

Minutes of the Meeting of Cherhill Parish Council held at Yatesbury Village Hall on Thursday 18 May 2023, 7.30pm

Present:

Nick White – CPC Chairman
Martin Purslow – CPC Vice-Chairman
David Grafton – CPC Councillor
Ashley O'Neill – Wiltshire Councillor

Jane Page – CPC Councillor
Jackie Day – CPC Councillor
Richard Carter - CPC Councillor
Peter Johnson – CPC Parish Clerk
One Member of the Public, Mr Paul Ricketts

4181 Apologies

None received.

4182 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4183 Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 20 April 2023

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

4184 Review of Actions

Website (Action 4057) – Cllrs Purslow, White and Carter had met to discuss improving the website and would be meeting again to progress this further.

Lansdowne Monument (Action 4064) – Wiltshire Cllr O'Neill had sent the previously approved letter to the National Trust, re the state of the monument, and a response was now awaited.

Blocked footpath from Lymers Lane (Action 4089) The footpath was not blocked at present by the electric fence as it had been installed parallel to the path. No further action required.

A Bus Stop on the A4 for use by Yatesbury Residents (Action 4132) – The Clerk had previously emailed Transport Planning at Wiltshire Council for advice on how to apply for a request bus stop. No response received so Cllr O'Neill would chase it up. In the meantime it is reported that the bus stop sign on Labour in Vain Hill at Cherhill had been thrown into a nearby ditch.

Action: Cllr O'Neill

Drainage issues affecting The Street (4135) – The drain was still blocked. Cllr White had emailed Becky Chivers, Highways Engineer, and he would chase it up.

Action: Cllr White

The need for additional defibrillators in Cherhill (4142) - Cllr Day had been looking into this matter which was still ongoing.

Action: Cllr Day

The right of way from Red Barn to the Open Access land at Cherhill (4165). Plans were in hand for this to be mowed.

Precise location of overgrown trees at Yatesbury affecting the bridleway (4165) Cllr. O'Neill will advise further when the matter is added as an agenda item at the June meeting.

4185 Public Participation

- a) 1 member of the public was in attendance. Mr Paul Ricketts updated the meeting re the state of Yatesbury village pond. Maintenance was continuing and he would be cutting a strip around it. Mr Ricketts was thanked by Councillors for his continuing efforts and diligence in such matters.
- b) Resident, Anne Henshaw had raised a number matters by email. Firstly the signpost on the footpath to Stert Pond from Yatesbury Lane had been pushed over, apparently, by a tractor. It needs to be re-erected and possibly repositioned. This is a matter for the Parish Steward.
Action: Cllr. Purslow.
- c) Anne Henshaw had also reported that the bridge on the north side of the plantation needs new handrails. Thirdly, the bridge at the bottom of Lymers Lane is partly blocked by a branch wedged under it. Agreed that the branch under the bridge will be dealt with by the Parish Council. The hand rails and footbridges in the vicinity of Stert Pond will also be dealt with by the Parish Council but Cllr White would contact the landowner regarding access. **Action: Cllr.White.**
- d) Another Resident, Jenny Thompson, had emailed the Parish Clerk re the footpath near the Black Horse pub. The section from the main road to the pub car park had been tarmacked which was an improvement but she asked whether the tarmac could be extended along the section to Middle Lane? Agreed that the tarmac had been laid by the developer and the Parish Council was not involved or expected to extend it. She also reported large laurel branches that had been left along the sides of the lane. Agreed that this had been done by the pub landlord but, whilst unsightly, the branches were not blocking the path.

4186 Bridleway and Footpath Maintenance (Standing Item)

Nothing to report.

4187 Planning Applications

Application No	Address	Conclusion
PL/2023/03705	Phoenix Glow, 1a Park Lane, Cherhill, SN11 8XN. Felling of 4 conifers.	No objection
PL/2023/05133	Calne Quarry, Abberd Lane, Calne, SN11 8TJ. Notification of planning appeal re refusal to allow alterations to timeframe for removal of processing plant and infrastructure relating to mineral extraction.	No objection

4188 Accounts

Clerk's Home/Office expenses for April 2023 at £31.99. Proposed to be approved by Cllr Carter, seconded by Cllr Purslow. **APPROVED**

Chairman's expenses, re website hosting, at £59.99. Proposed to be approved by Cllr. Day, seconded by Cllr. Page. **APPROVED.**

Parish Council's annual Insurance premium through BHIB, at £318.79. Proposed to be approved Cllr. Carter, seconded by Cllr.Purslow. **APPROVED.**

4189 Fixed Asset Register

The **Fixed Asset Register** was again examined and discussed and additions agreed, including the value of the new memorial bench, the new gate leading to the bench, and a new rubbish bin. The CCTV camera which is no longer used would be removed from the list of assets. The register would be updated for approval at the next meeting.

4190 Replacement Parish Councillor

Following the resignation of Cllr. Gwyer, a Notice of Vacancy had been published through the appropriate channels. Wiltshire Council had subsequently confirmed there was no requirement for an election to be held and therefore Mr Andrew Sadler-Smith was co-opted and welcomed as a new Parish Councillor.

4191 Community Governance Review Meeting, 5th April 2023

The Minutes circulated recently by Calne Without PC were again discussed. Formal responses from the individual parishes are being requested by the end of May. It was decided that further discussion was required and clarification should be sought regarding the proposed distribution of unallocated CIL monies.

4192 Newsletter (Standing Item)

Cllr. Day reported that the list of articles would be put together from the end of June with the aim of a new edition being produced for July/August.

4193 Councillor Responsibilities

Area Board – Cllr Grafton would be attending the meeting on 23rd May.

Budgeting and Finance – The Clerk confirmed that at present the funds at Lloyd's totalled £18,981.23.

Clerk Admin matters – The Clerk reported the annual governance and financial report for 2022-23, AGAR, had been drafted and this, together with all records, receipts and spreadsheets, was now with the internal auditor, David Hubbard.

The PC's HP Envy printer was still not functioning and he would liaise with Cllr Carter about the next steps.

Facebook Page – Cllr Purslow continued to update this when appropriate.

Countryside Access – Cllr Grafton had nothing further to report as there had been no meetings recently.

Hills Waste Solutions Group – Cllr Grafton had nothing further to report.

LHFIG – No councillors had been able to attend the most recent meeting.

Parish Steward link – Cllr Purslow reported that the Steward would be asked to deal with the matter outlined above at 4185b.

White Horse Restoration Group – Cllr Grafton confirmed that the local scouts had gone up to the monument on 8th May to scrape down the monument’s chalk surface. It was agreed it was looking very clear now. A rechalking would not need to take place until 2024.

Defibrillators – Cllr Purslow reported that all defibrillators were operating normally in Yatesbury. Cllr. White advised that the electrical supply to the one at Cherhill School still needed to be checked.

Action: Cllr White

4194 Confidential Matters

Any confidential matters discussed are not reported in the Minutes.

4195 Date of next meetings

Tuesday **30th May 7.00 pm – Yatesbury Village Hall.**

Thursday **29th June 7.00 pm – Cherhill Village Hall**

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.