

Chedburgh Parish Council

MINUTES

of a Meeting held at the Erskine Centre, Chevington Road, Chedburgh on

Monday 11th November 2019 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors: Clare Varney (Chair) Margaret Rickard, Jon Cardy, Michael Chester, Alan Noyes and Sue Roberts.

In attendance: Maximilian Clay (Clerk to the Council);
3 Members of the public.

50. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Teresa Landymore and the Council resolved to approve the reason for absence.

51. Declarations of Interest

- a. There were no declarations of Pecuniary Interest in matters on this agenda.
- b. There were no declarations of Other Disclosable Interest in matters on this agenda.

52. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 16th September 2019 were agreed to be a true record and the Chair was authorised to sign them as such.

53. Reports from County and Borough Councillors

- a. A written report by County Cllr Soons had been circulated in advance and was received by the Council. C Cllr Soons highlighted the availability of central heating grants and encouraged anyone who could benefit, to get in touch with her.
In response to a question about her appointment as Chair of the Pensions Committee, C Cllr Soons explained that the Scheme covers district and county employees as well as other, related, employers and that the management of the fund is pooled with other Local Authority pension funds in order to benefit from economies of scale and maximise opportunities for diversification. The Fund is performing very well.
- b. District Councillor Chester's report had been circulated in advance and was received by the Council.

54. Public Forum

No matters were raised by members of the public.

55. Clerk's Report

- a. The Clerk reported that he had submitted a response in support of planning application DC/19/1733/HH (extension of 3 Elizabeth Drive) on behalf of the Council, following consultation with members.
- b. The Clerk reported that correspondence had been received from:
 - ◆ Suffolk County Council, stating that a review of Divisional boundaries would be carried out. They are supportive of a reduction in the number of seats but there is some opposition to this position from those who feel that the very rural nature of most Suffolk and its growing population make reductions in representation undesirable. The Council will be consulted by the Boundary Commission in due course.
 - ◆ SALC, announcing that their AGM is on the 26th November.

- ◆ The Chedburgh, Chevington, Depden and Rede Community Council had invited representation of the Council at its AGM (Cllrs Chester and Roberts had attended).
- ◆ A periodic review of Land Use designations had been notified and a basic fact-check of village amenities had been initiated. This was distinct from the actual Land Use designations which were being consulted on separately.

56. Planning and Environment

a. The Council discussed the following Planning Application:

DC/19/2706/FUL - 3 Elizabeth Drive, Chedburgh, IP29 4XA: *Erection of one new dwelling, following demolition of the existing dwelling.* In discussion it was felt that the end result would be very similar to the outcome of the previously proposed extension, which the Council had supported. It was resolved to support the application.

b. An update report on applications considered previously was received:

i DC/19/1733/HH - 3 Elizabeth Drive, Chedburgh, IP29 4XA: (i) *Proposed single storey rear extension (following demolition of existing single storey rear extension), (ii) raise roof and insert 2 no. dormer windows to convert loft space to create first floor habitable rooms, (iii) New entrance porch and (iv) 2 no. single storey front extensions.* Permission had been granted.

ii DC/19/0695/FUL - Land Off Kiln Lane, IP29 4BL: (i) Improvements to Existing Access and Track off Kiln Lane (ii) landscaped Security Bund (iii) Farm Office and Welfare Unit (part retrospective). It was noted that the planning authority had sought further information from the applicant but that this information had not been provided. Accordingly the application had been removed from the system, pending receipt of any further information.

c. **Brocket Park development** - There were several ongoing problems reported: road signs not erected (although they have been stored on site for some while); the lack of replacement of failed trees, as required by the planning conditions set out when the application was granted; lack of maintenance of the grounds and open space (including the maintenance of a clear, weed-free areas around each of the trees); the absence of some small items of play equipment on the open space; and the fact that several of the street lights were not in operation (or were faulty). It was resolved to seek advice from the Planning Authority as to whether a process short of enforcement could be invoked in an effort to get the developer to fulfill their obligations.

There was a brief discussion about whether there was a need for grit bins within the development and if it is felt that there is, this will be brought to a future meeting for decision.

d. The Handyman's report was received. In discussion, it was agreed that the traffic speed figures recorded by the VAS would be shared with Drs Gary Dillon and Jon Cardy for further analysis. Ian Leggett agreed to investigate the details of costs and practicalities of the SpeedWatch Scheme and this will be discussed at the January meeting.

57. The Marquis Cornwallis Pub /Community Hub

There was no significant progress to report but the owner had now agreed, after much delay, to allow access to the building by the Hub's professional advisers. It was understood that the Pub, with all its associated land (with an overage clause on future development) was being marketed for around £395,000.

58. VE Day Commemorations

Arrangements to commemorate VE Day are well under way. The event will not be run under the aegis of the Council but Ian Leggett, who is leading the team, sought up to £250 to underwrite the event in case it made a loss, for example in the event of bad weather.

It was resolved that the Council would support the event up to £250.

In view of the late running of business the Chair put a motion to over rule standing orders so that the meeting could be extended. It was resolved to end the meeting at 9.45pm.

59. Section 106 Monies

£25,000 had been passed to the Council as a result of the Brocket Park development. Cllr Chester was congratulated and thanked for obtaining the funds. In discussion it was noted that it had had been previously agreed that a significant amount would be allocated to the Community Council, for roof repairs to the Erskine Centre. Several other ideas and possibilities were also discussed and it was resolved to allocate the funds as follows:

CCDR Community Council (for re-roofing)	£15,000 (to be paid in summer 2020 and with some further support available if necessary);
The Play Roundabout fund	£ 1,000
Community Development Designated Fund	£ 9,000.

In connection with the grant to the CCDR CC it was resolved, following discussion, that the Council would write to the CC to express its wider support for the re-roofing project, to assist in further fund raising.

Dr Gary Dillon, Chair of the Community Council also asked for the sum of £132 to cover the cost of obtaining pre planning application advice as to whether planning permission was needed for the re-roofing. The Council agreed that as the re-roofing is a like-for-like maintenance project there was no reason why planning permission should be sought. A pre-planning opinion would be highly provisional and may not in fact meet the concerns of funders in any case; it could thus be a waste of funds. It was resolved that a letter would be sent to the CCDR CC expressing that view. It was also resolved that should funders require a pre application statement of advice the £132 would be made available to CCDR CC.

60. Strategic Planning

An initial discussion was had but as time was running short, and as it was agreed that the matter needed careful consideration, it was agreed to defer the rest of the agenda to an additional meeting on the 25th November.

The meeting closed at 9.48pm.

Signed as a true record by authority and on behalf of the Council:

..... Chair

..... Date