

CHORLEYWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the PARISH COUNCIL held in the, Parish Office, South Lodge, Rickmansworth Road, Chorleywood, on Tuesday 10th December 2013

MEMBERSHIP & ATTENDANCE

Chairman: * R Khiroya

Councillors:	* Mrs W Boatman	* G Liley
	* T Edwards	* F Mahon-Daly
	* M. Green	* K Morris
	Mrs A Hayward	* Mrs A Preedy
	* Miss P Howell	* Mrs L Sutherland
	* Mrs M Jarrett	* S Watkins
	* R Kipps	Mrs J White
	Mrs V Lantree	* Mrs J Worrall

*Denotes Member present

13/37 PUBLIC FORUM

There were three members of the press and public present.

Mr Naylor-Smith made representation on behalf of Chorleywood Golf Club regarding parking at the War Memorial Hall permissive parking area.

13/38 REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

A report from Cllr Martin Trevett was read out to the Council.

13/39 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mrs Hayward, Mrs Lantree, Mrs White.

13/40 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

13/41 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Council
RESOLVED

To approve the minutes of the meeting dated 1st October and the Extra Ordinary Meeting of 29th October 2013 as true and correct

These were duly signed by the Chairman

13/42 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising

13/43 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman advised that he had attended the Royal British Legion Service of Remembrance at Christ Church reading the lesson. He also attended a similar event at

his Temple in Greenford. He also attended the Parish Council charity Quiz Night which raised over £8500 with each charity receiving just under £400 each.

The Chairman attended the opening of the new building at Christchurch School which was officially opened by the Arch Bishop.

The Chairman also announced that he and the Vice Chairman Cllr Mrs Sutherland were attending the WRVS Lunch club to give out Christmas gifts paid for out of the Chairman Allowance, on the 18th December.

The Chairman also advised that it was 100 years since the Parish Council was established. He recognised that this had been discussed in the past but also felt that it was important that the centenary should be recognised and asked that all Councillors agree to have a photo taken of the current council at the next Council meeting on 11th February 2014.

Finally the Chairman announced that since the election date had been changed to the 22nd May 2014 the Annual Parish Meeting would now take place on the 6th May 2014.

13/44 QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 9

There were no questions under Standing Order 9.

13/45 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chorleywood Village Halls 19th November 2013

RECOMMENDATION – REFURBISHMENT OF THE WAR MEMORIAL HALL

That the Committee

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

That refurbishment of the ladies toilet and ladies changing room is carried out together with general maintenance and that the shortfall in budget is taken from reserves.

The Clerk advised that she had received an estimate for the work proposed which was likely to be in the region of £50,000. It was possible that planning permission may be required as the plan was to change the front window into a door being as the hall was in a conservation area.

Members felt that the hall really did need to have some refurbishment and felt that it was likely that this work could increase revenue which would, in the long run offset the expenditure.

The Council
RESOLVED

To approve the recommendation to refurbish the ladies toilets, ladies changing room and other general maintenance and that any shortfall should either be taken from reserves or added to the 2014/15 precept.

This was proposed by Cllr Mrs Worrall, seconded by Cllr Watkins and unanimously approved.

Policy & Resources 3rd December 2013 –

13/16 Grant funding for the Chorleywood Youth Council – it was noted that the Council would be grant funding setup fees for the new Chorleywood Youth Council and which the Parish Council had the Power to do under the LGA1972, Part VII Miscellaneous Powers of Local Authorities. 111 Subsidiary powers of local authorities Act.

13/17 Guide Hut Lease – The Clerk explained that she had gone back to the Brownie Leader and explained the Parish Council position. They were looking at their insurance and alternative sources of funding.

13/31 Improving Communications – Cllr Mrs Worrall stated that she had met with the editor of the Chorleywood Magazine to find out her deadlines with a view of the Parish Council have a regular slot within the magazine. Whilst it was understood that it could not take the place of Chorleywood Matters due to the current shortfalls in circulation, it could enhance communication and be another avenue to get our message across on a more regular basis.

13/46 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Committee

RESOLVED

To approve the payments and direct debits

Chorleywood Village Halls £10,607.49

Parish Council £55,898.82

13/47 THREE RIVERS BOUNDARY REVIEW

Following the Three Rivers Boundary Review there appeared to be two anomalies which were discussed. The first being detailed in the report of 35 properties in Loudwater which were currently due to be in the Rickmansworth Town Ward and the second being 12 houses in Stag Lane which were also currently outside the parish. Both areas had logical and geographical reasons for being within the Parish and fell within the criteria within Section 93 of the 2007 Act.

The Council

RESOLVED

That the Clerk writes to TRDC asking them to undertake a Community Governance Review on the two areas identified.

This was proposed by Cllr Mrs Jarrett, seconded by Cllr Mrs Sutherland and carried 13 in favour with one abstention

13/48 PARKING ARRANGEMENTS AT THE WAR MEMORIAL PERMISSIVE PARKING AREA

This item was taken with permission of the Council at the beginning of the meeting.

Members had listened to the representation from a Member of Chorleywood Golf Club with interest. It was noted that the Open Spaces Committee were in favour in principal with the suggestion to play parking meters in the permissive parking area but did not have a capital or revenue budget for this activity. Whilst the Golf Clubs concern was with the War Memorial Hall site, there was a general consensus of opinion that the scheme would have to include the Shepherds Bridge area and may even include other parking sites on the Common in the fullness of time. Therefore any cost analysis should include both sites.

It was generally felt that the meters would have to be solar powered due to the lack of electrical supply on the Common. The timing of the scheme would also be an important factor.

The Council

RESOLVED

That the Meeting agreed that the current situation with regard to parking in the War Memorial Hall permissive parking area is untenable and something has to be done with regard to parking meters.

This was proposed by Cllr Mrs Worrall, seconded by Cllr Mahon-Daly and unanimously approved

The Council then

RESOLVED

That accurate estimates for capital and revenue costs be presented at the next round of meetings as part of the budget setting process with the view of implementation in late March early April.

This was proposed by Cllr Mrs Worrall, seconded by Cllr Miss Howell and unanimously approved.

13/49 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS – STAFFING ARRANGEMENTS

The Council

RESOLVED

That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest, that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

13/51 CLOSURE

The meeting have started at 8.03pm, closed at 10.15pm

These minutes have been checked by the Chairman.

Signed Dated

These minutes have been agreed at Full Council and signed by the Chairman.

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