

Minutes of the meeting of Cherhill Parish Council held at Cherhill Village Hall on Thursday 25 October 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

Simon Tomlinson – CPC Councillor
Paula Purslow – CPC Parish Clerk
5 members of the public

3505 Apologies

Apologies were received from Wiltshire Councillor Alan Hill.

3506 Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

3507 Public Participation

Mr Colin Webb expressed concerns over the access issues at the Redbarn footpath. He thanked the Parish Council for improving the access to the path but was concerned that with the imminent bad weather approaching horses could potentially damage the ground again. He had spoken to dog walkers in the area who agreed there could be a health and safety issue. He had also spoken to the Rights of Way Warden at Wiltshire Council with regard to the official designation of the path. Cllr Cavanagh pointed out that the horse riding community were exchanging information about protecting the surface and he offered to provide examples. He also pointed out that there was an informal agreement with horse riders not to use the path during the Winter months, and that this would be monitored throughout the season.

Mr Webb also expressed his concern over the state of the roof of the Redbarn which had become dangerous as a result of previous bad weather. Cllr Grafton agreed to talk to the owner. **Action: Cllr Grafton**

Mr Webb mentioned that bus drivers had been seen speeding through the village. Cllr Grafton asked Mr Webb to get the bus details and he would then report it.

Mrs Anne Henshaw reported that the signboard by the letter box at Nolands Road had blown over during the recent storms and was now warped and damaged. She asked if the Parish Council would consider buying a new metal board. She also asked if the new board could be re-located as the current location was being over-run with snails. Cllr Tomlinson agreed to get prices for a new notice board once provided with dimensions from Mrs Henshaw/Mr Sabin. Agreement will be needed from the Parish Council before purchase. **Action: Cllr Tomlinson**

Mr David Sabin expressed concerns about recent increased trail bike and quad bike riders on the bridleways causing extensive damage. The subject was later discussed under item 3513.

3508 Minutes of meeting held on 27 September 2018

Cllr Cavanagh proposed approval of the Minutes as a correct record, seconded by Cllr Tomlinson. Cllr Purslow signed off the Minutes.

3509 Review of Actions

Actions were reviewed from the meeting on 27 September 2018. The following actions were still outstanding:

Tommy Croker Playing Field – Mr J Ashcroft attended the meeting as a member of the public and Cllr Tomlinson agreed to talk to him after the meeting.

Parish Steward Link – Cllr Purslow agreed to follow up with Alan Hill whether litter picking is in the remit of the Parish Steward. **Action: Cllr Purslow**

Pot Holes, Jugglers Lane – Cllr Grafton had not yet had any success in obtaining planings for the holes and agreed to follow up again with Steve Leonard. **Action: Cllr Grafton**

No parking sign by Defibrillator, Cherhill - Cllr Evans showed the new sign which had been produced for the wall by the defibrillator at the school. He had paid the invoice of £33.35 and asked for the Parish Council to reimburse his expenses.

3510 Accounts

Clerk's expenses from 1 Aug to 31 Oct 18 for Broadband, mobile phone, stationery and a defibrillator box light - £58.95 - proposed to be approved by Cllr Grafton, seconded by Cllr Evans. **APPROVED**

3511 Planning

There were no current planning applications to review

3512 Parking and traffic issues, Cherhill

Cllr Cavanagh had been monitoring the traffic situation in Cherhill and showed some aerial drone photographs indicating the increased level of traffic from 2.15 pm to school pick up times, compared with traffic levels in the morning. There was clear evidence of an impact on both Oliver's Hill and Middle Lane areas. Information gathering is still underway.

Cllr Cavanagh raised the issue, previously discussed at the April Parish Council Meeting (Item 3423), regarding the use of the Middle Lane/The Street link by inappropriately large vehicles. Mr John Hinder had supplied photographs which were shown at the meeting. It was suggested an 'unsuitable for HGV's' sign could be erected, but concerns were expressed over how this may impact on the legitimate use of vehicles, for example, bin lorries. The matter was considered a Highways issue, but Cllr Cavanagh agreed to raise an issue on the Area Board Issues log and put a note on Facebook and the website asking residents to consider using smaller lorries where possible. **Action: Cllr Cavanagh.**

3513 Use of the Bridleway at Nolands

Mrs Henshaw had been in discussions with Mr Peter Barnett at Compton Bassett Parish Council and they had agreed to put up two small signs to deter trail bikers at their end of the track of the bridleway to Nolands. Mrs Henshaw showed a photograph of a potential larger sign, costing approximately £80 a while ago, which she asked if the Parish Council would be prepared to fund. Cllr Tomlinson expressed his concern about putting too many signs in the countryside, but accepted a sign was necessary in this case. If in the future the sign was not working, it was agreed to look into the possibility of staggered gates at both ends of the path. **Action: Cllr Purslow agreed to look into the costings for a sign.**

3514 Cherhill Good Neighbour Scheme

Cllr Shantry reported on the meeting of 17 October. She had been advised by Wiltshire Council that DBS checks would be required at a cost of £15.50 per person in order for members of the Scheme to enter other people's homes where help was required. There was much discussion amongst councillors on the implication of formalising the Good Neighbours Scheme and it was felt that the Parish Council could not become involved because of potential data handling and financial implications. The Parish Council thanked Cllrs Shantry and Evans for their hard work to date.

3515 North Wessex Downs AONB Management Plan Review - Sept 18

Cllr Tomlinson had read the Management Plan Review in detail and believed the document to be very unwieldy and not understandable to the general public. He asked if a reply could be sent by the Parish Council asking for a more readable, relevant document in order to be able to engage with the community. Cllr Shantry stated that the Parish Council was on the border of the area and that there had been no mention of the Cherhill Downs or the Monument. It was agreed that the Clerk would reply acknowledging the report but that the Parish Council would like a more focussed document with a clear action plan for the area. It was suggested a representative could be invited to a Parish Council meeting next year. **Action: Parish Clerk to reply**

3516 Parish Clerk laptop

Cllr Cavanagh had received a refund of £250 for the Parish Clerk laptop and it was agreed to purchase a new laptop. The Parish Clerk and Cllr Purslow agreed to source an appropriate laptop and advise the Parish Council prior to purchase. **Action: Parish Clerk & Cllr Purslow**

3517 WALC Member Services

An e-mail had been received from WALC on a proposal to extend its member services with added employment services, asking for members' views. This service would mean an increase of 4% per annum on its subscription fees. The Council agreed to the proposal. **Action: Parish Clerk to reply**

It was pointed out that Cllr Shantry had not yet received any information on Councillor training from WALC following a request. The Clerk had received some dates for Clerk training which she had unfortunately not been able to attend. The Clerk agreed to follow up any further training dates with WALC. **Action: Parish Clerk**

3518 Councillor Responsibilities

Budgeting and Finance – Cllr Tomlinson asked for the Clerk to circulate the budget information via e-mail before each monthly meeting. **Action: Parish Clerk**

Calne Area Parish Forum - Cllr Grafton had attended the meeting and reported that a better site had been located for the Calne WWI tree planting project, which was just awaiting legal formalities. The Parish Council would not need to contribute to any funding.

It was suggested a silhouette of a soldier could be erected in Cherhill and Yatesbury churchyards, but that the deadline was too short for November 2018. However, it was agreed a silhouette would be a good idea and could be purchased for the 'Peace Year 2019'. Cllr Tomlinson agreed to look into the costs involved. **Action: Cllr Tomlinson**

The WI memorial document for Cherhill was being presented to the church on 11 November. Cllr Grafton suggested booklet copies of the document could be printed at a later date and distributed to any parishioners who would like one, sponsored by the Parish Council. Cllr Shantry agreed to talk to the WI. **Action: Cllr Shantry**

The Parish Council agreed to having a beacon on Sunday 11 November at dusk. Cllr Grafton would talk to Mr Keith Steggall of the National Trust to seek his permission and Cllr Cavanagh agreed to publicise on the website and Facebook etc. **Action: Cllrs Grafton and Cavanagh**

Countryside Access - Cllr Purslow agreed to chase up the 'missing' CCTV camera from Mr Mike Wilkins. **Action: Cllr Purslow**

White Horse Restoration Group - The next horse whitening is scheduled for May 2019.

3519 Date of next meeting

Thursday 13 December, **7.00 pm**, Yatesbury – **note the** meeting will be closed to the public from 7pm to 7.30pm to discuss the precept. Public can attend from 7.30 pm.

Thursday 31 January, 7.30 pm, Cherhill

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.