

MINUTES OF A PLANNING MEETING OF CHEDZOY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 27th NOVEMBER 2023 AT 7.30 PM.

Present: Cllrs. Graham Bentley, Marion Dethier (Chair), Russell Harmes and Rodney Young.

In attendance: The Clerk (Chris Fry).

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs. Mary Clothier and Simon Howes.

2. **Planning.**

Application No: - 18/23/00007.

Application Type: - Listed Building Consent – alterations.

Applicant: - Mr. & Mrs. Bentley.

Location: - Westfield Farm, Front Street, Chedzoy, Bridgwater, Somerset TA7 8RE.

Proposal: - Renewal of existing driveway, extension and renewal of rear patio including formation of dwarf walls and steps, replacement of side gate, renewal of rain water goods to rear and side only.

Comments invited by 9th December 2023.

The Chair opened the discussion. This application is required simply because of the listed building status of the property. It covers several areas of external improvements which together will improve the property aesthetically.

The driveway is to be re-installed with a permeable tarmac type of surface which will ensure that no loose stones will be prone to drift on to the highway.

To the rear of the property various gutters and downpipes are to be replaced.

A vote was taken which resulted in a 3 – 0, unanimously in favour of the application.

The Clerk was asked to draw up and submit suitable comments to the Somerset Planning – North Team, as follows: -

“The Parish Council of Chedzoy supports this application, which will result in an enhanced appearance of this listed property situated at the very centre of the village”.

Parish Council Vacancy.

The Chair updated the Councillors on the decision the sub-committee recently reached.

The Chair and Vice-Chair held meetings with all three candidates. Of all the three people they met with, the candidate who exhibited the most comprehensive understanding of the role of a Parish Councillor was Mr. Mark Holder. He recently retired from a long career in IT for a large multinational. His knowledge and understanding of the workings across govt. departments may be useful in the difficult times we face as a council.

The Parish Council unanimously endorsed the appointment and the Clerk was asked to write to the three candidates appropriately.

Date of next regular meeting Monday 18th December 2023.

There being no other business the meeting was declared closed at 7.39 pm.

