

Minutes of the meeting of Cherhill Parish Council ANNUAL MEETING held at Cherhill Village Hall on Thursday 26 May 2022

Present:

Nick White - Chairman
Martin Purslow - Vice-Chairman
Jane Page - CPC Councillor
Rich Carter – CPC Councillor
David Grafton - CPC Councillor

Jackie Day – CPC Councillor
Ashley O'Neill – Wiltshire Councillor
Paula Purslow – CPC Parish Clerk
1 member of the public

4033 Apologies

Apologies were received from Wiltshire Councillor O'Neill. Cllr Gwyer did not attend the meeting.

4034 Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

4035 Election of Chairman

It was proposed by Cllr Grafton and seconded by Cllr Carter that Cllr White be elected as Chairman. 6 voted for, 0 against this proposal, which was **APPROVED**.

4036 Election of Vice-Chairman

It was proposed by Cllr Day and seconded by Cllr Grafton that Cllr Purslow be elected as Vice-Chairman. 6 voted for, 0 against this proposal, which was **APPROVED**.

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Cllr Carter proposed approval of the Minutes as a correct record, seconded by Cllr Page.

Cllr White signed off the Minutes.

4038 Review of Actions

Website - Cllr White to explore with other community based groups in the Parish if they wish to be attached to the Parish Council website. **Action: Cllr White**

Rights of Way Issues – All Parish Councillors to continue to walk the footpaths, photograph and identify any improvement works required. **Action: All Parish Councillors.**

Cllr White had approached Valley View Fencing who had agreed to start repairing the stiles and mowing overgrown paths. Cllr White agreed to use the MyWilts App to request mowing at Quemerford Gate. **Action: Cllr White**

Noticeboard – Cllr White had put in a request to the Area Board for part funding of the new noticeboard and was awaiting a reply before ordering it.

Litter Bin – The Parish Clerk had ordered a new large litter bin for the Wiltshire Council controlled area near to the footpath up to the White Horse.

Replacement of Parish Clerk – The Parish Clerk had placed a job advertisement with WALC. Cllr White agreed to chase the advertisement placed with NALC which had not yet been published. **Action: Cllr White.**

Newsletter – Cllr Gwyer and Cllr Day were producing a May newsletter.

4039 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

4040 Planning Applications

| Application No | Address | Conclusion |
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| PL/2022/03716 | The Holly, The Street, Cherhill SN11 8XP | No objection |

4041 Accounts

Clerk's Home/Office expenses for April/May 2022 at £23.85. Proposed to be approved by Cllr White, seconded by Cllr Page. **APPROVED**

Cherhill Village Hall – hall hire for Jan – Apr 2022 at £57.00. Proposed to be approved by Cllr Purslow, seconded by Cllr Day. **APPROVED**

The Garden Route – Grass cutting, Tommy Croker at £275.00. Proposed to be approved by Cllr Day, seconded by Cllr Carter. **APPROVED**

ARD Playgrounds – repairs and replacements to basket swing for Tommy Croker Playground at £1,260. Proposed to be approved by Cllr Purslow, seconded by Cllr Day. **APPROVED**

The Clerk and Cllr Gwyer had not yet been able to meet to reconcile the Q4 spend figures for 2021/22 as the paperwork was currently with the auditor.

4042 Antisocial Behaviour within the Parish

PCSO Mark Cook attended the meeting and introduced himself as the new Rural Crime Officer for the Parish. He highlighted his new role and asked the Parish Council to keep him informed of any local issues, and stated that he was happy to contribute articles for the Villagers Magazine and Parish Newsletter.

There was a discussion regarding antisocial behaviour within the village, including hare coursing, drug dealing, mini mopeds, fly tipping, car racing etc. PCSO Cook hoped to become a more visible presence within the Parish, but urged all parishioners to call 999 if they see any hare coursing occurring.

Cllr Purslow agreed to feedback the information discussed at the meeting regarding antisocial behaviour with the Yatesbury Airfield residents. **Action: Cllr Purslow**

Cllr Page highlighted the recent issues within Yatesbury regarding the local hunt and the excessive amount of police officers who attended without prior warning, which had concerned a number of residents. Local residents had been prevented from using the public rights of way at this time. PCSO Cook agreed to liaise with all parties to try to stop similar issues occurring again. He also highlighted that the police maintain an impartial presence at fox hunt events in order to promote safety and prevent all unlawful activities including, illegal hunting of mammals with hounds.

4043 Newsletter

It was agreed that there should be some input from PCSO Mark Cook regarding rural police matters in the next Newsletter. **Action: Cllrs Gwyer and Day.**

4044 Councillor Responsibilities

Area Board – Cllr Purslow will attend the next Area Board meeting on 31 May.

Budgeting and Finance – The Clerk reported that the AGAR forms had been completed and the auditor had signed off the figures, so the AGAR return will go to the June PC Meeting for approval and sign off.

Website – Cllr Purslow had started to amend and update the out of date contact details on the website.

LHFIG – Cllr Day attended the meeting to discuss the speeding issues on Marsh Lane but had not received a favourable response from the Committee. It was agreed to raise it again at the next meeting.

LHFIG had asked the Parish Council if Cherhill School had a transport plan. Cllr Grafton replied that he believed they did have a plan.

It had been noted that the footpath on the A4 was very overgrown and in bad condition. It was agreed that Cllr Day would complete the form to raise this issue with LHFIG. **Action: Cllr Day**

Cllr Purslow had attended the first meeting of the sub-group of LHFIG to discuss the cycle path.

Parish Steward – Cllr Purslow had circulated the new list of Parish Steward visits, and requested all councillors let him have any jobs for the Parish Steward in good time before each visit. **Action: All**

White Horse – The White Horse is now white again! Cllr White thanked everyone who had helped out with the whiting process.

Defibrillator – Cllr Purslow had replaced the battery in the Yatesbury defibrillator. Cllr White agreed to investigate why the Cherhill School defibrillator light was flashing. **Action: Cllr White**

4045 Confidential Matters

Any confidential matters discussed are not reported in the Minutes.

4046 Date of next meeting

Thursday 23 June 2022, 7.30 pm – Yatesbury Village Hall

Thursday 28 July 2022, 7.30 pm – Cherhill Village Hall. Cllr Carter sent his apologies for this meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.