

Minutes of the meeting of Cherhill Parish Council held at Cherhill Village Hall on Thursday 30 August 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
Alan Hill – Wiltshire Councillor
Vicky Bodman - Community Housing Project
Manager – Wiltshire Council
1 member of the public

3477 Apologies

There were no apologies.

3478 Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

3479 Public Participation

Ms Clare Hinder voiced her concerns over the recent noise levels experienced from The Black Horse Pub. The Parish Council had received two further complaints and was aware there was also conversation from residents on the Cherhill Facebook page.

Approaches had been made to the Landlords of the pub by Ms Hinder and some Council members. The Landlords indicated they were happy to engage with residents over the issue and claimed that noise levels were being monitored and were below permitted levels. The complaint in question arose from a private function, during the hot weather and the Landlords had said would not be a regular occurrence.

Councillor A Hill pointed out that noise issues were the responsibility of Wiltshire Council and reports of noise should be addressed to them in the first instance.

The Council agreed it would be best if villagers and the Landlords try to resolve any future issues in an amicable manner as having a pub in the village was an asset to the community and it would be a shame to lose it. It was suggested that noise levels could be reduced as a matter of courtesy after about 11 pm.

The Parish Council agreed to monitor the situation going forward and to engage with the public and the Landlords.

3480 Minutes of meeting held on 31 July 2018

Cllr D Evans approved the Minutes as a correct record, seconded by Cllr A Shantry. Cllr M Purslow signed off the Minutes.

3481 Review of Actions

Actions were reviewed from the meeting on 31 July 2018. The following actions were still outstanding:

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

Setting up of Good Neighbours List – Cllrs D Evans and A Shantry have set up a meeting in September in which approx 7 volunteers had agreed to attend.

Parish Steward Link – Cllr M Purslow agreed to circulate the updated action sheet. **Action: Cllr M Purslow**

Redbarn Footpath - To obtain 3 quotes for carrying out widening work and work to the gate – one quote had been received with 2 more to follow very soon.

Defibrillators - to talk to Head teacher regarding parking in front of defibrillator after the school holidays. **Action: Cllr D Evans**

3482 Accounts

There were no new invoices to approve this month.

3483 Planning

There were no new planning applications to review this month.

3484 Parking Concerns – Cherhill

Concerns had been raised over the ongoing parking issues in Cherhill, particularly with regard to Oliver's Hill during school term time, which was getting worse. There had been incidents when residents and pub goers had been blocked in and emergency vehicles were unable to gain access.

Cllr J Cavanagh agreed to monitor the situation and take photographs as necessary, and the issue would be raised again at the September meeting. **Action: Cllr J Cavanagh**

Cllr A Hill asked if the vacant Divine Café site was producing any parking issues, but it was agreed this was not a problem currently.

3485 Community Land Trusts

Ms Vicky Bodman, Community Housing Project Manager from Wiltshire Council attended to give a presentation on Community Led Housing and Community Land Trusts – a non-profit, community-based organisation that develops housing or other assets at affordable levels for long-term community benefit.

3486 World War I Copse

An e-mail of proposals from Mark Edwards, Calne Town Council had previously been circulated for approval by 1 September of the following:

- purchase a parish tree for the copse (½ standard Yew at a cost of £50 to be planted in November 2018)
- commit to the 100 year lease of the copse, fund for the duration of the lease and nominate a representative to the management group
- agree to contribute £100 per annum from April 2019 for five years (reviewed after year 4)

However, Cllr D Grafton reported that the site was now deemed unsuitable and further sites were being sought.

Cllr S Tomlinson and Cllr A Shantry opposed the commitment to the WWI copse, preferring to invest available funds in a local memorial to commemorate the folk of Cherhill and Yatesbury who gave their lives.

It was agreed the Parish Council would prefer a more local site to Cherhill but that in principle the Council would APPROVE the above proposals.

Cllr D Grafton reported on ongoing discussions regarding potential sites for the trees at Yatesbury/Cherhill.

Action: Cllr M Purslow agreed to send a photograph of the War graves at Cherhill to Cllr D Grafton.

3487 Compliance

The Standing Orders (2018 version) and Press Media Policy were both adopted. **Action: Parish Clerk to put in house style. Cllr J Cavanagh to publish on the website.**

3488 The Purpose of the Parish Council

Cllr S Tomlinson raised the issue of the purpose of the Parish Council in the modern world and how we could better reach the local community. There had been a few recent examples where there was a lack of clarity within the Council, and it was felt the general public did not fully know its role.

There was a discussion on how to take this forward and a sub-group was suggested. It was agreed that Cllr S Tomlinson would draft some notes for further discussion at the September meeting.

Action: Cllr S Tomlinson

Cllr D Evans agreed to look back at the questionnaires from the public which were received following the previous work on the Parish Plan and forward to Cllr S Tomlinson. **Action: Cllr D Evans**

3489 Councillor Responsibilities

Area Board – the next meeting is on 15 September.

Countryside Access – Cllr D Grafton reported that work on the Redbarn footpath was scheduled to take place in approximately 10 days.

CATG – Cllr S Tomlinson reported that the Yatesbury signage scheme has been delayed due to lack of resource and the issue should be raised at the December meeting. He also reported that Wiltshire Council Highways are seeking approval for 30% (£137.44) of the cost of funding the agreed 'Slow' signs. APPROVED. **Action: Parish Clerk** to reply by e-mail to Jane Vaughan. The agreed planter at Marsh Lane was again raised and Cllr D Grafton agreed to look into the different types available to purchase. **Action: Cllr D Grafton**

Newsletter - Cllr D Evans asked for items for the next Newsletter by **15 September**.

Health and Social Care Forum – the next meeting is on 23 October.

Defibrillator – Two new pads are required for the Cherhill defibrillator. Cllr D Evans agreed to purchase these on behalf of the Parish Council. **Action: Cllr D Evans**

3490 Date of next meeting

Thursday 25 October, 7.30 pm, Cherhill

Thursday 13 December, 7.30 pm, Yatesbury (to include Precept meeting)

Thursday 31 January, 7.30 pm, Cherhill

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.