

Minutes of a virtual meeting of Cherry Burton Parish Council held on Tuesday 9th March 2021 at 7.30pm.

Present:- Parish Councillors Peirson (in the Chair), Arandle, Baker, Dickinson, Huntsman, Lindsey, Sutcliffe and Wardale.

Clerk - J.Wardale

3 members of the public

ERY Cllr Greenwood

03/21/261 Apologies for absence
Cllr Jeffrey

03/21/262 Declarations of Interest
Cllr Peirson for allotments
Cllr Baker for Tennis Club

03/21/263 Minutes of the meeting held on 9th February 2021 were agreed and signed as a complete record.

03/21/264 Matters Arising not covered on the Agenda
Recent flooding in the village.

A resident of Elm Drive had written again expressing her concern about the surface water issues that occurred during the recent wet weather. This had resulted in surface water getting into the sewage system, which then filled up her toilets. She said Yorkshire Water do try their best, but they say it is an Environment Agency problem. There was a discussion about how to help the problem which has been ongoing for some time, which may be made worse with the new development off Canada Drive.

Cllr Sutcliffe also reported that some areas of kerbing on Elm Drive had begun to erode with all the water.

There was also a discussion about the recent flooding issues on Main Street and in The Meadows.

Steve Charlton (Principal Engineer – Flooding) had been contacted about the flood defences at the back of Canada Drive and responded that the ERYC had not topped up the bank yet as they were considering submitting a funding bid to increase the level of protection. If the funding bid is unsuccessful, they will re-establish the original levels using their maintenance budget.

He would be arranging an inspection of the North Drain shortly.

ERYC had also been informed about the flooding on The Meadows from the disused chalk pit. Residents have reported that part of the kerbing had begun to erode, and ERYC have said that a Highway Engineer would be inspecting the area.

Resolved – write to Yorkshire Water and Environment Agency again about the Elm Drive issues and copy to Ofwat as well and possibly Graham Stuart MP. Cllr Peirson also suggested that a letter should be sent to the Consumer Council for Water.

Cllr Greenwood is meeting with Environment Agency tomorrow and will mention the problem and report back.

To report the kerb edges on Elm Drive.

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ERYC Matters

(a) Highway Matters

B1248/Main Street Crossroads

Mr Sugdon (Area Engineer – Highway Maintenance) had responded to the query about having traffic lights at the junction. He stated that the junction is currently under review as an accident investigation site.

There were comments about a possible accident that had happened at the junction today.

Standing orders suspended

Bishop Burton Road

Mr Tomkys addressed the meeting again. He had done a census on the number of cyclists, runners and walkers using the route over about 10 hours. This information had been circulated (see attached sheet). It was clarified that the information suggested by councillors as being potentially useful at the earlier meeting was a simple number count of cycles using the road on weekend days.

Mr Tomkys explained that he is campaigning for three things:-

1. A footway or shared cycle way from Cherry Burton to Bishop Burton, or, if costs are prohibitive, at least from the bends at the back of Bishop Burton College to North End Farm entrance at Bishop Burton.
2. A lower speed limit for vehicles. He is suggesting 40mph from Cherry Burton, then 30mph around the bends, then back to 40mph to the A1079. Another option would be a 40mph limit along the entire road.
3. Improve the signage all along the road to ward drivers about cyclists, pedestrians, horse riders and wildlife.

Mr Tomkys reported that Graham Stuart MP has agreed to support his campaign, and he requested that the Parish Council also support it.

Resolved - to write a letter of support to ERYC.

Standing Orders re-instated

Cllr Baker mentioned the access road to Sportsfield which now belongs to ERYC and has potholes.

Resolved – it was agreed to monitor the situation as this is not urgent at the moment.

(b) Devolution Information

This has been received from Caroline Lacey, Chief Executive at ERYC.

Cllr Greenwood discussed this and how she hoped that there would be consultation before any decision is made.

There was a short discussion.

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Correspondence received

Playground equipment

Two residents had emailed on behalf of their children with suggestions to improve the playground equipment. They had been thanked for the input. ERYC had also sent a consultant out to advise on the type of equipment that might be able to be sited on the Village Green and Cllr Baker is consulting with them.

Section 14 Re-instatement of footpath

A resident who lives on the Canada Drive cul-de-sac where the footpath starts had emailed her concerns about security and privacy if the footpath proves popular once opened. She also queried whether there had been any consultation with residents.

Deborah Smedley (Senior Definitive Map Officer at ERYC) had responded to the resident that as the proposed footpath is being dedicated by the landowner, this does not require public consultation. However, a consultation will be taking place and the resident would have the chance to put her comments forward.

Salt bin on Linton Garth

A resident of Linton Garth had rung to enquire about getting a salt bin at the bottom of their road. She said the recent icy weather had made the slope dangerous.

Resolved – contact ERYC first to see if they would supply it.

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Finance

(a) Accounts for payment

The following payments were agreed:-

J.Wardale	Salary February + expenses	£ 365.18
One.com	SFMC domain name	£ 56.88
Rollits	Legal fees	£3000.00
Cllr Baker	Bird boxes for Nature Trail	£ 40.00
Dryden Line Markgs	Sfield Car Park	£ 330.00
AB Gdn Dev.	Pond fence erection	£ 468.00
Eon	Pond supply direct debit	£ 23.94

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Village Infrastructure

(a) **Planning applications received.**

Ref. 21/00208/PLF Construction dormer window at 23 Highgate

Ref. 21/00652/TCA Tree work at 17 Highgate

Notice of decision.

Ref. 20/04075/PLF Erection of detached garage at Limber Lodge, 12 Highgate (retrospective) - planning permission granted with conditions.

Ref. 20/04025/PLF Erection extension Highcroft House, 2 Highcroft – planning permission granted with conditions.

Conservation

ERYC Building Conservation dept. had confirmed they are investigating the concerns about the recent rendering work on Cherry Burton House walls.

(b) **Sportsfield**

Standing Orders suspended.

Tennis Club development plans

The Chairman of the Tennis Club, Pete Bridgewater, addressed the meeting. He felt it was important to work with the PC, as the Council is the lease holder for the tennis court land. The Club are currently drawing up an agreement with the SFMC so that the rights of the parishioners and members can be upheld. He thanked the PC for the recent funding and work to clean the courts was due to begin shortly.

The next plan is to develop floodlighting for the courts. Mr Bridgewater outlined some of the issues and advantages of having better lighting. The season could be extended, allowing evening play and more opportunities for coaching. Some members had left the Club to go to other clubs with better lighting facilities.

He discussed possible funding streams, with the PC applying for any grant funding as the lease holder and then the PC would own the lights.

Plans are being drawn up and quotes obtained so that an accurate grant aid sum can be applied for. Cllr Lindsey asked about timescales and Mr Bridgewater was keen to get this done as soon as possible to continue to offer playing and coaching over the winter. One quote was in region of £45,000 + VAT. The Lawn Tennis Association had advised about funding opportunities with Sport England, who have a matched funding scheme, which may be an option.

Cllr Baker mentioned the VAT rules that would need to be observed and he also mentioned that if the PC submits the planning application, it would be at a reduced rate. There was a discussion about the technical planning.

Resolved – that the PC apply for planning permission.

Standing Orders re-instated

Cllr Baker reported that the work to **refurbish the changing rooms** is due to begin on 5th April 2021 and should take about 4 weeks.

Tree work will begin this month on the diseased trees around the Nature Trail. The **re-lining of the car park** spaces has now been done.

Refurbishment of lounge – Cllr Wardale reported that the building contractor has found funding of a further £5000 to refurbish the lounge at the same time as the other work. This would involve replacing the ceiling, the lights and decorating the room. The contractor has also offered to help refurbish the interior of the Baden Powell building, which is under negotiation at the moment.

The **Sancton Windfarm funding** needs to be spent this month.

Picnic benches are being considered and there was a discussion about whether wood or re-cycled plastic would be more suitable. Cllr Sutcliffe also suggested that it would be important to have a bin nearby.

Use of Pavilion for Police Commissioner Elections – an initial COVID inspection has taken place and ERYC are happy with the facilities.

Allotments

Cllr Jeffrey had volunteered to be part of the Allotment Advisory Committee and there was a discussion about deposits. The Chair suggested making new allotment holders pay two years rent in advance as a deposit. If they then give up, the extra rent will allow the person taking over to have a free year to get the plot cultivated.

Resolved – to email asking for a representative from each site to join the Advisory Committee and begin to revise the rules, bringing in the new shed rules.

Tree work on Bishop Burton site – the work should be going ahead at the same time as the Sportsfield.

Resolved – to include a notification in the email above so that plot holders are aware.

- 03/21/269 Community Issues
(a) Pond
The fence has now been completed.
There was a discussion about getting the boundary registered with Land Registry.
Resolved - Cllr Peirson agreed to get legal advice about registration of the land.
Cllr Sutcliffe asked about un-redacting all the minutes
Resolved – to wait until everything is completely agreed.
- 03/21/270 Local Councils Award Scheme
Cllr Lindsey had circulated agreed plan for 2021/22 which would form the basis for the AGM. This would then to be used for the Local Council Award Assessment.
Resolved – to adopt the plan.
- Website**
Cllr Sutcliffe reported that a Mailchimp account has been set up and is accessible via the web page. Residents would be encouraged to sign up. He had tried to make the website more user friendly and it had been agreed to stay with ERYC system and try and improve it.
- Cllr Wardale mentioned having a review document to make sure that all agreed policies have a regular review date.
- 03/21/271 Personnel Issues
Nothing as yet.
- 03/21/272 Agreed items for publication
None discussed.

The meeting ended at 9.35pm.

