

Minutes of the meeting of Cherhill Parish Council held at Cherhill Village Hall on Tuesday 31 July 2018 at 7.30 pm

Present:

Martin Purslow - CPC Chairman
Anna Shantry – CPC Councillor
David Evans - CPC Councillor
David Grafton - CPC Councillor
John Cavanagh - CPC Councillor

Paula Purslow - CPC Parish Clerk
18 members of the public

3460 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr S Tomlinson and Wiltshire Cllr Alan Hill.

3461 Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

3462 Public Participation

The issue of Redbarn footpath is Minuted under item 3467, although discussed at this time.

Mr Chris Caswill expressed his concerns that the post box beside Bell House had been painted black. Cllr J Cavanagh replied that the box had to be painted black because it was no longer operational.

Mr Chris Caswill had written to the Parish Council complaining about the slurry smell in Cherhill during the hot spell of weather. Cllr D Grafton replied that strict guidelines on slurry spreading and the exceptionally dry weather had meant that the local farmer was not able to inject the land as it was too hard. Following recent rains the ground had now softened a little and the farmer would now be injecting again, so hopefully the issue would be a one-off incident.

3463 Minutes of meeting held on 5 June 2018

Cllr J Cavanagh approved the Minutes as a correct record, seconded by Cllr D Evans. Cllr M Purslow signed off both sets of Minutes.

3464 Review of Actions

Actions were reviewed from the meetings on 5 June 2018. The following action was still outstanding:

Tommy Croker Playing Field – Cllr D Grafton agreed to set up meeting with J Ashcroft. **Action: Cllr D Grafton**

3465 Accounts

Clerk's expenses of £94.86 for broadband, stationery, printer inks and mileage for Networking Day - proposed to be approved by Cllr D Evans, seconded by Cllr D Grafton. **APPROVED**

Councillors approved the reconciliation of accounts spreadsheet to end June 2018. **Action: Cllr J Cavanagh to publish on website**

3466 Planning

Application No	Address	Conclusion
18/06807/HRN	Land to Est of Park Lane, Cherhill, SN11 8XN	No objections

18/06245/FUL	White Acres, Maiden Lane, Cherhill, SN11 8UZ	Object - See below
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18/06245/FUL – Concerns were expressed by members of the public regarding the access to the site, which could result in cars having to reverse onto the busy A4. The road had been labelled as a “quiet lane” which was disputed by many. The Parish Council suggested that Wiltshire Council Highways department conduct an urgent site survey in respect to the new access road. A number of trees would probably have to be felled in order to improve the access and it was pointed out that the site lies within the conservation area. Members of the public had already sent in their objections directly to Wiltshire Council. **Action: Clerk to respond to Wiltshire Council**

The Clerk reported that following consultation with Wiltshire Council, the site at Ozzie’s Kebabs was now clear of street furniture and the mobile toilet had been moved to a more discrete location. The Council thanked the Clerk for her work on this matter.

3467 Redbarn Footpath - **CHER27**

As a result of serious damage to the footpath running from Redbarn East to the Downs, a request to reverse the permissive use of the footpath had been agreed at the June meeting. However, following a number of complaints from horse riders it had been agreed to re-open the discussion.

Cllr D Grafton gave a detailed summary of the history of the issues with the footpath and offered some suggestions to enable multiple use of the path as follows:

- Monitor weather conditions and minimise use by horses in extremes of weather
- Cut back and open the width and overhang along the existing path using a forestry mulcher - this will allow users to choose a point to pass safely and reduce compaction and damage that is at present severely restricted to the centre line. Further cutting and chainsaw work may be required to achieve the full width
- Modify the gate to maintain closure to livestock on the Downs in conjunction with the National Trust, without using a padlock

It was suggested that informal notifications of any issues arising between walkers and horse riders could be made via the local riders’ Facebook site and/or to a representative, in order to resolve issues before they escalate.

Representation from the many riders at the meeting identified that any other access to the downs involved a ride along the A4 which due to traffic speed and size would be extremely dangerous (statistics were provided by a bridleways representative). The relevant members of the public attending were in agreement with the proposals put forward.

The Parish Council agreed to undertake the proposals suggested, within the budget available (Approx £750 for the current financial year). **Action: Cllr D Grafton to obtain three quotes for the work.**

3468 Lansdowne Monument

Mrs Anne Henshaw asked the Parish Council to support the CHAMPS campaign to restore the Lansdowne Monument. Members of the public were in agreement, and the Parish Council agreed to support the campaign. It was noted the campaign had already been published on the website and Facebook page, and members of the public were encouraged to support it.

A resolution in support was carried and approved by the Parish Council.

3469 Cherhill Village Hall Project

Cllr J Cavanagh reported that Wiltshire Council have now completed their formal consultation on the new village hall proposal and comments made can be viewed on Council’s Consultation Portal.

3470 Parking concerns - Cherhill

Cllr J Cavanagh had been asked to raise concerns about parking on the grass verge of the A4 at the junction with Olivers Hill. Apart from the damage to the verge, the practice constitutes a hazard, restricting sightline for drivers emerging from Olivers Hill onto the A4. Cllr D Grafton replied that the problem was more of a concern during school term time. It was agreed to monitor the situation and to put 'parking issues' on the agenda for the August meeting. **Action: Clerk for the Agenda**

3471 Business and the cherhill.org website

The Parish Council had been approached by a number of businesses asking if they could be promoted locally on the village website. It was agreed to set up a page listing local interests within the area, including, schools, pubs etc, providing links to individual websites. **Action: Cllr J Cavanagh**

3472 Setting up a Cherhill Good Neighbours list

Cllr Evans asked the Parish Council if they would consider setting up a Good Neighbours List for the village, following on from the Health and Social Care meeting. Cllr A Shantry agreed to participate. The Council agreed such a list should be set up but pointed out that Data Protection issues needed to be adhered to. **Action: Cllr D Evans/Cllr A Shantry**

3473 Community Land Trusts

The Parish Clerk had been approached by Vicky Bodman, Wiltshire Council's Community Housing Project Manager, asking if Cherhill Parish Council would be interested in forming a Community Land Trust or would like more information about Community Housing. It was agreed to invite Ms Bodman to a future Parish Council meeting to discuss. **Action: Clerk to reply to Ms Bodman**

3474 Compliance

Cllr J Cavanagh agreed to produce a draft Press and Media Protocol document for the Standing Orders. It was agreed that the Parish Council Chairman would be appointed as Press and Media Officer. **Action: Cllr J Cavanagh**

3475 Councillor Responsibilities

Calne Area Parish Forum – the next meeting is on 13 August. Cllr D Grafton and Cllr M Purslow will attend. Cllr D Grafton reported that a location is still being sought for the WWI trees. **Action: Cllr D Grafton agreed to contact Will Woodland.** Cllr M Purslow suggested the lighting of churches and a beacon during the WWI celebrations.

Great West Way - It was agreed to remove this item from the responsibilities list as it was no longer relevant to the Parish Council. Cllr J Cavanagh agreed to replace this responsibility with that of 'Librarian for the website'.

Cllr D Evans reported that on the evening of 12 September there will be a Heritage talk on "Coaching from 1750 to 1850" at Cherhill Village Hall.

Newsletter Production – Cllr A Shantry agreed to be deputy to Cllr D Evans.

Parish Steward Link – It was reported that some of the actions on the Parish Steward list had not yet been completed. Cllr M Purslow agreed to chase. **Action: Cllr M Purslow**

Defibrillators – Cllr D Evans expressed concern that cars had been parking too close to the defibrillator outside Cherhill school, resulting in difficulty accessing the defibrillator should an emergency occur. Cllr D Evans agreed to speak to the school headmaster. **Action: Cllr D Evans**

Cllr D Evans expressed his disappointment that only seven Cherhill residents had turned up to the defibrillator session, and no-one from the school had attended.

Cllr M Purslow reported that refurbishment of the old telephone box housing the Yatesbury defibrillator had almost been completed, but that hot weather had held up the painting.

3476 Date of next meeting

Thursday 30 August, 7.30 pm, Cherhill
Thursday 27 September, 7.30 pm, Yatesbury
Thursday 25 October, 7.30 pm, Cherhill

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.