

## Minutes of the meeting of Cherhill Parish Council held at Cherhill Village Hall on Thursday 5 December 2019 at 7.30 pm

Present:

John Cavanagh - CPC Chairman  
Simon Tomlinson - CPC Councillor  
Martin Purslow - CPC Councillor  
JR Auvray - CPC Councillor  
David Evans - CPC Councillor

David Grafton - CPC Councillor  
Paula Purslow – CPC Parish Clerk  
1 member of the public

### 3659 Apologies

Cllr White was delayed in traffic and was unable to attend the meeting.

### 3660 Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

### 3661 Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 29 October 2019

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

### 3662 Review of Actions

**Dog Waste/Litter Bin - Cherhill** - The Parish Clerk had received detailed costings and sizes from Idverde and recommendations for frequency of emptying. The costs received were higher than the original quote, however four councillors agreed to go ahead with the purchase of the bin. One councillor objected. It was agreed to ask Idverde to empty the bin once a week.

A member of the public had questioned the siting of the new bin which had already been agreed at the October meeting, but councillors decided to remain with the original emptying site on the A4 layby.

**Action: Parish Clerk to purchase the bin**

**Rights of Way Team** - The Parish Clerk had ordered the 3 lockable gates, to be delivered to Mr Gantlett.

**WW1 Commemoration** - Cllr Auvray reported he is still in discussions with the landowners regarding the possible siting of a WW1 Year of Peace Commemoration.

### 3663 Public Participation

There were no members of the public from the Parish.

### 3664 Planning Applications

Application No	Address	Conclusion
19/11286/TCA	19 The Street, Cherhill, SN11 8XP	No objections
19/11014/TCA	The Manor House, 7 The Street, Cherhill, SN11 8XP	No objections
19/10297/FUL	Black Horse Inn, Cherhill, SN11 8UT	Object - see below

19/10297/FUL - A representative from Punch Taverns, Jeremy Heppell, attended to outline the details of the application to provide two semi-detached houses to the rear of the public house. Councillors questioned Mr Heppell at length, then discussed the proposal.

A number of concerns were expressed by councillors including the possible threat to the business at the public house, the impact on the village and further potential infill opportunities on the site, possible flooding/drainage concerns and the siting of the houses within the car park. However it was noted that smaller housing is required within the parish.

Four councillors objected to the proposal, with three No comments. It was agreed to **OBJECT** to the proposal.

#### 3665 Accounts

It was **APPROVED** the Parish Clerk could claim Home/Office Expenses at £18 per month.

Clerk's expenses from 1 to 30 November - Home/Office expense, laptop mouse, A4 paper at £28.35. Proposed to be approved by Cllr Cavanagh, seconded by Cllr Tomlinson. **APPROVED**

John Ashcroft invoice for petrol and mower maintenance for 2019 at £225.48. Proposed to be approved by Cllr Cavanagh, seconded by Cllr Evans. **APPROVED**

#### 3666 Precept for 2020/21

A public meeting had been held on 14 November, at which one member of the public had attended, to discuss and agree the forthcoming Precept to take to the December meeting for formal approval.

Councillors agreed to raise the precept from £8,000 in 2019/20 to £11,000 for 20/21. They agreed the rise was necessary to raise additional funds to cover growing pressures being placed on its finances such as:

- Funding the maintenance of rights of way following the increase in damage from four wheel drive and other vehicle activity, and the reduction to near zero in the amount being spent by Wiltshire Council;
- increasing difficulty in funding local projects such as road sign improvements, Tommy Croker playing field maintenance, new notice boards, etc;
- the need to build reserves to cover possible future expenses such as local parish elections.

Councillors noted that further significant increases are likely to be required in future years and are currently developing a programme of communication to explain the need for this and to gain support from the parish.

Cllr Cavanagh proposed the agreed figure of **£11,000** for the requested Precept for 2020/21, which is a £3000 rise from the previous year. Cllr Tomlinson seconded. **APPROVED**

**Action: Parish Clerk** to return the Precept Requirement Form to Wiltshire Council by 24 January deadline, and to ensure the information is in the public domain.

#### 3667 Financial Regulations

Cllr Cavanagh proposed the adoption of the new Financial Regulations dated October 2019, seconded by Cllr Purslow. **APPROVED**

**Action: Parish Clerk to put the document into the 'house style' and circulate to councillors.**

#### 3668 S106 Funds and Tommy Croker Playing Field

As Cllr White was unable to attend the meeting, the item was deferred to the next meeting. The Parish Clerk reported that the invoice received from The Children's Playground Co Ltd needed to be amended and agreed to ask Cllr White to obtain a revised invoice. The draft invoice to Wiltshire Council for the S106 monies was **APPROVED** by councillors and the Parish Clerk agreed to send it off to Wiltshire Council. **Action: Parish Clerk**

#### 3669 Millennium Map

Cllr Grafton had received a quote for £100 to pay for the re-painting of the map. Cllr Cavanagh proposed the figure, seconded by Cllr Purslow. **Action: Cllr Grafton to arrange for the painting once the weather improves**

### 3670 Calne Area Parish Forum

Following a recent meeting of the Forum, Cllrs Grafton and Purslow outlined the possible monies available to parishes from 'Calne Our Place'. Cllrs Grafton and Purslow agreed to raise the issue at the next Forum meeting. **Action: Cllrs Grafton and Purslow**

### 3671 Bridleway between Back Lane and Highway

Cllr Auvray raised the issue of the poor condition of the bridleway between Back Lane and Highway which had once again been used by off-road vehicles. It was agreed that a physical barrier is needed to try to stop vehicle use. Cllr Auvray agreed to talk to the landowner regarding putting a large tree trunk over the access. **Action: Cllr Auvray**

### 3672 Neighbourhood Plan

Cllrs Cavanagh and Tomlinson met with a senior member of Wiltshire Council's Planning Department to review the decision, taken some years ago, not to produce a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish. During the discussions it was confirmed that the circumstances on which that decision was based had not changed and were not expected to change: Cherhill retains its designation as a small village and consequently any development will be restricted to fill-in opportunities. The decision not to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan remains valid.

### 3673 The Role of the Parish Council

Cllr Tomlinson provided a timetable on how to take the draft forward and publish to the Parish.

### 3674 Councillor Responsibilities

**Area Board** - Cllr Evans had attended the 12 November meeting. Cllr Purslow agreed to contact the Area Board to put an application together for potential funds towards a new noticeboard for Yatesbury. **Action: Cllr Purslow**

**Countryside Access** - Cllr Grafton had attended a meeting with a group of parishes, organised by Mrs Henshaw where it was agreed to discuss inviting high level representatives from organisations who would be interested to talk about proposals with the aim of collaborative working and funding/sponsorship. A further Countryside Access meeting is to be set up in early January to discuss. Cllr Grafton invited Cllrs Purslow and Auvray to attend the meeting.

**Health and Social Care** - Cllr Evans will attend the next meeting in January.

**Hills Waste Solutions Liaison Group** - Construction of the internal link road has been completed, and weighbridge facilities and Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) systems are in operation at both Lower Compton and Sands Farm sites to assist with the new traffic management plan.

**CATG** - Cllr Tomlinson reported that due to family commitments he is unable to attend many of the meetings now and asked for another councillor to take on the role. Cllr Purslow agreed to lead, with Cllr Cavanagh as deputy.

**Newsletter** - Cllr Evans asked for articles for the Winter Newsletter by 15 December. **Action: All Councillors**

**Website** - Cllr Cavanagh reported that in-boxes of Councillors are getting very full. It was agreed to delete some older information from the server. **Action: Cllr Cavanagh**

**Lansdowne Monument** - Cllr Cavanagh had been chasing Clare Muir from the National Trust about the setting up of a Project Board, but had still not received a reply.

3675 Confidential Matters

There were no confidential matters to discuss.

3676 Date of next meeting

Thursday 23 January, 7.30 pm, Yatesbury

Thursday 27 February, 7.30 pm, Cherhill

Thursday 9 April, 7.30 pm, Cherhill

The meeting closed at 9.21 pm.