

Chedburgh Parish Council

MINUTES

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

Monday 12th September 2016 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors: Michael Chester (Chair), Sam Parrett, Margaret Rickard, Clare Varney and Peter Westcott.

In attendance: Maximilian Clay (Clerk to the Council),
4 Members of the public

Appendixes referred to below form part of the authorised minutes.

26. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Fisher and Landymore and were approved.

27. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations for which dispensations had not been duly authorised.

28. Minutes of the last meetings

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated 11th July 2016 were agreed to be a true record and signed by the Chair.

29. County & Borough Councillor Reports

- a. County Cllr Terry Clements presented a written report (*Appendix I*) and there was brief discussion about regional devolution. Cllr Clements expressed the view that devolution was a positive move.
- b. Cllr Angela Rushen invited questions on her written report (*Appendix H*), which had been circulated in advance, and the report was received.

30. Public Forum

A question was asked about priorities for the re-surfacing of roads as it seemed that relatively low-use roads are being prioritised over higher use roads in similar or worse condition. Questions were also asked about the quality of re-surfacing because roads with significant potholes had been simply resurfaced. A question was also raised about why a two year old street lamp, apparently in good working order, had been replaced.

Responding Cllr Clements reported that he had found it difficult to establish how highways maintenance contracts are managed and monitored, despite much effort on his part.

31. Decisions taken since the previous meeting

No decisions had been taken under delegated powers since the previous meeting.

32. Clerk's report

- a. A progress report on actions arising from prior decisions was circulated (*Appendix A*).

33. Planning and Environment

- a. A planning application consultation was considered (*Brocket Park Development*, variation of condition 26 of DC/14/1297/VAR - to provide a 2m high noise attenuation fence in replacement of a 2m high earth bund). (*Appendix B*) It was agreed that no objection would be raised to this variation.

- b. Ian Leggett's report (Village Handyman) was received. There was brief discussion of grain spillage arising on the road around the entrance to MCL's land and of localised flooding arising from a blocked ditch on the border of MCL's and Chedburgh Hall's land. The Clerk will write asking for action on both points.

34. Community

The Council agreed to make a donation of £338.00 to the Community Council (Under Section 137).

35. Responsible Finance Officer's Business

- a. The Council received the Certificate of External Auditor and the audited Annual Return, which certified that there were no matters arising from the audit (*Appendixes D & E*).
- b. The Council received a schedule of receipts (*Appendix E part 1*);
- c. The Council received and approved a schedule of payments (*Appendix E part 2*), together with the supporting documents.

36. Councillors' reports and items for future agendas

- a. There were no reports on meetings attended.
- b. There were no forthcoming meetings requiring representation of the Council.
- c. No items were proposed for future agendas.
 - Cllr Varney reported that she holds Carr's contact number, in case of problems
 - It was noted that the Council is custodian trustee for the Erskine Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Signed as an true record by authority of the Council:

Chair

Date
