

MINUTES of a Chalford Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 11th April 2024 at 7pm.
at the Parish Centre in accordance with notice given.

In the Chair: Cllr Trinder

Present: Cllrs Beioley, Funnell, Lee, Morris-Wyatt, Oakley, Pearson, Roberts, D Taylor, L Taylor, Wood, District Cllr Watson

In attendance: The Clerk

1.04.24 APOLOGIES Cllrs Gardiner and Samaroo, County Cllr Turner

2.04.24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Cllr Roberts declared an interest in agenda item 8, Grants.

3.04.24 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING - Cllr Morris-Wyatt proposed “**acceptance of the 7th March 2024 minutes**” This was seconded by Cllr Funnell. There was one abstention.

4.04.24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – One member of public attended to talk about the poor condition of Old Neighbourhood. Cllr Trinder explained that we work closely with Highways and our District and County Cllrs regarding this matter, and Highways have confirmed that this road is featured on their rolling programme of works but highlighted that the rolling programme can change as priorities change; this has happened in the past with ON. Cllr Morris-Wyatt explained that the PC has previously raised concern with GCC about the efficiency of repair, the method of repair and the materials used, and we received a good response to our questions although some of the points raised need to be followed up on. Cllr Morris-Wyatt advised the resident that he could submit a question directly to the cabinet member. The Clerk will send the resident details of how to do this. Cllrs agreed to submit further questions to GCC to force a formal answer and to follow up on our previous submission. Cllr Trinder proposed “**we submit further questions to GCC and follow up on our previous submission**” This was seconded by Cllr Morris-Wyatt and unanimously agreed. Cllr Trinder will draft. Cllr Watson suggested that we make enquiries to see how long is left with the current contractors as a contract is rarely adjusted mid-term. **ACTION: Cllr Trinder/Clerk**

5.04.24 a) COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT – A copy of Cllr Turner’s report was circulated to members prior the meeting. Cllr Morris-Wyatt queried the Boundary Commission changes, as the proposal that is being put before Parliament is different to the original options we were presented with. Cllr Trinder confirmed that the new proposal involves splitting Chalford Parish between the Minchinhampton and Painswick & Bisley divisions. She commented that the rationale for the split appeared to be very weak, to even up numbers of electorate between the divisions. Members agreed that splitting the Parish would have a negative impact, and raised concerns about inclusion and representation of Bussage Ward if it is included in the Painswick and Bisley division. Cllr Trinder advised that she had contacted Cllr Turner about this and was awaiting a response, but there does not appear to be an appeals process. The timescale for the proposal being presented to Parliament is not clear. Cllr Trinder suggested that we seek guidance on the process for appealing (if any) and timescales and advise parishioners of this once we have direction. It was agreed to contact our Local MP Siobhan Ballie, Cllr Turner and to raise concern with the Boundary Commission. Cllr Trinder will prepare and submit. Cllr Oakley suggested that we draft a list of points that residents can raise if there is an option to appeal/object. **ACTION: Cllr Trinder/Clerk**

b) DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT – Old Neighbourhood Inn, Cllr Watson advised members that the Compulsory Purchase Order is currently on hold as a planning application and elections are in place. Further concern was raised about the asbestos and illegal digging in the car park. Cllr Trinder confirmed that Environmental Health at SDC are aware; the Clerk will contact SDC to chase what action is being taken to make the site safe and to protect our residents. Cllr Morris-Wyatt brought the Plans Assessment Committee update forward to this stage in the meeting as it relates to the planning application for Old Neighbourhood Inn. The Clerk had circulated the

PAC's response to members prior to the meeting; Cllr Morris-Wyatt confirmed that this had been uploaded to our website and Facebook page. To date 104 objections have been submitted to SDC. Cllr Watson thanked the PC for such a well-considered, strong response. Cllr Trinder suggested that the Parish Council could request that this application be 'called in' for consideration by the Development Control Committee rather than being decided under delegated powers. Cllr Trinder proposed **"we make a formal request to SDC to call this application in to the Development Control Committee for consideration"** This was seconded by Cllr Morris-Wyatt and unanimously agreed. The PAC will consider whether to arrange to meet with the Case Officer to discuss this application further. **ACTION: Cllr Trinder, Clerk/Deputy Clerk**

6.04.24 CLERK'S REPORT –

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – This year's meeting is being held at the France Lynch Church Rooms on May 16th at 7pm, the theme being 'your future parish'. Cllr Trinder drafted an invitation which was sent to Bussage Primary School, Chalford Hill Primary School, and Thomas Keble School. The Clerk has spoken with the new Youth Lead at Frith Youth Centre (FYC). Chalford Hill Primary School and the Youth Lead at FYC have confirmed their attendance. It was agreed to provide nibbles, wine, soft drinks and biscuits. Cllrs agreed to help set up the chairs, display boards, food etc. The Clerk will arrange a display to show what the PC do, such as befriending, community speed watch, allotments, Footpath Working Group etc. Cllr Oakley will provide some literature for the Footpath Working Group. **Action: All/Clerk**

7.04.24 TO CONSIDER F&M RECOMMENDATIONS

- a) **Biodiversity Policy.** Cllr Lee proposed **"we adopt the Biodiversity Policy as recommended by the Finance and Management Committee"** This was seconded by Cllr Trinder and unanimously agreed.
- b) **Local Nature Action Plan (LNAP) -** Cllr Morris-Wyatt proposed **"we adopt the LNAP as recommended by the Finance and Management Committee"** This was seconded by Cllr Beioley and unanimously agreed. Cllr Oakley suggested that he and Cllr Gardiner contact members of Friends of Frith Wood and ChalCAN Biodiversity Group to set up a working group to further consider the LNAP and its ongoing monitoring. **ACTION: Cllr Oakley, Gardiner, Clerk/RFO**

Cllr Oakley was thanked for all of his work on these two documents.

8.04.24 GRANT AWARDS 2024 - Cllrs were furnished with a chart detailing the Finance and Management Committee's recommendations for grant awards. Cllr L Taylor raised concern with the proposed award for Bussage Village Hall (BVH) to purchase a new front door as he thinks that this door was replaced recently. This needs clarification. Cllr Oakley proposed **"we accept F&Ms recommendations subject to confirmation that BVH have not replaced the front door within the last five years"** This was seconded by Cllr Morris-Wyatt. There was one abstention. **ACTION: Clerk/RFO**

9.04.24 DEFIBRILLATOR AT FRANCE LYNCH CHURCH ROOMS (FLCR) The Finance and Management Committee considered the installation of the defibrillator at FLCR at their March meeting and recommend that the PC purchase a cabinet and pay for the electrical installation. Cllr Trinder proposed **"we approve Finance and Management's' recommendation to purchase a cabinet and pay for the electrical installation of the defibrillator at FLCR"** This was seconded by Cllr Wood and unanimously agreed. **ACTION: Clerk/RFO**

10.04.24 CHALFEST - Cllrs Beioley and Pearson felt that the Parish Council should have a presence at Chalfest, ideally in a more prominent position than the last few years. It was agreed to display Cllr L Taylor's photos, and to have a game of some sort. Cllr Samaroo wasn't present, but she had suggested that we could offer Friends of Frith Wood use of the PC marquee if it was decided the PC were not going to attend this year. Cllr Oakley suggested that our marquee could be shared with ChalCAN and Friends of Frith Wood. The Clerk suggested that a working

group form to discuss the finer details; Cllrs Beioley, Pearson, Wood and Oakley volunteered to form the working group. Cllr Trinder proposed **“the PC have a stand at Chalfest 2024, and the working group report back to Full Council with their ideas”** This was seconded by Cllr Oakley and unanimously agreed. ***ACTION: Cllrs Beioley, Pearson, Oakley, Wood.***

11.04.24 LAND AT STONECOTE RIDGE - The Finance and Management Committee discussed the Parish Council taking on the ownership of this area of land from Bisley with Lypiatt PC (B-w-L) at their March meeting and recommended that we do so. Cllr Trinder raised concern that we will incur costs for the transfer of ownership as the legal fees are £950.00 + VAT. CPC have been maintaining this area of land since the boundary change in 2020 at no cost to B-w-L PC and it was noted that there are significant ongoing costs such as grass cutting, tree maintenance, plus the cost of posts and maintenance of the noticeboard. Cllr Trinder proposed **“in principle we are happy to take on the ownership of this area of land, but we request that Bisley with Lypiatt PC pay the legal fees to carry out the transfer”** This was seconded by Cllr Pearson and unanimously agreed. ***ACTION: Clerk***

12.04.24 D DAY 80th ANNIVERSARY - The working group met with Chalford Sports and Social Club (CSSC) to discuss arrangements and their recommendations were put to Council. Following a brief discussion, it was agreed that the event will be run by CSSC with support from the PC and will be advertised as 'sponsored by CPC'. The event will run from 6.30pm until approximately 9.30pm. The reading of the international tribute and lighting of the beacon will take place at 9.15pm and Cllr Trinder will do this. Chalford Silver Band will play during the evening. CSSC will cater for the event and as it is National Fish and Chip Day it was agreed to provide this option; the PC will cover the cost of hiring the fryers. Cotswold Ice cream Co will sell ice cream and waffles. We will provide a few things for children, i.e. tubes of bubbles. CSSC won't charge for the event but will ask people to obtain a ticket so that they can gauge numbers for catering; the PC will buy the tickets. Red, white and blue bunting will be supplied by CSSC. The PC will supply the Beacon and Cllr Gardiner will kindly supply the gas. The PC will pay for the temporary events notice. It was agreed to purchase a D Day Flag of Peace, and this will be raised at Bussage Pleasure Ground at 9.00am. It was agreed to make a donation of £150.00 to Chalford Silver Band. There will be an optional 1940s dress code, with servicemen/women being invited to wear their uniform. The deputy Clerk/RFO will be the first aider on the evening. CCSC will design a poster and the PC will print and laminate. ***ACTION: Cllr Gardiner, the Clerk/RFO.***

13.04.24 COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

Works Committee – Cllr Wood reported in Cllr Samaroo's absence regarding the Bussage Pleasure Ground project. The working group have met with two play equipment companies, Wicksteed and Eibe and they are due to meet with Playdale on the 17th April. Cllr Morris-Wyatt highlighted the importance of consulting with residents. The Clerk confirmed that the Works Committee will be carrying out a public consultation soon. Cllr Trinder noted that there may be some CIL monies available to support the project. ***ACTION: Clerk***

Finance and Management Committee – Cllr Morris-Wyatt advised that the RFO has been dealing with the end of year finances ensuring that everything balances and setting up the new financial year on Scribe.

Plans Assessment Committee – Cllr Morris-Wyatt provided an update earlier in the meeting about the planning application for the Old Neighbourhood Inn.

14.04.24 CORRESPONDENCE – None

15.04.24 ANY ITEMS FOR INFORMATION OR REFERRAL - Cllr L Taylor raised concern with the lack of grass cutting in the area of The Ridge and daffodil bank. This has been noted but is a matter for the Works Committee.

Cllr Roberts advised members about planned tree work on the High Street. He and the Clerk had been in close communication with Highways about this closure in an effort to mitigate problems.

Cllr Trinder reminded members that due to elections being held this year, the date of the Annual meeting of the Council will take place at 6pm on the 16th May at the France Lynch Church Rooms, followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish at 7pm. The June Full Council meeting and Charity AGM will be held on 13th June, the July Full Council meeting will be held on 11th July. A meeting isn't held in August and then we will revert back to the first Thursday of the month from September. The Clerk asked Cllrs to advise of holidays as soon as they have been booked as this helps to plan.

Cllr Trinder reminded everyone that allotment inspections are due to be carried out in early May, so to make arrangements to meet their counterparts to carry these out.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 8.44pm

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