

Minutes of the meeting of Cherhill Parish Council held at Cherhill Village Hall on Thursday 22 December 2022

Present:

Martin Purslow - Vice-Chairman
David Grafton - Councillor
Ashley O'Neil - Wiltshire Councillor

Jane Page - Councillor
Peter Johnson - Parish Clerk

4113 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs White, Gwyer and Carter. In the absence of Cllr White, Vice-Chairman Cllr Purslow took the Chair.

4114 Declarations of Interest

There was a declaration of interest from from Cllr Grafton as he is the applicant for the planning application involving 3 Middle Lane, Cherhill, PL/2022/09184.

4115 Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 15 November 2022

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

Cllr Purslow signed off the Minutes.

4116 Review of Actions

Website (Action 4057) – Cllrs Purslow, White and Carter have yet to meet up to start improving the website but that remains the aim.

Action: Cllrs Purslow, White and Carter

Lansdowne Monument (Action 4064) – Wiltshire Cllr O'Neil has yet to write to the NT, as planned. His new PA has been settling and he expects to get a letter out shortly.

Action: Cllr O'Neil

Blocked footpath from Lymers Lane (Action 4089) Cllr White had made contact with the owner, Richard Gantlett, but a date for a meeting has not yet been finalised.

Action: Cllr White.

Speed limit on Marsh lane, Cherhill (Action 4103). Cllr Day had sent an online request to LHFIFG to extend the stretch currently under a 20 mph speed limit.

Revising the Draft Budget (Action 4108) The Clerk had revised and circulated the draft budget for 2023-24.

4117 Public Participation

There were no members of the public in attendance.

4118 Bridleway and Footpath Maintenance (Standing Item)

There was nothing to report other than Cllrs will continue to monitor the condition of all the parish byways.

4119 Planning Applications

Application No	Address	Conclusion
PL/2022/08378	Calne Quarry, Abberd Lane, Calne.	No objection
PL/2022/09040	3 Maiden Lane, Cherhill	No objection
PL/2022/09184	3 Middle Lane, Cherhill	No objection

4120 Accounts

Clerk's Home/Office expenses for October 2022 at £30.49. Proposed to be approved by Cllr Day, seconded by Cllr Page. **APPROVED**

The Community Heartbeat Trust invoice for defibrillator pads at £100.80 inc VAT. Proposed to be approved by Cllr Day, seconded by Cllr Grafton. **APPROVED**

David Olgivie Engineering Ltd, the new armed forces memorial bench at £1,880.40. There was discussion as this was a much higher cost than had been budgeted. Because of the contingency element of 20% that had been built into the 22-23 budget it was still within the overall budget but the Clerk made the point that affordability depends on other items relating to the memorial project not increasing too much this financial year. Proposed to be approved by Cllr Day, seconded by Cllr Page. **APPROVED.**

Chairman's expenses, for outlay on postcrete for the notice boards, and NetNerd for website hosting, totalling £85.99. Proposed to be approved by Cllr Page, seconded by Cllr. Day. **APPROVED.**

The Garden Route, for grass cutting and leaf clearing at £345.00. Proposed to be approved by Cllr Grafton, seconded by Cllr Day. **APPROVED.**

4121 Community Governance Review

Cllrs Grafton and Page reported on the recent meeting with Compton Bassett parish councillors on 7th December. This had proceeded amicably and a second meeting between the two councils had been discussed, possibly around February 2023. Subsequently an invitation had been received by Cherhill PC, and other affected councils, from Calne Without PC to attend a meeting at Derry Hill on Monday 23rd January. This was to discuss the same issues of asset transfer. The Clerk had already confirmed there would be participation by Cherhill PC. It was agreed that Cllrs Page and White and the Clerk should attend.

Cllrs Grafton and Page also reported briefly on the meeting on 14th December at Derry Hill of the **Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan Review**, which they had both attended. The agenda had featured a reminder of the parish areas that will be affected by the Community Governance Review.

Cllr O'Neill confirmed that he was aware of the request by Wiltshire Council for the affected parishes to come together to discuss the transfer of monetary and other assets and he was keeping a watching brief generally. He was not able to offer detailed advice as he had to remain impartial as at some point he might have to be involved in the final agreements. He did however urge that thought be given to agreeing a formula between Cherhill and Calne Without, based on the number of electors being transferred to the enlarged Cherhill parish. This inevitably would have to be a different formula to that to be agreed between Compton Bassett PC and Calne Without PC as far fewer electors were to be transferred to Compton Bassett PC.

4122 Budget Discussion for Precept for 2023-24

Further to the Precept and Budget discussions at the November meeting the Parish Clerk/RFO had circulated a finalised budget for approval at the present meeting. He had also circulated a report on the history of the Precept and Budget amounts over the previous 10 years to provide context.

The Budget spreadsheet, totalling expenditure at £22,090, was discussed but no amendments were felt necessary.

Cllr Grafton proposed that the Budget, and the agreed figure of £15,000 for the Precept for 2023-24 which is unchanged from the previous year, be formally approved. Seconded by Cllr. Page.

APPROVED.

Action: The Clerk to return the Precept Requirement Form to Wiltshire Council by the 18th January 2023 deadline, to ensure that such information is in the public domain.

4123 Public Open Space/Play Improvement Projects in Cherhill Parish

The Clerk reported on the recent email from Highways Operations at Wiltshire Council inviting Cherhill Parish Council to suggest projects that would benefit from a one-off grant of up to £6000. Yatesbury was discussed but Cllr Page advised that Yatesbury residents were a long way from agreement on what project could be suggested for that Ward. After some discussion it was agreed that 2 projects based on Cherhill should be offered:

- a) The repainting of playground equipment at Tommy Croker playing fields, to prolong their life.
- b) Further work at the Armed Forces memorial at Cherhill.

If these projects were accepted then both aspects would be satisfied, i.e. play improvement at Tommy Croker, and public access at the Armed Forces Memorial. Further details would be outlined and sent to Wiltshire Council in the New Year.

Action : Clerk and Cllr White

4124 Newsletter (Standing Item)

There was little to report other than the intention was still for another edition to be produced after the New Year.

4125 Councillor Responsibilities

Area Board – Cllr Grafton had nothing further to report. He had not attended the previous meeting.

Budgeting and Finance – The Clerk reported that had now received a VAT reclaim payment from HMRC of £274.11 for Q2 2022-23.

Clerk Admin matters – The Clerk would be attending a Zoom meeting arranged by WALC who were asking for every Wiltshire Parish to be represented. This would be on 18th January 2023. A ZOOM link would be received in the New Year.

Facebook Page – Cllr Purslow reported that he was continuing to update the Facebook page with new items.

Countryside Access – Cllr Grafton had nothing further to report.

Hills Waste Solutions Group – Cllr Grafton reported that there would be no further meetings until the New Year.

LHFIG – Cllr Purslow reported that the next meeting was at Calne Library on 27 January 2023. He will mention the need for bollards on the A4 at Cherhill.

Parish Steward link – Cllr Purslow had already circulated the dates of the Parish Steward's visits during November and December. The most recent visit was on 15th December. He was never certain though as to what jobs had been completed as the Steward never reports back to him after a visit.

White Horse Restoration Group – Cllr Grafton reported that there had been no further developments.

Defibrillators – Cllr Purslow reported that the pads at all 3 sites in Cherhill and Yatesbury had now been replaced and everything was in good order.

4126 Confidential Matters

Any confidential matters discussed are not reported in the Minutes.

4127 Date of next meeting

Thursday 26th January, 7.00 pm – Yatesbury Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.