

## Minutes of the Meeting of Cherhill Parish Council held at Cherhill Village Hall on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Present:

Nick White – CPC Chairman  
Martin Purslow – CPC Vice-Chairman  
David Grafton – CPC Councillor

Jane Page – CPC Councillor  
Richard Carter- CPC Councillor  
Peter Johnson- CPC Clerk

### 4145 Apologies

Apologies were received from Wilts Cllr O'Neill and from Cllr Day.  
Cllr White reported that, unfortunately, Cllr. Gwyer had decided to resign. Cllrs were sorry to hear this news.

### 4146 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

### 4147 Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 26 January 2023

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

Cllr White signed off the Minutes.

### 4148 Review of Actions

**Website (Action 4057)** – Cllrs Purslow, White and Carter have yet to meet up to discuss improving the website but after the present meeting will seek to agree a date.

**Action: Cllrs Purslow, White and Carter**

**Lansdowne Monument (Action 4064)** – Wiltshire Cllr O'Neill was not in attendance but last information was that he had yet to write to the National Trust. The Clerk would email to ask him for the present position.

**Action: Cllr O'Neil and the Clerk.**

**Blocked footpath from Lymers Lane (Action 4089)** Cllr White would be seeking a meeting with the owner, Richard Gantlett, as the weather improves. In the meantime the footpath was not blocked. He will be visiting the site with Cllr Grafton to assess matters.

**Action: Cllrs White and Grafton**

**A Bus Stop on the A4 for use by Yatesbury Residents (Action 4132)** – The Clerk had looked into this but there is no indication on the relevant websites and apps of the current bus routes having any stop between Quemerford and Beckhampton. It appears this has been the case for more than 24 years. Agreed to investigate further and contact Stagecoach and Wiltshire Council about the cost of a request bus stop, referencing the Wiltshire Local Transport Plan.

**Action: Clerk**

**The use of gabions on the river at Quemerford Gate (Action 4132)** – The gabions are currently under water and cannot be clearly seen. Cllr White will seek guidance from the Environment Agency.

**Action: Cllr White.**

Re the condition of handrails on the bridge at Quemerford Gate, Cllr White had been to look at the bridge and it appears to be in no worse condition than 2 years ago. He had previously forwarded photos of it to Steve Leonard at Wiltshire Council who agreed it looked satisfactory.

**Condition of the road surface of Mill Lane (Action 4134)** – Cllr White reported little change but Cllr Carter reported that some material had been added to areas of the surface. Cllr White would continue to monitor the state of the lane.

**Action : Cllr White.**

**Drainage issues affecting the footpath on The Street (4135)** – Cllr Grafton reported that the culvert on The Street near the Manor was now blocked completely. Cllr White had been informed by Rebecca Chivers, Highways Engineer at Wiltshire Council, that it had been cleared so he would email her again.

**Action: Cllr White**

**The Strategic Plan published by Calne Without PC (4139)** – Cllrs were still in the process of studying this and it was agreed that all concerned should be up to speed before the next meeting of the affected parish councils, to discuss further the Community Governance Review, on 5<sup>th</sup> April.

**Action : All**

**Dialogue with the residents of Lower Compton, Calstone and Blacklands (4139)** – It was understood that Cllr Day had been speaking with people at Lower Compton but was not present to report. Cllr Page reported that Calne Without Cllr Doug Price has been working with Calstone residents to purchase and find a location for a defibrillator there. She had raised the matter of grit bins for Calstone and Cllr Price was looking into this. She was not sure about Blacklands as contact had not yet been made.

**Action : All**

**Identifying residents groups at Lower Compton and Calstone (4139)**

This had yet to be achieved.

**Action: Cllrs Grafton and Page**

**The need for additional defibrillators in Cherhill (4142)** - Cllr Day had been looking into this but there was nothing further to note at present.

**Action: Cllr Day**

#### 4149 Public Participation

**Mr Ian Piper** had contacted the Clerk to say his late parents had once run the Cherhill village shop and he had discovered amongst their possessions a copy of JH Blackford's book, *'The Manor and Village of Cherhill'*, published 1941. He wanted to offer it to Cherhill village. This was a very kind offer and as there was no library collection in the village it was agreed that the book could instead be auctioned off to raise funds for the village. An auction could be held later in October or November this year. The Clerk would write to thank him and to suggest this.

**Action: Clerk**

#### 4150 Bridleway and Footpath Maintenance (Standing Item)

Cllr Grafton had nothing to report other than he had trimmed the hedge near the bus shelter in Cherhill. Cllrs will continue to monitor the condition of all the parish footpaths and byways.

#### 4151 Protection of Verges, Cherhill

Cllr White had spoken to the owner of the van that had recently been parking badly on the verge in Park Lane. The man had apologised and offered to sow grass seed on the damaged area to make good.

Further, there is a bad problem at the godcake junction where larger vehicles in particular cut the corner, resulting in the green area getting ever smaller. Cars parked outside one of the houses also don't help, encouraging corner cutting. It had always been an attractive rural feature but is now becoming a mess.

Agreed that application be made to LHFIG for the erection of kerbing. The surface needs to be raised and Cllr Grafton indicated that soon there should be quantities of spare topsoil from the Memorial Garden project that could be used.

**Action: Cllr White**

#### 4152 Planning Applications

None had been received.

#### 4153 Accounts

**Clerk's Home/Office expenses for January and February 2023** at £69.38. Proposed to be approved by Cllr Grafton, seconded by Cllr Carter. **APPROVED**

**Chairman's expenses, for Domain renewal by NetNerd, at £14.39.** Proposed to be approved by Cllr Carter, seconded by Cllr Page. **APPROVED.**

**Yatesbury Village Hall hire, April 2022 to Jan 2023 at £160.00.** Proposed to be approved by Cllr Grafton, seconded by Cllr Purslow. **APPROVED.**

**Community Heartbeat Trust, defibrillator battery for Cherhill School, at £354.00.** Proposed to be approved by Cllr Carter, seconded by Cllr Page. **APPROVED.**

**Calne Town Council, for 3 places on the training course, 'The Dynamic Councillor', at £120.00.** Proposed to be accepted by Cllr Purslow, seconded by Cllr Grafton. **APPROVED.**

**Society of Local Council Clerks, The Clerk's annual subscription, at £101.00.** Proposed to be approved by Cllr Grafton, seconded by Cllr Carter. **APPROVED.**

#### 4154 Q3 Reconciliation 2022

The Clerk had met with Cllr Carter to examine income and expenditure for Q3 2022 and this had been balanced online with the Lloyd's account. Copies of the Reconciliation had been circulated prior to the meeting and were approved then signed off by Cllr Carter and Cllr White.

#### 4155 Community Governance Review

Cllrs White reported on the Minutes circulated recently by Calne Without PC who had convened the meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> January. This was a fair summary of that meeting and it was agreed that the position taken by Cllr White at the meeting, pushing for a fairer distribution of CIL assets to where it was actually needed, had been reasonable and appropriate.

The next meeting, again at Derry Hill, has been agreed for 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023. Cllr Carter indicated he would also be attending.

#### 4156 Newsletter (Standing Item)

Cllr White reported that Cllr Day had now completed the March edition and 320 copies would be printed, A4 double sided, over the coming days. These would be hand delivered to parish residents' homes and it was agreed that promotional material for Cherhill Village Hall could be delivered at the same time.

#### 4157 Councillor Responsibilities

**Area Board** – Cllr Grafton had attended the recent meeting at Calne Library. Not much had come up that was relevant to the parish but there had been an opportunity to meet and hear from the Police and Crime Commissioner and also the new Chief Constable for Wiltshire.

**Budgeting and Finance** – The Clerk had received a further VAT reclaim shortly for Q3, 2022-23. At present the funds at Lloyd's totalled £12,397.50.

**Clerk Admin matters** – The Clerk confirmed that following the resignation of Cllr Gwyer he would be reporting this to Wiltshire Council and seeking from them a Notice of Vacancy which had to be displayed prominently throughout the parish for a period of 14 days. This is to establish whether sufficient requests (a minimum of 10) have been made to the Wiltshire Council for the vacancy to be filled by an election. Otherwise co-option would be possible.

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

**Countryside Access** – Cllr Grafton had attended a combined parishes meeting the previous week and the Community Governance Review had come up. Also some new housing is being planned in Compton Bassett parish. There was nothing further to report.

**Hills Waste Solutions Group** – Cllr Grafton had attended a recent Zoom meeting. Orange warning stickers were to be applied to blue recycling bins where refuse had not been sorted properly. A second occurrence of seriously poor sorting would lead to a red sticker being applied, indicating that no further bin emptying would take place at that household.

**LHFIG** – Cllr Purslow reported that the last meeting had been cancelled. The next is on 28<sup>th</sup> April but unfortunately he will be away at that time.

**Parish Steward link** – Cllr Purslow reported that the Steward was still heavily involved with filling potholes at present. Cllr Page added that he had also been digging out drainage channels.

**White Horse Restoration Group** – Cllr Grafton reported there had been further growth on the White Horse. Agreed that the 'Big Help Out' day, linked to the Coronation, could be used as an event to tidy up the feature and that the local scouts could be involved again.

**Defibrillators** – Cllr White reported that the defibrillator at the school site had malfunctioned when the lights went out after water ingress. He is to contact the electrician Steve Cuthbert to sort it out. Cllr Purslow confirmed that all was well in Yatesbury.

**Action: Cllr White**

4158 Confidential Matters

Any confidential matters discussed are not reported in the Minutes.

4159 Date of next meetings

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April, 7.00 pm – Yatesbury Village Hall

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May, 7.00 pm – Cherhill Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm.