

**Minutes of the meeting of Cherhill Parish Council held in the Yatesbury Village Hall on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016 commencing at 7.30pm**

Present:-

Councillors

D Grafton – Chairman  
S Orton  
M Purslow  
B Seed  
S Tomlinson  
Mrs. B Raven – Clerk of the Parish Council  
2 Members of the Public  
In attendance J Cavanagh – Cherhill Website

3215 Apologies

There were apologies from Wiltshire Councillor A Hill Parish Councillors M Wilkins and D Evans

3216 Declaration of Interest

There was no Declaration of Interests

3217 Public Participation

Mrs A Henshaw thanked Cllr D Grafton for removing the tree from the churchyard

Mr P Ricketts asked if it was possible for the Parish Council to purchase road plainings. Barrow Way is still outstanding to be finished. S Leonard Rights of Way Officer informed the Clerk that there was no money available to complete this work. They will try and look at it next financial year. He also reported some wet patches in Yatesbury Lane – if filled now with plainings that would stop them getting worse in the future.

It was mentioned that Devon County Council are teaching people how to fill potholes

3218 Minutes

To approve and sign the Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2016 which had been previously circulated. The Clerk had received an email from Mr Ashcroft stating that Mrs Ashcroft said she had been trying to get new committee members for Tommy Croker and not for cutting the playing field grass

as minuted – Minute ref 3209. Minutes amended. Proposed by Cllr B Seed and seconded by Cllr M Purslow that these be signed as a correct record

### 3219 Accounts

Clerk's Salary £254.50 – it was proposed by Cllr S Orton and seconded by Cllr M Purslow that this account be paid (Salary due 10<sup>th</sup> each month)

Clerks expenses £32.10 – it was proposed by Cllr D Grafton and seconded by Cllr B Seed that this account be paid

Grant Thornton Audit Fees £120.00 – it was proposed by Cllr D Grafton and seconded by Cllr S Orton that this account be paid

Kennet Print £28.20 – it was proposed by Cllr B Seed and seconded by Cllr M Purslow that this account be paid

### 3220 Planning

To note Planning Applications

16/10655/LBC Black Horse Main Road Cherhill – internal alterations

16/10364/FUL Black Horse Main Road Cherhill – internal alterations

16/11689/TCA 1 The Street Cherhill – tree surgery

16/11676/TCA 3 Maiden Lane Cherhill – tree surgery

To note Planning Approvals

16/10249/TCA 12a Middle Lane Cherhill – tree surgery

Councillors discussed 16/02921/FUL where the hedge has been removed which according to planning permission that was to be retained. Clerk to check with Wiltshire Council

### 3221 Cherhill and Yatesbury Facebook

Cllr M Wilkins was not present but said that there was nothing to report

### 3222 20mph Speed Limit in Cherhill

Cllr D Evans reported (via email) he had received complaints regarding speeding in The Street and Middle Lane. Councillors discussed how this could be monitored. Taking number plates was suggested

**It was proposed that we apply to have roundalls on the road with 20mph on Park Lane, Olivers Hill and Maiden Lane leading off the A4 and also on Marsh Lane. Cllr S Tomlinson to contact Wiltshire Council and then the Clerk will notify Jane Vaughan. There are**

**also a couple of metal signs still to be installed which Cllr S Tomlinson will also enquire about.**

**The meeting was closed at this point 8.15 for Karen Smith to give talk on Smart Meters regarding sustainable energy. This was very interesting. It is up to the Householder to contact their energy supplier for further details.**

**Summary of her presentation :-**

**A smart meter is a new type of gas or electricity meter that is connected to the internet. They are being installed by the energy providers over the next few years. Different energy providers have different roll out plans so not everyone will get them at the same time. All meters will be replaced including prepayment meters. There is no charge although the cost is being covered by an increase in energy bills.**

**The advantages of smart meters are :-**

- Meter readings will automatically be transmitted to energy suppliers so no more need for estimated bills or meter readers to come to your property.**
- Opportunity for energy prices to vary at different times of the day or week according to demand. For example British Gas are already offering free electricity from 9 am to 5pm on either Saturday or Sunday to those with their smart meters.**
- In most cases linked to a display in the home to show how much energy you are using.**
- Households on prepayment meters will now be able to make payments on line rather than have to go to a Pay point.

A possible disadvantage of smart meters at the moment is that different suppliers are using different makes of meter which are not compatible with each other. So

if you change supplier it is possible your meter will no longer be “smart” with the new supplier.

Customers should contact their energy provider to find out when they plan to fit meters in their area. There is a priority service being offered to the vulnerable who will particularly benefit from smart meters.

Meeting re-opened at 8.40

### 3223 Newsletter

Items for inclusion to go to David Evans by 15<sup>th</sup> December at latest. Details on Smart Meters, 20mph speed limit, Tommy Croker require Committee Members, Wiltshire APP and Speedwatch Volunteers. Over hanging trees in the Street causing problems. Wish everyone a Happy New Year

### 3224 Tommy Croker Playing Field

Minute ref 3209 was amended to read Mrs Ashcroft had contacted some villagers asking for volunteers for the Playing Field Committee.

The Parish Council request that they be informed of any organized activities – this would be necessary for insurance purpose as well

### 3225 Countryside Access Meeting

Cllr B Seed will send out Agenda to all. The next Volunteers Meeting was provisionally arranged for 9<sup>th</sup> April 2017. To meet as usual in Black Horse Car Park at 10am

### 3226 Correspondence

There was quite a lot of correspondence for circulation. The Clerk asked Councillors would they please ensure folders are passed on quickly

### 3227 Village Matters

Cllr M Purslow reported he will be meeting Matt Perrott from Wiltshire Highways to inspect area of road that floods in The Street in Yatesbury due to drain being covered over when road was re-surfaced. Cllr M Purslow to ask Matt Perrott where we could place gates at Yatesbury

Cllr S Tomlinson reported on the CATG meeting he had attended. He queried the huge rise in cost of work in Cherhill. Apparently this was due to change in Contractors. The question of gates for Yatesbury and Marsh Lane was again discussed. Highways have confirmed that we can buy our own gates but they

must be installed by approved highways contractors. We need to identify locations for the gates as the width of verge available will determine the size and cost.

Cllr S Tomlinson volunteered to contact Wiltshire Council/Jane Vaughan to raise an issue on the Area Board log regarding the community speed watch on the A4. The first step will be to have a metro-counter on the A4 if possible both ends of the village

Cllr D Grafton reported he had picked up 'Flood' signs

Cllr D Grafton told the meeting that he had been contacted with regard to re-chalking our White Horse. It has been proposed that this is turned in to a larger event involving other Scoutin Groups – further details nearer the time but possibly to be done in April

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm

It was resolved that the next meeting is the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016 in Cherhill Village Hall Meeting Room. This is a closed meeting to set the precept.