

Minutes of the meeting of Cherhill Parish Council held at Cherhill Village Hall on Thursday 13 October 2022

Present:

Nick White - Chairman
Martin Purslow - Vice-Chairman
David Grafton – Councillor
Ashley O’Neil- Wiltshire Councillor

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

4085 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Page and Day.

4086 Declarations of Interests

There were declarations of interest from Cllr White and from Cllr Carter as they each have a social connection with the applicant for the planning application involving 2 Marsh Lane, Cherhill, PL/2022/07440.

4087 Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Thursday 1 September 2022

Cllr Grafton proposed approval of the Minutes as a correct record, seconded by Cllr Purslow.

Cllr White signed off the Minutes.

4088 Review of Actions

Newsletter – The Autumn edition had been printed and distributed. 400 copies produced.

Website – Cllrs Purslow, White and Carter are arranging to meet up to start improving the website but in the mean-time Cllr White had manually amended the site to update the new Clerk’s photo and would also be updating re the Clerk’s personal mobile phone number.

Lansdowne Monument – Cllr. Gwyer had received an email response from Maria MacLeish of the National Trust and had been informed that the NT was now appointing consultants to advise on the monument’s conservation. Wiltshire Cllr. O’Neill will be writing to the NT now that he had received from the Parish Clerk copies of previous correspondence going back more than 10 years. Cllr Gwyer would send him a copy of the email from Maria MacLeish.

Action: Cllr O’Neil

A4 Old Police House – Cllr. Purslow confirmed that an LHFIG application had been sent by Cllr. Day for bollards to be erected.

Speeding cyclists in Cherhill – this matter had now been highlighted in the Newsletter.

Poor condition of ground between the Street and Park Lane. - The matter had now been reported to Rebecca Chivers at Highways.

Work on footpath from the Street to Potters Field. This had been dealt with by the Parish Steward.

4089 Public Participation

Mrs Anne Henshaw was present and wanted to air two matters:

Firstly, a Rights of Way matter near Yatesbury ie the **blocked footpath running from Lymers Lane** which crosses to the plantations now owned by Richard Simpson. The farmer, Richard Gantlett, owns the land. She has enormous concerns about his wire electric fence that crosses and effectively blocks the footpath. People have to really pick their feet up to get over it when out walking. Apparently this fence was put there by his stockman but it was agreed that it's the landowner's responsibility. He is protecting his beef livestock but not the public who use the path. Agreed that Cllr White would write to the landowner Richard Gantlett to ask to meet him to discuss matters.

Action: Cllr White to meet with Richard Gantlett

Secondly the planning application at the **Divine Café on the A4**. She had concerns about this but welcomed the initiative as Cherhill needed a good catering facility there. She thought the planting programme was good but was concerned about the opening hours, the outside lighting and the number of car parking spaces. There were only 17 of these which seems low for the number of covers being planned. Also, there is no detail on the proposed appearance. It was agreed that Cllr White would seek to meet with the applicant on site, Mark Wilkins.

Mrs Henshaw was reassured that the Council would be looking very carefully at the application at the next meeting.

Action: Cllr White to meet with Mark Wilkins

4090 Planning Applications

Application No	Address	Conclusion
PL/2022/06915	Bell House, 1 Maiden Lane.	No objection
PL/2022/07114	3 Park Lane, Cherhill	No objection
PL/2022/07112	3 Park Lane, Cherhill	No objection
PL/2022/06674	Lansdowne Barn (White Acres), Maiden Lane, Cherhill	Objection *
PL/2022/07440	2 Marsh Lane, Cherhill	No objection

- PL/2022/06674 – Parish Councillors had strong objections, comments were being drafted to go onto the planning portal

4091 Accounts

Clerk's Home/Office expenses for September 2022 at £57.55. Proposed to be approved by Cllr Purslow, seconded by Cllr Carter. **APPROVED**

The Community Heartbeat Trust invoice for defibrillator pads at Yatesbury at £122.40 inc VAT. Proposed to be approved by Cllr Carter, seconded by Cllr White. **APPROVED**

The Playsafety Ltd invoice for annual inspection at Tommy Croker playing fields at £109.20 inc VAT. Proposed to be approved by Cllr Purslow, seconded by Cllr Grafton. **APPROVED**

4092 Newsletter

400 copies of the Autumn edition had been printed and around 300 distributed during September. There was a surplus therefore of around 100, Next time there might be a smaller print run. It was clear however that many residents appreciated the hard copy rather than it just being available online. It was agreed to aim for quarterly editions, the next one to be produced in February. Ideas for items to be sent to Cllr Gwyer.

4093 Cherhill War Memorial

Cllr White reported on the plans for a memorial in the field next to Park Lane earmarked for the new Village Hall. This would feature a bench, a plaque and the planting of some trees. The cost, including VAT and a contingency element of 20% was £4,112.64 and previously agreed in the current CPC budget. The Cherhill Village Hall Committee had taken ownership of the field last year.

It agreed that the Parish Council would fund the project but it should be managed and implemented by the Village Hall Committee. Future maintenance would be funded by the Parish Council. Cllr Grafton indicated that the cost of materials was likely to have gone up recently. Further, access might be difficult due to differences in ground level and hardcore might be required to build up levels.

It was felt that the Village Hall should implement and manage installation of the memorial, and the funding of it, including maintenance, should fall to the Parish Council. Proposed to be approved by Cllr Purslow, seconded by Cllr Carter. **APPROVED**

4094 School parking in Cherhill

Cllr White reported that he had been sent many photos of examples of poor and potentially dangerous parking close to the school during pickup times. He had sent some of these to PCSO Mark Cooke who had agreed to increase his patrols near the school at such times. Poor parking had been a feature there for many years, vehicles left on, or too close to, corners were a regular feature. Cllr O'Neil said it was not enough that the standard of parking was poor and PCSO Cooke did not have the power to issue parking tickets as he was not a warranted police officer. The school has in the past, and quite recently, sent letters to parents to urge more careful and considerate parking. It was agreed that the Council should not seek to do anything until further monitoring had taken place and the impact of the new staff car park, currently being built, determined.

4095 Static caravan at Fairholme Farm

Cllr White reported that this site was close to the boundary of Compton Bassett and Cherhill parishes. A static caravan had been positioned there for some time. The occupants argue that this is for use by a shepherd but the lambing season had come and gone some time ago and they were still there. Compton Bassett PC was very concerned and enforcement officers had visited the site but use of the caravan had continued. A planning application had just been filed so it was agreed that this would be discussed at the next meeting.

4096 Councillor Responsibilities

Area Board – Cllr. Grafton had nothing further to report. Cllr Purslow reported he would be attending a meeting on 6th December as funding had been requested by the Sustrans Route 403 working group with which he was involved.

Budgeting and Finance – The Parish Clerk had nothing further to report other than he would be making arrangements with Cllr Gwyer to agree a reconciliation of income and expenditure for Q1. Cllr Gwyer advised that she still needs financial training to help her in this role. The Parish Clerk would ascertain for her from WALC some new dates for suitable training.

Action: Parish Clerk

Facebook Page – Cllr. Purslow had nothing further to report.

Countryside Access – Cllr. Grafton had nothing further to report.

Local Highways & Footpaths Improvement Group (LHFIG) –

Cllr. Purslow would be attending the next meeting.

Parish Steward link – Cllr. Purslow reported that Wiltshire Council was funding new equipment for stewards that would enable them to do heavier and more technical work than previously, such as whitelining.

A discussion took place on the request by Mrs Margaret Merritt for guidance on applying for a dropped kerb on Park Lane, Cherhill. She lives on Park Lane and uses a mobility scooter. Cllr O'Neil

said she had a good point as more dropped kerbs were needed in Cherhill for safer access. He had replied to Mrs Merritt's email that the Parish Clerk had circulated and would assist her where he could. The costs, relatively speaking, are not high.

White Horse Restoration Group – Cllr. Grafton reported that there was some quite new weed growth on the horse, but everything appeared stable. He was looking forward to discovering how much had been collected in the moneyboxes.

Defibrillators – Cllr. Purslow reported that all was well, new pads had recently been installed at Yatesbury.

4097 Confidential Matters

Any confidential matters discussed are not reported in the Minutes.

4098 Date of next meetings

Tuesday 15th November, 7.00 pm – Yatesbury Village Hall

Thursday 22nd December, 7.00 pm – Cherhill Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.