

Church Lawford Parish Council

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Minutes of Meeting held on **20 Sept 2023**

Present:

Cllr Jeremy James (Chair), Cllr Helen Smith, Cllr Sara Reilly, Cllr Victor Griffin,
Clerk: Moira Pendlebury

- 408. Apologies and acceptance of reasons for absence** – Apologies from Cllr Sarah Evans, Boro Cllr Simon Ward, Boro Cllr Derek Poole, Boro Cllr Tim Willis, Cty Cllr Mrs Timms were noted.
- 409. Declarations of Interest (existence and nature) on items on the agenda** – none declared
- 410. Public Participation** – none
- 411. Borough and County Councillors' Reports** – none. MP had contacted Boro Cllr Simon Ward to ascertain dates of future RBC Council Meetings. There is a clash this month, but no further ones, therefore no need to consider moving CLPC meeting
- 412. Minutes of the Parish Council** held on 12 July 23 were approved and signed
- 413. Policy Document Review (Emergency planning)** – ongoing
- 414. Planning -**
Previous application for house at the Rugby Rd end of School St (R22/0673): JJ wrote to Planning Dept to formally object to the way this application was handled, no response.
Proposal at: Low Meadow, Kings Newnham View for carport with PV panels for electric vehicle charging. Concerns raised that there have been previous extensions to this property and agreed that views of neighbours should be sought by CLPC.
- 415. Banking** – no progress. Still awaiting online access for MP and HS and JJ continuing making online payments until MP has access.
Action: JJ to chase up, yet again
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416. Finance review – the following expenditure was approved

| Date | Description | Amount | Notes |
|---------|----------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| | Clerk's salary – Aug, Sept | confidential | |
| 21/7/23 | SWALEC | 27.07 | Direct debit |
| 14/7/23 | Annual Parish Meeting expenses | 31.03 | JJ |
| 21/7/23 | Bus shelter repairs | 120.00 | |
| 21/8/23 | SWALEC | 25.05 | DD |
| 25/8/23 | Play area operational inspection | 180.00 | Play Source |
| 25/8/23 | Bench paint | 83.12 | JJ |
| 25/8/23 | Rec ground post | 46.00 | |
| 25/8/23 | Paint for phone box | 65.65 | Peter Lofthouse |

To note receipts

| Date | Description | AMOUNT | Notes |
|---------|-----------------------------|----------|-------|
| 11/7/23 | 22/23 allotment rent (chq) | 22.00 | |
| 18/8/23 | Amenity grass cutting grant | 1,057.00 | RBC |

Bank Balance – Current Account **£4,139.17 (24 Aug 23);**

Deposit Account **££8,398.32** (5 Sept 23, includes £23.43 annual interest)

417. Health and safety / safeguarding incidents

It was noted that the path on Church Rd is overgrown, reducing the width and agreed a working party to clear.

Noted that kerbside weed spraying appears not to have been effective.

Action: SR to contact WCC

418. Play Equipment

Working party has now remedied most of actions needed on report.

MP presented a brief report on quotes for repairs to Multi Play Unit and some options for future Inspections. Agreed to instruct Play Source to undertake repairs (£1,597 + VAT). Further discussion at next meeting to agree future inspection regime.

Action: MP to contact Play Source

Action: JJ to check S105 funds available to cover cost

Action: JJ & Working Party volunteers to complete maintenance items

419. Community and Village maintenance items

8 or so volunteers came forward for meeting on July 1 and all jobs were allocated

- a) **Village Green** – Agreed to go ahead with placing 5 stones, high enough to avoid vehicles inadvertently driving over them (more than 50cm)

Action: JJ to place matting; ?? to purchase stones

- b) **Defibrillator** – all in order. Paediatric pads now delivered and in place.

- c) **New grit bin & dog poo bag dispenser** – still no response from WCC. Bag can in Phone Box is empty

- Action: JJ** to follow up
- d) **Back of Notice Board** – JJ has spoken to Lesley French, potter in Pailton who has led similar community projects.
Action: MP to contact Lesley
420. **Gift of Land for village** – Following persistent contact with the Trustees, the Japanese Knotweed (JK) now in process of being treated and cleared but this is scheduled to take 3 years. Strong concerns raised as to the continuing dilapidation of the house and land, not only creating an eyesore but also a health and safety issue.
Action: JJ to contact Trustees to offer support and advice, and continue to keep pressure on
Warwickshire Local Authorities are putting together a bid for the Coronation Heritage Living Fund for grants to establish community orchards. PC's invited to express interest, agreed we should do this
Action: MP
421. **Other Items not on Agenda**
Reports on Speeding – new system in process of being established.
422. **Future Agenda Items**
Xmas tree and decorations
Warm Hub
Funding for back up batteries for Village Hall
423. **Smithy Lane Footpath** – disappearance reported, and acknowledgement received.
424. **Public parking in village**
The only existing off road parking is in Coronation Rd. Discussion held, but no obvious options seem to be available.
425. **Date of Next Meeting**
To confirm **Wednesday 11 October** 2023 for the next regular meeting of the Parish Council at the Village Hall at 7:30pm
- If an interim meeting is required, an agenda will be sent to Councillors and may be put on the website and on the Parish Council noticeboard three clear days before the meeting is held.

The meeting closed at 21:00

Signed:

Date:
