

CHILDREY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Childrey Parish Council held on

Monday 13th August 2018

7.30pm

Present: Councillors Casey (Acting Chairman), Doig, Rea and Sanders, the RFO and Clerk, and 10 Parishioners (including members of Village organisations).

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1	Apologies: Cllr Hadley and DC & CC Constance.	
2	Declaration of Interests: None.	
3	Minutes of the Childrey Parish Council held on Monday 25th June 2018: The Minutes of the Childrey Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 25 th June were agreed. Cllr Sanders proposed acceptance of them as a true record of that meeting, this was seconded by Cllr Casey and unanimously agreed.	
4	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <p>a) Letter to Earthline: A director of Earthline has responded to the Clerk's letter</p> <p>b) Tree work recommended on the Tree Survey: Ian Trotter has checked through the tree works survey and agreed to notify the Parish Council when work needed completing. Tree number 59 had been listed as a medium risk but the Parish Council had received request that the work should be done sooner. This was quoted at £300 and Cllr Casey proposed authorising the work, seconded by Cllr Rea and agreed unanimously.</p> <p>The Clerk has received a complaint about the Playing Field Sycamore trees overhanging the field with horses in it. Ian Trotter agreed to investigate and assist the Playing Field Trust with the work.</p> <p>As part of the nation's commemoration of the Centenary of the Armistice of WW1, Oxfordshire County Council is partnering with the Woodland Trust for a project of lasting remembrance. The Woodland Trust is donating young native species tree saplings and OCC is offering a commemorative plaque to go alongside. Location of the tree was discussed and Peter Cook mentioned that the Parish Church would be happy to have it planted by the Church to replace a tree that had been cut down. This was agreed unanimously and the Clerk was asked to respond and request an Oak tree, or Beech as a second choice.</p> <p>c) Website: Cllr Casey has had correspondence with Pip Henderson about a breakdown costing for the £50 charge for the website; £40 annual hosting, 315 for the domain, £40 to wordpress, £40 to add venue bookings – per venue, this would include an email link. A representative of the Village Hal Committee thought it could be difficult to manage on line booking and could create extra work but agreed to talk to the bookings person. There is a possibility that this cost could be covered by sponsorship.</p>	Clerk

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5	<p>Finance:</p> <p>a) Approval of the finance report up to 30th June 2018: Cllr Casey read through the report proposed acceptance of it, seconded by Cllr Rea and unanimously agreed</p> <p>b) Approval of the finance report up to 31st July 2018 and initialling of the Bank Statements: Cllr Casey read through the report proposed acceptance of it, seconded by Cllr Doig and unanimously agreed. Cllr Casey initialled the bank statements.</p> <p>c) Approval of cheques for signing: Clerks salary June £308.69 and July £308.69, RFO salary June £51.30 and July £51.30, PAYE £138.69, Arrow Accounting for the Internal Audit £226.36, BGG Garden & Tree Care for grass cutting for June £570.00 and July £300.00 and a Chairman's expense of £106.00 for thank you vouchers for Zoe, Jane and Claire for all their work on the Village Hall committee and Claire for all her work on the Newsletter, these were all proposed by Cllr Casey, seconded by Cllr Sanders and unanimously agreed.</p> <p>d) Any other finance Matters: The RFO presented the engagement letter for the Auditor for this finance year and signing was proposed by Cllr Casey, seconded by Cllr Doig and unanimously agreed. The effectiveness of the Internal Audit was discussed and Cllr Casey propose signing the form, seconded by Cllr Doig and agreed unanimously.</p>	
6	<p>Highways: Traffic Calming Signs: The Clerk to ask advice from Highways and obtain quotes.</p>	Clerk

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8	<p>Village Pond: Peter Cook had submitted suggestions to the Parish Council regarding works to the pond. The pond has dried out due to 2 months without rain and the 12 years of silt build up are no evident. The pond was approx. ½ a meter deeper before the silt build up. The silt should be cleared but Peter suggested obtaining a water and silt analysis first. Peter has tracked down both Rob McInnis who originally designed the pond, he now has his own business in Oxfordshire and Peter Barlow who did the construction. After discussion it was agreed for Peter to ask Rob to do a site visit and give us advice on the way forward and to organise the silt and water testing if he felt this was required. Once the Parish Council receive the report then quotes can be obtained and possibly grants applied for.</p> <p>The railings also need to be painted in the near future and quotes will need to be obtained. To be discussed further.</p>	
9	<p>Matters for Future Discussion:</p> <p>a) A public toilet in the playing field.</p>	
10	<p>Parishioner's Points:</p> <p>Mrs Rowland had sent a letter to the Clerk and attended the meeting to discuss the cutting back of the bridleways. Mrs Rowland wants to reinstate the tractor access to the arable land that she owns along the bridlepath from Stowhill towards Challow. The Clerk to ask Highways if they would support this.</p> <p>John Bales emailed the Parish Council a copy of the plans for the proposed extension to the pavilion for Little Ducks. The pavilion kitchen would still be shared. Little Ducks have raised about half of the funds for the works, £45,000 out of £100,000 required. The Playing field Trust would have to change the statues from solely recreational use to jointly recreational and educational use. The Parish Council will keep ownership of the land. The question was raised why the Little Ducks are not thinking of building at the Ridgeway School, Cllr Casey agreed to ask John Bales.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that a badger has been using a corner of the children's play area as a latrine and it is not human poo as had been reported to her.</p> <p>The Clerk has been asked by OCC if any salt is required for this winter. The Clerk to ask White Horse feeds if they will store the free bag that has been offered and salt the road from Childrey to Sparsholt.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the Parish Council are still working towards the GDPR requirements and produced a draft policy for the Parish Councillors to read through and consider adopting at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Casey</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
11	<p>Dates of next Meetings: Mondays 24th September, 15th October, 12th November and the 10th December all starting at 7.30pm in the Childrey Village Hall. These dates are subject to change and Planning meetings will be inserted as required.</p>	