

CHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD 7 NOVEMBER 2023 at 6PM

AT TOAD HALL, TRULL, CHERINGTON GL8 8SQ (due to renovation works at Village Hall)

1 IN ATTENDANCE

Members of the Parish Council: Cllr Mike Mitchell, (Chair); Cllrs Peter Workman; Kevin MacMahon and Henry Arden and Babs Maloney (Clerk).

Also present: CDC Ward Councillor Tony Slater and Glos County Councillor Stephen Hirst.

APOLOGIES: Cllr Kate Gegg.

2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of 19 September 2023 PC Meeting were approved by Council. To be signed by Chair at next meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Mike Mitchell (Chair) declared an interest in planning application 23/02910/FUL.

3 PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public attended the meeting on this occasion

4 CDC AND GCC REPORTS

4.1 CDC Ward Councillor Tony Slater

- Cllr Slater contacted GCC Hwys Local Area Manager Richard Gray re signs near Cherington Forge. Mr Gray visited the area.
- Tetbury Medical Centre Planning application refused on grounds of 'Greenfield site'. Appeal scheduled as lease on current building expires in a few years.
- Cotswold District Council set to take services currently provided by Publica, jointly owned by 4 District Councils, back in house: To be debated at CDC Cabinet meeting.

4.2 GCC Councillor Stephen Hirst

- Nothing specific to Cherington to report other than that covered by Mr Slater.

5 CLERK'S REPORT - The Clerk's Report was primarily financial; included below.

6 FINANCE

6.1 CPC Balance of Account at 19 September 2023 = £4,671.60; Reconciled.

- 2nd Instalment of precept received: 21/09/2023 - £840
Account Balance: **£5,511.60** (reconciled 28/09/2023)

Outgoings: (cheques written)

- Clerk Salary 2 months: £313.30

Incoming funds:

- Claim submitted for reimbursement of £337 VAT for two financial years 2020/2021 and 2022/2023. No VAT paid in FY 2021/2022.

CPC Balance of Account: **£5,535**. Accounts approved for audit.



6.2 Budget Review

- **Draft Budget:** The Clerk/RFO tabled draft budget for FY 2024/2025. Increased costs include insurance, audit fees, website hosting, salary increase in line with NALC payrates and payroll costs. GAPTC and SLCC subscriptions and training costs have decreased as Clerk eligible for sharing cost between two parishes. Precept has not been increased for 3 years.
- **Precept:** Parish Council RESOLVED to increase the precept by 10% for 2024/2025 Financial year; an increase of £336 for the year. Precept to be increased by rate of inflation thereafter unless unforeseen circumstances occur.
- **Earmarking Funds:** Contested election costs; The Parish Council RESOLVED to reserve £1,200 for this possible eventuality. Accounted for in Draft Budget. The Parish Council also RESOLVED to create a savings plan for future unforeseen expenditure earmarking funds as appropriate each FY.

6.3 Amended Risk Management Policy and updated Asset Register

- **Updated Asset Register tabled:** Christmas lights valued at £600 added. To be insured.
Motion to Approve amendments: Proposed, Cllr Arden; Seconded, Cllr Mitchell.
Carried unanimously. Clerk to action.

7 TO REVIEW CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Cllr Mitchell declared his interest in the following planning application earlier in meeting as required. The Parish Council agreed for him to remain in the room and he refrained from comment.

23/02910/FUL

Change of use of two agricultural buildings to commercial use

Trull Farm Buildings Trull Cherington Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8SQ

Ref. No: 23/02910/FUL | Validated: Tue 26 Sep 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision

23/03246/TCONR

- **Whitebeam (T1)- Reduce height from 10m to 5m and balance crown; Yews (T2 & T3) - raise the crowns on the roadside to provide 2.5m clearance above the pavement and 5m clearance above the road to allow pedestrians and vehicles to pass freely. Work previously done and same approved in October 2019** 

Westside House Cherington Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8SN

Ref. No: 23/03246/TCONR | Validated: Tue 17 Oct 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision

21/01610/COMPLY

Compliance with Condition 9 (bat survey report) of permission 16/02422/FUL - 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

The Carriage House Cherington Park Cherington Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8SN

Ref. No: 21/01610/COMPLY | Validated: Wed 28 Apr 2021 | Status: Awaiting decision

No resolution to comment on the above applications was made.



8 VILLAGE ISSUES

8.1 VILLAGE HALL RENOVATIONS:

- 45mm compressed Insulation of walls completed. Base coat painting needed after which thermostat-controlled radiators will be positioned and fitted.
- Increase in Value of Hall: £13,000. Parish Council may be asked to contribute towards increased Insurance premium.
- Allotments water supply now linked to Village Hall.

8.2 **Villager Magazine:** Cllr Gegg to be approached for contribution outlining Village Hall improvements.

8.3 Dog Poo Bin requested for Cricket Field: Clerk to Action

9 NOTICE OF NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY 16 JANUARY 2023 AT 6PM
CHERINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Meeting ended 7.00pm

Signed..........Date.....16.1.24.....
(Chair of Cherington Parish Council)

Signed..........Date.....16/01/24.....
(Clerk: B Maloney) Minutes 7 November 2023