

CHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Chairman - Cllr Mike Mitchell

Minutes of the Cherington Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall on Tuesday November 5th 2019 at 6.00pm

Present: Cllrs M Mitchell (Chairman), H Arden, K Gegg, K Macmahon, P Workman

Also present: B Rymer (Parish Clerk), County Cllr S Hirst, R Smith (Future Parish Clerk)

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| 40/19 | Public participation | <p>Mrs Eldridge and Mr Curtis attended from the Village Hall Committee (Cllr Macmahon being a member). Two members are planning to leave the village so it will be difficult to manage the hall, particularly bookings. Cllr Mitchell offered the Council's support but agreed that the VH committee should continue to operate.</p> <p>With no new manager as yet found, Cllrs suggested other ways to cover duties e.g. newer technology. Insurance might be merged with the Council policy. Mrs Eldridge would send a list of tasks to Cllr Arden for further discussion.</p> | Cllr Arden to forward list of Village Hall duties |
| 41/19 | To receive apologies for absence | No apologies had been received. | |
| 42/19 | To receive any Declarations of Interest | None. | |
| 43/19 | To approve minutes of the last PC meeting | The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 10th September 2019 were approved and signed. | |
| 44/19 | To receive updates and reports from County Cllr & District Cllr | <p>County Cllr Hirst presented a report. The main points of local interest were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - improvements to Paternoster House in Cirencester and 8 other care homes - current Highways work from Tetbury to Trouble House and further repairs due in the area. His full report is available on the Council's website. <p>Cllrs felt Highways' signage and communication was poor, leading to chaotic traffic flow and damage to verges and pull-in areas. Additionally Complete Utilities' working dates are unobtainable though more broadband work is scheduled for Cherington in February. County Cllr Hirst is collating comments from councils to forward to the County Council liaison officer. His report stated that work on blocked drains will take precedence given recent flooding.</p> | |

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| | | <p>Cllrs requested a second sign at the top of lake hill to stop lorries and a replacement light on the cottages at 1 Cherington. Westrip Hill residents are permitted to put up a sign to slow traffic down and have contacted Cotswold DC re the Restricted Byway sign, as vehicles use the track as a shortcut. Cllrs are willing to mend potholes in pull-ins if the council provides materials, are trimming trees that hide road signs and will check salt bins.</p> | |
| 45/19 | <p>Planning</p> <p>i) To respond to any planning applications received</p> <p>ii) To receive a progress report on previous applications</p> | <p>New applications: None</p> <p>Previous applications: 16 May 2019 19/01863/LBC Retention of gutter and downpipe detail to mitigate further water ingress to south and east elevations (retrospective). Coach House North, Cherington Park Status: Awaiting decision</p> <p>19 April 2019 19/01240/COMPLY Partial compliance with Condition 6 (details) of permission 16/02422/FUL and Consent 16/02423/LBC - Refurbishment of Coach House and Stables for use as stables; construction of boundary walls and fencing; restoration of Croquet lawn to include new boundary walls. Coach House, Cherington Park Status: Unknown: Part compliance of conditions</p> <p>14 March 2019 19/00975/COMPLY Partial compliance with Condition 3 (design details) of Consent 18/00810/LBC - Alterations to windows and roof lights in stables/coach house. Cherington Park, Cherington GL8 8SN Status: Unknown: Part compliance of conditions</p> | |
| 46/19 | <p>Financial issues</p> <p>i) To receive and authorise any payments in accordance with the Finance report.</p> <p>ii) To consider the draft budget for 2020/2021</p> | <p>The finance report was circulated prior to the meeting. Two cheques were signed. The Standing Order was still operational but needs changing.</p> <p>In discussion of the spreadsheet provided, given the financial reserve is increasing annually, Cllr Mitchell suggested not raising the precept at the January 2020 meeting. Cllrs were asked to consider plans prior to the decision. The Village Hall discussion would be relevant, as further work is required to improve viability.</p> | <p>Clerk to handle payments</p> <p>Cllr Gegg to change Standing Order</p> <p>Cllrs to consider financial planning</p> |

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| | <p>iii) To agree the appointment of an auditor for 2019/2020 audit</p> | <p>The GAPTC internal audit was problematic this year. It was agreed that the Clerk approach Avening PC for details of their auditor and report in January on that option.</p> | <p>Clerk to obtain details of Avening PC auditor</p> |
| 47/19 | <p>To receive updates, reports and action on village related issues</p> <p>i) To discuss infrastructure (Village Hall, broadband, telephone box)</p> <p>ii) To discuss Christmas village events</p> <p>iii) To identify subject matter and authors for the Villager (November edition).</p> | <p>Cllrs agreed to ask BT to maintain the electricity supply to the telephone box. Cllr Workman would investigate maintenance details. The question of its future use was raised - a book exchange being a possibility.</p> <p>Broadband work had been covered under the County Cllr's report.</p> <p>There had been further damage to the green, to be mended in the spring.</p> <p>The Christingle service and lighting of the Christmas tree will take place on Saturday 7th December from 5pm. Cllr Arden proposed buying more lights, seconded by Cllr Gegg and agreed. The Carol Service will be on Sunday 15th December at 5pm.</p> <p>Cllr Gegg mentioned articles on a the Christmas events and an interview with Cllr Arden. Other interviewees were suggested.</p> | <p>Cllr Workman to investigate maintenance of telephone box</p> <p>Clerk to write article on November meeting</p> |
| 48/19 | <p>To receive Clerk's report and any correspondence received</p> <p>i) To agree meeting dates for 2020</p> <p>ii) To complete paperwork re change of Lloyds account signatories and address</p> | <p>The draft dates for 2020 were agreed. The January meeting would be at Toad Hall, Trull Farm at Cllr Mitchell's invitation. Cllr Workman offered apologies for March.</p> <p>Lloyds Banks' forms were completed and a change of address form given to the new clerk.</p> <p>The outgoing clerk was thanked.</p> | <p>Clerk to book Village Hall</p> <p>Clerks to submit Lloyds paperwork</p> |
| 49/19 | <p>Councillors' submissions (for January agenda)</p> | <p>There would be discussion of the village hall, the telephone box, precept, internal auditor and litter pick.</p> | |
| 50/19 | <p>Date of next meeting</p> | <p>Tuesday 7th January 2020 at 6pm at the Toad Hall, Trull Farm</p> | |
| | | <p>There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.15 pm</p> | |