marsh Lane Kings Marsh Chester Erection of a stable building and a storage building and construction of an outdoor area.

24/00954/FUL The Barnyard Marsh Lane Kings Marsh Chester Retrospective planning application for conversion of existing building to a dwelling and construction of stable and manege (retrospective). **Resolved:** As the time limit for enforcement actions lapse December 2025 the Clerk would raise with Farndon Parish Council and Borough Cllr Waddelove.

11. Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

Cllr Rudd reported that work was progressing quite well. The original main grant had been received and they had had a further grant for technical support for building design coding. CWF would be doing their survey in January and CCA had sent out a housing survey with a report due towards the end of December. Further technical support may be needed to write the plan.

12. Village Hall Update

Cllr Cundill reported that he had chased the grant for the kitchen and toilet area schemes but had not heard back yet.

i)Play area: He had a meeting scheduled with Paul Kitchin to discuss.

Resolved: Noted.

13. Correspondence.

i)Severn Trent Chester Resilience Work update received: **Resolved:** Noted.

14. Standing Consideration of Highway Matters

Nothing raised.

15. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 14 January 2025.