

Minutes of the Meeting of Cherhill Parish Council held at Cherhill Village Hall on Thursday 27th July 2023

Present:

Nick White – CPC Chairman
Martin Purslow – CPC Vice-Chairman
Jackie Day – CPC Councillor
Andrew Sadler-Smith – CPC Councillor

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

3 members of the public

4222 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Grafton.

4223 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4224 Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 29th June 2023

Cllr Purslow proposed approval of the Minutes as a correct record, seconded by Cllr Sadler-Smith. Cllr White signed off the Minutes.

4225 Review of Actions

Dialogue with the residents of Lower Compton, Calstone and Blacklands (4139) – on hold at present as Calne Without PC Cllr Doug Price is being asked to advise.

Action : Clerk

Identifying residents groups at Lower Compton and Calstone/Blacklands (4139) The Clerk, as with the Action above, had asked Calne Without PC Cllr Doug Price to advise. This was still ongoing.

Action: Clerk

The need for additional defibrillators in Cherhill (4142) - Cllr Day had looked into this and had identified 2 possible locations on the western side of Cherhill but this was still in progress.

Action: Cllr Day

Overgrown trees at Yatesbury. (4165) There was no longer any need to provide a precise location

Defibrillator cabinet at Cherhill School (4174) Cllr White had arranged for an electrician to check the power supply.

Fallen signpost on footpath to Stert Pond (4185). As the Parish Steward does not intend to reinstate the sign Cherhill PC will undertake the work.

Action: Cllrs White and Grafton

Handrails and bridges in vicinity of Stert Pond (4185). The landowner had been contacted.

Letters to A4 residents on A4 to trim their hedges (4209). The Clerk had sent out a number of letters and several properties now appear to have had their hedges trimmed.

Photo/video dossier on the historic buildings at Yatesbury airfield (4210). This was a substantial task and would take some time and co-ordination.

Action - Cllr Page.

Overgrown trees at Yatesbury (4211) Cllr White advised that Cllr Grafton obtained an estimate from a tree surgeon and had met with Richard Gantlett to discuss access. He appears amenable to provide access for the trees being trimmed or thinned.

Repair of handrails and foot bridges near Stert Pond (4212). Recent wet conditions had prevented the working party from carrying out work but hopefully this can be dealt with shortly.

Action : Cllrs White and Grafton

Contact with Cllr Price of Calne Without PC re their plans for a defibrillator at Lower Compton (4213). The Clerk had exchanged emails with Cllr Doug Price who had confirmed that Calne Without PC had plans, hopefully before this winter, for a unit at Lower Compton and possibly also one for Calstone/Blacklands. Cllr Price would be updating further as both areas would be coming under the authority of Cherhill PC by May 2025.

Repainting of Cherhill telephone box (4214). Cllr Page was not present for this part of the meeting to report.

Request for a bus stop on the A4 for Yatesbury residents (4219). Cllr Day would be making the request through LHFIFG.

Action : Cllr Day

4226 Public Participation

3 members of the public were in attendance:

Yatesbury resident, **Anne Henshaw** urged an initiative to get local people galvanised to walk the rights of way and regularly report on issues. At present everything was too reactive.

She was also unhappy at the state of the historic buildings at Yatesbury airfield. She outlined the previous efforts of a local working group on this issue.

Cllr White advised her that the state of the Yatesbury airfield buildings had been dealt with earlier in the meeting before her arrival, referencing the photo/video dossier being planned. Re the Lansdowne Monument Cherhill PC was actively chasing the National Trust. Her experience and knowledge of these matters though was greatly welcomed.

4227 Bridleway and Footpath Maintenance (Standing Item)

Cllr Purslow reported that the Parish Steward had recently visited **Broth Lane** which was rather overgrown but had advised that it was not a task for him. This had not been tidied for 3 years. A quote would be obtained for the work to be done.

Action – Cllr White

Cllr Sadler-Smith enquired about the recent cutting of **verges around 9 Maiden Lane, adjacent to The Street**, and Cllr Purslow confirmed that this work was indeed part of the Parish Steward's remit.

4228 Overgrown Trees at empty bungalow next to the Black Horse, Cherhill

Wilts Cllr O'Neill was not present to report but it was understood that he was involving Wiltshire Council's tree officer.

4229 Planning Applications

Application No	Address	Conclusion
PL/2023/03897	9 Maiden Lane, Cherhill, SN11 8UZ Proposed new detached dwelling	Objection. Comments to be lodged very shortly on the planning portal.
PL/2023/05957	4 Oldbury Fields, Maiden Lane, Cherhill, SN11 8HP Proposed works to trees in a conservation area: felling of ash tree and maple tree	No objection
PL/2023/05961	3 Oldbury Fields, Maiden Lane, Cherhill, SN11 8HP Proposed works to trees in a conservation area: cherry tree reduction, maple trees pollarding, silver maple tree crown lift and thinning	No objection
PL/2023/05995	Dairy Buildings near Upper Lodge, Park Lane, Cherhill, SN11 8XW Proposed erection of high welfare cow housing. Phase 1	No objection
PL/2023/05996	Dairy Buildings near Upper Lodge, Park Lane, Cherhill, SN11 8XW As above, Phase 2	No objection
PL/2023/05997	Dairy Buildings near Upper Lodge, Park Lane, Cherhill, SN11 8XW As above, Phase 3	No objection

4230 Accounts

Clerk's Home/Office expenses for June 2023 at £30.49. Proposed to be approved by Cllr Carter, seconded by Cllr Purslow. **APPROVED**

Suggested donation to Cherhill PCC for internal audit by David Hubbard at £60.00. Proposed to be approved by Cllr Carter, seconded by Cllr Sadler-Smith. **APPROVED**

Cllr Grafton's expenses for materials and costs re Cherhill Memorial Bench at £557.10. Proposed to be approved by Cllr Day, seconded by Cllr Purslow. **APPROVED**

4231 Q1 Reconciliation 2023-24

The Clerk/RFO had met with Cllr Carter to examine income and expenditure for Q1 2023-24 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 White.

4232 Newsletter (Standing Item)

Cllr Day had produced a draft of the July/August edition and this was now with Cllr White whilst final details and dates of events were being clarified and added. Printing would be during August.

4233 Councillor Responsibilities

Area Board – Cllr Grafton was not present to report but Cllr Purslow confirmed that Cllr Grafton had attended the most recent meeting. An update was expected at the next CPC meeting.

Budgeting and Finance – The Clerk had made a further VAT reclaim for Q1, 2023-24 for £111.13 which would be received shortly. At present the funds at Lloyd's totalled £14,346.27 before current invoices were paid.

Clerk Admin matters – The Clerk reported that Wiltshire Council had that day emailed the parish councils to confirm that the local Community Governance Review was going forward. The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) had consented to the issuing of Wiltshire Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order 2023. The parish boundary changes, including the increase to the area of Cherhill PC, would be in place for the elections in May 2025.

Facebook Page – Cllr Purslow had nothing further to report other than he continued to update this when appropriate.

Countryside Access – Cllr Grafton was not present to report.

Hills Waste Solutions Group – Cllr Grafton was not present to report.

LHFIG – Cllr Purslow reported that the next meeting was on Friday 25th August. He would be attending.

Parish Steward link – Cllr Purslow reported that the Steward was still involved with various jobs in the parish.

Website - Cllr White confirmed there was a need to make more progress to a new website design and that a timeline with target dates should be developed to achieve this.

White Horse Restoration Group – Cllr Grafton was not present to report but it was considered that the horse was not looking very bright at present.

Lansdowne Monument – Cllr Sadler-Smith would be writing to the National Trust to chase a response to Wilts Cllr O'Neill's letter. The Clerk would send him copies of previous correspondence.

Defibrillators – Cllr Purslow reported that all defibrillators were operating normally in Yatesbury. Cllr White confirmed that after the defibrillator at the Cherhill school had been checked by the electrician a new wire component had been ordered to link the unit to its transformer.

Wiltshire Association of Local Councils (WALC). – Cllr Sadler-Smith had attended the recent meeting, the first after a number of Zoom-style meetings. He had produced notes and his view that it was worth Cherhill PC being involved in this group as shared experiences were of value. WALC dialogue with NALC (National Association of Local Councils) should however be less regional and more Wiltshire focussed.

4234 Confidential Matters

Any confidential matters discussed are not reported in the Minutes.

4235 Date of next meeting

Thursday 24th August 7.30 pm – Cherhill Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.