

**Minutes of the meeting of Cherhill Parish Council held in the
Cherhill Village Hall on Tuesday 29th July June 2014
commencing at 7.30pm**

Present:-

Councillors

D Grafton – Chairman
M Purslow – Vice Chairman
D Evans
S Orton
S Tomlinson
M Wilkins

Mrs. B Raven – Clerk of the Parish Council
4 Members of the Public
In Attendance P C Sonja Stockhill

2768 Apologies

There were from Wiltshire Councillor A Hill and Councillor B Seed

2769 Declaration of Interest

There was no Declaration of Interests

2770 Public Participation

Mr R Watkins expressed concern regarding the lack of broadband at Yatesbury. He and other villagers felt Openreach could get fibre optic connection and we should ascertain the cost involved. Wiltshire Council has not kept to its promise – not meeting objectives for 2014. Why is Yatesbury being penalized? Clerk to write to MP James Gray again

P C Sonya Stockhill informed the meeting on issues being dealt with at present – cold calling and speed checks amongst others. She reported on local crime. There is a meeting on 15th August at the Hub

Cllr D Grafton thanked P C Stockhill for all the information she had provided

Prior to the Meeting Mrs Henshaw had emailed the Clerk to advise Councillors that there were a number of issues she wanted to raise

Mrs. Henshaw raised issues on Planning, the Neighbourhood Plan and Rights of Way.

On planning. She had previously circulated an email, from Wiltshire Council Head of Planning, to all members which clarified the situation with regard to

previous permissions (pre 2010) at the former airfield. She commented on the copse surrounding the proposal for the beekeeping centre and that the site would be more exposed following leaf fall.

On Neighbourhood Planning. Mrs. Henshaw pointed out that the reason parishes undertook NPs was that they enabled parishes to state where, what and when they wanted any new growth should it ever be proposed. It was a proactive document not a reactive one. Without a NP a parish would always been reacting to other people's proposals without any clear indication of what the community had decided was best for them.

On Rights of Way. Mrs. Henshaw informed the meeting that she was a member of the Countryside Access Forum Wiltshire branch. She had previously circulated the Minutes of the July meeting of this committee and drew attention to several issues it contained.

These were a) the news from Richard Broadhead Senior Rights of Way officer that the warden for the east of the county had left and would not be replaced and that the department was facing 40% budget cuts. b) Wiltshire RoW officer Mike Crook had outlined the review of the maintenance service and the key faults occurring on the network c) that the PIGS scheme(Path Improvement Grant Scheme) was continuing to be funded and that many parishes had applied for money to install kissing gates rather than stiles d) that LARA (Land Access and Recreation Association) who represent the vehicular off roading public are keen to work collaboratively with Wiltshire Council.

She drew members attention to the current state of many of the rights of way in Cherhill and Yatesbury parishes. Inappropriate use during winter months combined with continuous rain had resulted in badly rutted and now dangerous surfaces. To make matters worse dense summer vegetation growth if left uncut hid the ruts resulting in a more dangerous surface. She suggested that the parish should now be prepared to take over maintenance and monitoring of these paths, including installing kissing gates where appropriate (no maintenance unlike stiles) She also suggested that the parish council support the idea that Voluntary Restraint notices, currently issued by Wiltshire Council instead of a Traffic Regulation Order, should be rebadged with the LARA logo and colours. Wiltshire council officers had already received this suggestion favourably at the Access Forum meeting.

Mrs Henshaw also commented on the Pond at Yatesbury stating one side was cut perfectly well and the other had stinging nettles etc that needed to be cut back. Councillors to review situation – September agenda item

2771 Minutes

To approve and sign the Minutes of Meeting held on 25th June 2014 which had been previously circulated. Proposed by Cllr S Tomlinson and seconded by Cllr M Purslow

2772 Accounts

Clerk's Salary £186.73 (August) – it was proposed by Cllr D Evans and seconded by Cllr M Purslow that this account be paid (Salary due 10th each month)
Clerks expenses £54.89 (July and Aug B>B & Tel) – it was proposed by Cllr S Tomlinson and seconded by Cllr S Orton that this account be paid
Kennet Print - £26.50 – it was proposed by Cllr M Purslow and seconded by Cllr S Orton that this account be paid
Clerk's salary for July paid 10th month
HMRC paid 10th month

2773 Planning

To note Planning Applications

14/06901/FUL Change of use of existing Hang Gliding Centre to Bee Keeping & storage. Demolition of existing garage to provide additional parking

Cllr S Tomlinson stated that regarding Hills application that the graphs were wrong. Steve Burns had given a good argument for the permanent facility but an environmental statement should be produced

2774 Neighbourhood Plan – Proposed Action

Only 16 out of 313 questionnaires had been returned – 2 in favour of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan and 14 against. Councillors agreed that there is no reason to start work on a Neighbourhood Plan at the moment but that we will review the decision from time to time. Cllr S Tomlinson stated that the Parish Council could do a Neighbourhood Development Order (a simpler process) if a specific development situation requires it. Notice to go in Autumn Newsletter

2775 Emergency Response Plan (Cherhill Parish Council)

This is proceeding – Cllr B Seed to present at September Meeting

2776 Highways Work

The road repairs at Yatesbury are being done on 31st July – the road will not be closed but villagers will have to wait to gain access. Clerk to contact Tracy Ruse for list of jobs done.

2777 Rights of Way

Clerk to thank Rob Pickford to cutting Rights of Way in Cherhill. Cllr D Grafton will check on Yatesbury ones and hopefully will be able to liaise with Richard

Gantlett. It was noted that no funding is available from Wiltshire Council. Clerk to write to Richard Broadhead to ask if funding is available for broken styles
Cllr S Tomlinson suggested the Parish Council hold a Rights of Way workshop – September agenda item

2778 Correspondence

This was placed in folder for distribution.

2779 Village Matters

It was reported that the hedge at The Forge Main Road is over-hanging the pavement – Clerk to write to Occupier/Tracy Ruse

The cut through from Middle Lane to the Black Horse is very overgrown – Clerk to report

The weight limit sign leading from Compton Bassett Road in to Marsh Lane needs replacing – Clerk to report

Clerk to write letter of thanks to Joddrell Bank

Clerk to advise Tracy Ruse re stinging nettles overhanging The Street

The Parish Council will be invoiced for the new Village Hall Notice Board – this will be double sided. Cost is £850.00 plus VAT – proposed by Cllr S Orton and seconded by Cllr M Wilkins – Village Hall to donate towards the cost

2780 B T Phone Box

After discussion it was decided to leave this for now

2781 Date of next Meeting

It was resolved that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd September in Cherhill Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.50pm

