

## Minutes of the Meeting of Cherhill Parish Council held at Cherhill Village Hall on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2023

Present:

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

Jane Page – CPC Councillor  
Dave Grafton – CPC Councillor  
Jane Page - CPC Councillor  
Peter Johnson – CPC Parish Clerk

4 members of the public

### 4236 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Carter and Wilts Cllr. O'Neill.

### 4237 Declarations of Interest

There was a declaration of interest from Cllr White in relation to planning application PL/2023/06304 as he is friends with the applicant.

### 4238 Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2023

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

### 4239 Review of Actions

**The need for additional defibrillators in Cherhill (4142)** - Cllr Day had previously identified 2 possible locations on the western side of Cherhill but this was still in progress. This would be an agenda item at the next Cherhill PC meeting.

**Action: Cllr Day**

**Reinstatement of fallen signpost on footpath to Stert Pond (4185).** Cllr Grafton now had the necessary materials and this work would be done shortly.

**Dialogue with the residents of Lower Compton, Calstone and Blacklands (4208)** – Calne Without PC Cllr Doug Price had responded to a request from the Clerk to advise on any possible points of contact for the residents of Lower Compton. Cllr Grafton would be contacting former CWPC Councillor Charlie Oram.

**Action : Cllr Grafton**

**Photo/video dossier on the historic buildings at Yatesbury airfield (4210).** Cllr Page had chaired an open local meeting on this issue in Yatesbury Village Hall. There were concerns over the non-determination of planning applications PL/2022/02255 and PL/2022/02601 and the current state of the airfield and its future. The scale of use and pollution from plastic pellets by Airsoft activities held in the Conservation Area and damage to the historic buildings was also of concern. It was felt that letters should be sent to Wiltshire Planning and to Environmental Protection but before that further research would take place. The matter would be listed as an agenda item for the next meeting.

**Action - Cllrs Page and Sadler-Smith**

**Repair of handrails and foot bridges near Stert Pond (4212).** Cllr Grafton now had the necessary materials and this work would be done shortly.

**Action : Cllrs White and Grafton**

**Repainting of Cherhill telephone box (4214).** Cllr Page had not yet been able to meet with the Yatesbury resident who had repainted the Yatesbury telephone box but aimed to do so shortly.

**Action – Cllr Page**

**Request for a bus stop on the A4 for Yatesbury residents (4219).** Cllr Purslow would be making the request through LHFIFG. The layby was still in place and only a new sign was needed.

**Action - Cllr Purslow**

#### 4240 Public Participation

One Yatesbury resident highlighted the nuisance caused by artificial thunder flashes during the Airsoft activities at Yatesbury. This also caused intolerable noise levels at times.

Another Yatesbury resident highlighted the severe pothole problem in Nolands Road close to Jugglers lane. This would be reported through the MyWilts app.

**Action – Cllr Page**

Another Yatesbury resident reported an incident recently of extremely bad and dangerous driving by an individual near Jugglers Lane. He would try another time to record the registration number. The matter would then be reported to PCSO Mark Cooke.

**Action – Cllr White**

All the residents present also commented on the 2 planning applications listed on the agenda.

#### 4241 Bridleway and Footpath Maintenance (Standing Item)

Cllr White had obtained a quote from Valley View Fencing to clear the overgrowth from **Broth Lane**, for £675. Agreed he should proceed to arrange the work.

**Action – Cllr White**

Cllr Page reported that Lymers Lane at Yatesbury is now so overgrown it is impassable. Cllr Grafton would use his machine on it but the overgrowth would soon begin to die back. Cllr Page would provide him with details of the locations.

**Action – Cllrs Page and Grafton**

#### 4242 Planning Applications

Application No	Address	Conclusion
PL/2023/05905	Land south of Tudor Cottage, Park Lane, Cherhill, SN11 8XN	Objection. Comments to be lodged on the planning portal.
PL/2023/06304	46 The Street, Cherhill, SN11 8XR	No objection as such but comments to be lodged on the planning portal.

#### 4243 Accounts

**Clerk's Home/Office expenses for July 2023** at £30.49. Proposed to be approved by Cllr Grafton, seconded by Cllr. Day. **APPROVED**

#### 4244 Community Governance Review

The Clerk confirmed the **Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE)** having given it's approval for the unitary authority to make the Wiltshire Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order 2023. This has not yet been circulated but it would enable the agreed changes to the parish boundaries of Calne Without, Cherhill and neighbouring parishes by May 2025. All the affected parishes, bar one, had agreed to support the details of the redistribution of Calne Without PC's assets and it remains to be seen whether unanimity will be achieved. Cllrs took note.

#### 4245 Newsletter (Standing Item)

Cllr Day had finalised the July/August edition and this was now with Kennet Print. Hand delivery would take place over the coming days.

#### 4246 Overhanging Trees and road damage

Cllr Page reported on the large scale removal of trees felled from Oldbury Park woodland that had caused significant damage to the road surface and verges of Back Lane. Cllr Page had raised a ticket with Wiltshire Council to report the damage on 14<sup>th</sup> August. Over a period of 2 weeks heavy vehicles removing the wood have continued to compound the damage, the road then becoming almost impassable. Cllrs studied photographs of the damage and agreed there was now a danger to road users, especially due to the absence of warning signs. No warning had been given to residents. Agreed that the current ticket with Wiltshire Council would be updated to show the further damage and the road safety concerns would be referred to PCSO Mark Cooke. Cllr White would discuss the matter with the landowner

**Action – Cllrs Page and White**

#### 4247 Councillor Responsibilities

**Area Board** – Cllr Grafton would be attending the next meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> September.

**Budgeting and Finance** – The Clerk reported that at present the funds at Lloyd's totalled £13,544.71. Total expenditure to date was £4,381.76 against a budget figure of £22,171.00 and with the second tranche of the precept still to be received. WALC had just contacted him to claim that the annual subscription had not been paid but that was incorrect and they would be informed as such.

**Clerk Admin matters** – The Clerk reported that the ink replacement agreement with Hewlett Packard had finally been cancelled, after some difficulties, and new HP ink cartridges had been ordered online from Amazon which should prove to be a cheaper option.

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

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

**Hills Waste Solutions Group** – Cllr Grafton had attended the last meeting but there was nothing in particular to report.

**LHFIG** – Cllr Purslow reported that the next meeting was on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August and he would be attending. He would also be hoping to attend the meeting planned for October/November.

**Parish Steward link** – Cllr Purslow reported that he continued to liaise with the Steward regarding various jobs in the parish. Cllr Day asked if the footpath near the bus stop in Cherhill could be tidied up as it was messy. Cllr Purslow would ask the Steward to do this.

**Website** - Cllr White confirmed that Cllr Carter had made some progress towards a new website design and that he would be meeting with him again shortly to review.

**White Horse Restoration Group** – Cllr Grafton agreed that the horse was not looking very bright at present despite the hard work of volunteers earlier in the year. A major issue is being able to source really good, clean, natural chalk but this is being progressed.

**Lansdowne Monument** – Cllr Sadler-Smith had that day received a letter from the National Trust, effectively a response to Wilts Cllr O'Neill's letter earlier in the year. The lead architects had now undertaken some feasibility work and this is now being reviewed. The aim is for a long-term sustainable approach for the monument and the surrounding SSSI and Scheduled Ancient Monument. The Trust aims to provide further updates. This emailed letter would be posted on notice boards and on the website.

**Defibrillators** – Cllr Purslow reported that all defibrillators were operating normally in Yatesbury. Cllr White confirmed he now had the new wire component for the unit at Cherhill School and would be fitting this himself shortly.

**Wiltshire Association of Local Councils (WALC)**. – Cllr Sadler-Smith would not be able to attend the meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> September but would be attending the AGM in October.

4248 Confidential Matters

Any confidential matters discussed are not reported in the Minutes.

4249 Date of next meetings

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 7.30 pm – Yatebury Village Hall.

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 7.30 – Cherhill Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.