

## Minutes of the meeting of Cherhill Parish Council held at Yatesbury Village Hall on Thursday 1 September 2022

Present:

Nick White - Chairman  
Martin Purslow - Vice-Chairman  
Jane Page - CPC Councillor  
Jackie Day - CPC Councillor  
David Grafton - CPC Councillor

Richard Carter – CPC Councillor  
Claire Gwyer – CPC Councillor  
Peter Johnson – CPC Parish Clerk

### 4073 Apologies

Apologies were received from Wiltshire Councillor Ashley O'Neill.

### 4074 Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

### 4075 Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Tuesday 26 July 2022

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

Cllr White signed off the Minutes.

### 4076 Review of Actions

**Rights of Way Issues** – footpaths are being walked and monitored by Councillors and this will continue.

**Newsletter** – A fair bit of material was being collected. See 4081 below.

**Website** – Cllrs Purslow, White and Carter are still to meet up in the Autumn to start improving the website but in the meantime Cllr. White would manually amend the site to update the new Clerk's phone number.

**Lansdowne Monument** – Cllr. Gwyer was in contact with Maria MacLeish of the National Trust but no update from them is expected until the Autumn. Wiltshire Cllr. O'Neill was to have written to the NT but was away at present.

**A4 Old Police House** – Nothing further had been heard. Cllr. Purslow would send to Cllr. Day an LHFIF application for her to complete on the issue. Bollards still needed to be erected.

**Action; Cllr. Purslow and Cllr. Day.**

**Parish Clerk handover** – this had taken place earlier in the month and the new Clerk confirmed he was getting to grips with the various procedures and systems.

**Banking** - Cllr Purslow had completed the Lloyd's paperwork which the new Parish Clerk had now signed to enable him to be the nominated person on the account.

**Speeding cyclists in Cherhill** – nothing further to report other than this would be going into the Newsletter.

**Missing footpath sign to the church** – Cllr Grafton had called in at the Manor and the owner Mrs Haslam had confirmed the sign had been removed temporarily to facilitate a painting job at the Manor. It had now been reinstated.

4077 Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

4078 Planning Applications

Application No	Address	Conclusion
PL/2022/05133	Calne Quarry, Abberd Lane.	No objection with comments (see below)
PL/2022/05774	Winterbrook House, Lower Compton	No objection

- PL/2022/05133 – Parish Councillors had no objections, but wished to comment that the Cherhill PC looked forward to receiving sympathetic consideration and/or support from Hills in the future towards local projects

4079 Accounts

Clerk's Home/Office expenses for August 2022 at £22.49. Proposed to be approved by Cllr Carter, seconded by Cllr Page. **APPROVED**

Cllr White pointed out that the £18 monthly contribution to home office expenses should instead be £26, according to the Expenses Policy. The higher figure would be used next time.

The Valley View invoice for mowing/clearing the Red Barn path from July at £630 plus VAT, totalling £756. This was in line with the quote previously agreed. Proposed to be approved by Cllr Purslow, seconded by Cllr Day. **APPROVED**

4080 Yatesbury, speeding of vehicles

Cllr Purslow reported that village residents had complained about cars from businesses at the Hangers failing to stop or not giving way properly at the Hangers turn. Residents, in turn had complained about vehicles leaving the Hangers without checking for traffic. He felt it was probably no more than a couple of speeding cars but he had spoken to people at the Hangers about the latter. It was agreed to put a note on the notice board and a note in the Newsletter about the former.

Further, Cllr Page reported that she had been emailed about young people driving very fast up and onto the A4 where they executed 'doughnut' turns. This was around 8.30 in the evening.

After discussion, it was agreed, that, although the Parish Council had no powers to stop such events from happening, they will highlight the issue in the next Newsletter, asking people to be more mindful. Further, Cllr Page would email PCSO Mark Cook.

**Action: Cllr. Purslow for the Noticeboards; Cllrs Day & Gwyer for the Newsletter; Cllr Page to involve PCSO Mark Cook.**

4081 Newsletter

This would no longer be on line but instead would be entirely hard copy, 300 would be printed during the week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> September and distributed a week later. It would feature the results of the Flower and Veg Show at Yatesbury, the play ' See how they run' to be performed at Cherhill in September, the Auction to be held on a weekend in October and the Quiz at Cherhill on 13<sup>th</sup> November.

#### 4082 Councillor Responsibilities

**Area Board** – Cllr. Grafton - Nothing further to report

**Budgeting and Finance** – The Parish Clerk had nothing to report other than he was now able to make all necessary payments and had received guidance on using the spreadsheets.

A discussion took place on the need for more recently appointed councillors to receive training on finance. There were training modules on finance to be had from WALC and it was agreed that collaboration with other Parish Councils, pooling financial resources, would be good. It would all need to be budgeted. The Parish Clerk would also need CILCA training in due course and the costs of this, and any payment of the Clerk's additional time, would also need careful budgeting.

**Facebook Page** – Cllr. Purslow had updated this to update the details of the new Parish Clerk.

**Countryside Access** – nothing further to report.

#### **Local Highways & Footpaths Improvement Group (LHFIG) –**

Cllr. White mentioned the triangle of grass between the Street and Park Lane which is being badly eroded. Cllr. Carter mentioned the condition of Mill Lane, as you walk up to the playing field it is atrocious. Cllr. White said we need to report to Highways. Cllr Purslow would send to Cllr. Carter details of Rebecca Chivers at Highways (Calne and Malmesbury Area Boards) who was always very helpful.

**Action: Cllr Purslow and Cllr. Carter.**

**Parish Steward link** – Cllr. Purslow reported that the Parish Steward had done a couple of jobs recently but a resident, Christine Hope, had reported that some vegetation was still protruding through the boundary fence near the little footpath from the Street to Pottows Field. The Steward is returning in September and he will look into this.

Another issue was the 40 MPH sign on Broth/Brough Lane, Cherhill. There had been reports that this was becoming obscured by a hedge, that it could not be seen by traffic going from west to east.

**Action – Cllr. Purslow and Cllr. Grafton.**

**White Horse Restoration Group** – Cllr. Grafton reported that as the surrounding grassland was now so dry you can see all 4 legs of the horse again. There is a bit of weed growth on the body but this can be reviewed next year and no further action is needed at present. The Group had received a donation of £300 for new chalk from a multimedia group whose head is based in Calne.

**Defibrillators** – Cllr. White reported that the pads stationed at the school had expired but he had ordered replacements online. Agreed that mention be made in the Newsletter about the location of the equipment. When people place a 999 call they are advised as to how they work.

#### 4083 Confidential Matters

Any confidential matters discussed are not reported in the Minutes.

#### 4084 Date of next meetings

Thursday 13 October, 7.30 pm – Cherhill Village Hall

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30 pm – Yatesbury Village Hall

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 7 pm – Cherhill Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.