

## Minutes of the Meeting of Cherhill Parish Council held at Cherhill Village Hall on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Present:

Andrew Sadler-Smith – CPC Councillor  
Martin Purslow – CPC Councillor and Vice-Chairman

Dave Grafton – CPC Councillor  
Peter Johnson – CPC Parish Clerk

Plus 3 members of the public

### 4267 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs White, Page and Carter. In the absence of Cllr White the meeting was chaired by Cllr Purslow .

### 4268 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

### 4269 Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023

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

### 4270 Review of Actions

**Reinstatement of fallen signpost on footpath to Stert Pond (4185).** Cllr Grafton had convened a working party to complete the work and equipment had been loaded onto the trailer but heavy rain had intervened. This would be progressed when the weather improves.

**Photo/video dossier on the historic buildings at Yatesbury airfield (4210).** Cllr Sadler-Smith confirmed that he and Cllr Page would be continuing to liaise. See (4259) below.

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

**Repair of handrails and foot bridges near Stert Pond (4212).** Cllr Grafton reported that a working party had been unable to make progress because of the wet weather but he had the necessary materials. this work would be done shortly. **Action : Cllrs White and Grafton**

**Request for a bus stop on the A4 for Yatesbury residents (4219).** Cllr Purslow confirmed that a reply had been received from LHFIG that the issue constitutes a defect rather than an improvement and therefore it has been passed to Wiltshire Highways for further action. In any event the location of the fallen bus stop needs to be ascertained. Cllr Purslow would consult with resident Mr Paul Ricketts who had raised this issue. **Action – Cllr Purslow**

**Change to the 4pm Royal Mail collection at Cherhill (4254).** The Clerk confirmed he had written to the Royal Mail's Calne office about this. No reply had been received so he would be visiting that office to ascertain what was needed to extract a response. **Action – Clerk**

**Fly tipping on Jugglers Lane (4254)** Cllr Purslow had travelled the lane but had not able to spot anything. Anne Henshaw advised that the tipping was just behind the camp and well in from the roadside. He would revisit to have another look. **Action – Cllr Purslow**

**Condition of the road surface at Back Lane, Yatesbury (4255)** Cllr Purslow had not yet received responses to the letters he had written to Wiltshire Highways and Wilts Cllr O'Neill but he would follow up. **Action - Cllr Purslow**

**Digging of pipes on the bridleway off Jugglers Lane (4255).** Cllr White had by email summarised his useful discussion with the tenant farmer who was willing to take remedial action once he had received the approval from the landowner.

**Changes to update the Flood and Emergency Plans (4260).** Cllr Grafton was making progress working through the Flood Plan, particularly regarding contact details, and would be circulating a new draft by email. **Action – Cllr Grafton**

#### 4271 Public Participation

**Resident Mr Dave Sabin** was present and raised the following issue:

- a) When cycling down Yatesbury Lane from Winterbourne it was almost impassable. Were there any plans to put down scalplings? Further, on another occasion when he had cycled out onto the main road at Yatesbury, on the bend, there was a huge lump in the road surface which he had to swerve to avoid. Cllr Purslow confirmed an approach was being made through LHFIFG for remedial work but the damage had been caused by tree felling work organised by the landowner. He would follow this up with Wilts Cllr O'Neill. Resident Anne Henshaw wanted the formal complaint procedure to be used. **Action- Cllrs White, Purslow and the Clerk**

**Resident Mrs Anne Henshaw** was present and raised the following issues:

- b) Was the Cherhill PC aware of the current public consultation re public transport? If so, had this been circulated to residents? Yes, Councillors were aware and this would be circulated by email to parish residents. **Action – Cllr Purslow**
- c) Had any progress been made re dialogue with the owner of the Yatesbury historic site? Cllr Sadler-Smith reported that he had raised as an issue the status of the Yatesbury airfield at the WALC AGM he had attended the previous evening. He would be liaising with Cllr Page on the planned dialogue with the owner of the site. **Action – Cllrs Page and Sadler-Smith**
- d) **Re White Horse Way flooding**, she had spoken some time ago with the farmer who had informed her of his plans for an environmental pond as a solution to the problem. That might be good for the fields but would not drain the track. Instead a long ditch should be dug. Cllr Grafton pointed out that the tenant farmer had to negotiate such plans with his landlord but Cherhill PC was continuing to liaise with him.
- e) With reference to the Consultation on the Local Plan, Wiltshire's demographic was changing, it is to have the highest rise in those aged over 75 and a drop of 36% in working age people. We all need to think about who is going to be living in our villages and how they want to get about in the years ahead. Cllr Purslow confirmed that all this was noted. The Local Plan had been publicised on the website and consultation closes on 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

**Resident Mr Chris Caswill** was present and raised a number of issues:

- f) Re the state of local roads, the PC should ask Cllr O'Neill to contact Caroline Thomas, Wiltshire Cabinet Member for Highways, and Parvis Khansari, Service Director (Highways and Passenger Transport). Cllr Purslow was in contact with Wilts Cllr O'Neill about this but would write to her direct. **Action – Cllrs Purslow, White and the Clerk**
- g) Re the local bus service, he had raised this at the previous meeting but the service still needs to be promoted to local people. There is just the timetable outside the Black Horse. Cllr Sadler-Smith said the timetable was already on the PC website but it was agreed it should also be promoted in the Newsletter and raised through the current consultation arranged by Wiltshire Council, which closes on 10<sup>th</sup> November. **Action – Cllr Sadler-Smith**
- h) Re the Lansdowne Monument, was there any further progress? Cllr Sadler-Smith had written to the National Trust's Director-General, Hilary McGrady, and Nick Droy, Associate Director, had responded suggesting a letter to Jan Tomlin of the NT's Wiltshire Landscape Portfolio. She had confirmed the survey had been completed by their architectural advisers which was a big step forwards. He had also, as an NT Member, put in a question to the National Trust's AGM next month and was continuing to push hard for an action plan.
- i) His garden in Cherhill had recently been flooded, caused by vegetation debris coming down the brook and blocking it. Can we remind residents of the need to be careful with disposal of garden refuse? Agreed the Newsletter be used to highlight this. **Action – All Councillors**

4272 Bridleway and Footpath Maintenance (Standing Item)

No further matters to report.

4273 Water Leak into Jugglers Lane

Cllr Grafton reported that Wessex Water had looked into this and were now dealing.

4274 Poplar Trees bordering Jugglers lane

Cllr Grafton would visit the site to look at this. **Action- Cllr Grafton.**

4275 Planning Applications

| Application No | Address  | Conclusion   |
|----------------|--|--------------|
| PL/2023/08127  | 1 Oldbury Fields, Maiden Lane, Cherhill SN11 8HP       | No objection |
| PL/2023/08207  | The Old Orchard, Main Road, Cherhill SN11 8UY          | No objection |
| PL/2023/08502  | 5 Oldbury Fields, Maiden Lane, Cherhill SN11 8HP       | No objection |
| PL/2023/08966  | Road Verge opposite the Black Horse, Cherhill SN11 8UT | No objection |
| PL/2023/09020  | Crossways, Park Lane, Cherhill, SN11 8XN               | No objection |
| PL/2023/08953  | Tudor Cottage, Park Lane, Cherhill SN11 8XN            | No objection |

4276 Additional Defibrillators in Cherhill

Cllr Day had resigned since the previous meeting but the PC would be looking at this again.

4277 Accounts

**Clerk's Home/Office expenses for September 2023 at £32.00.** Proposed to be approved by Cllr Purslow, seconded by Cllr. Grafton. **APPROVED**

**RBL Industries Ltd, Signage for Cycle Route 403, at £127.14.** Proposed to be approved by Cllr Sadler-Smith, seconded by Cllr Grafton. **APPROVED**

**ROSPA Playsafety Ltd, resistance penetration testing of timberwork at Tommy Croker playground, at £594.00.** Proposed to be approved by Cllr Purslow, seconded by Cllr Sadler-Smith. **APPROVED**

**LHFIG, CPC contribution to LHFIG funding of bollards to close the layby at Middle Lane, Cherhill, at £1,667.00 (estimated).** Proposed to be approved by Cllr Sadler-Smith, seconded by Cllr Grafton. **APPROVED**

**J Down Contracting, replacement timbers for Tommy Croker playground, at £677.79.** Proposed to be approved by Cllr Purslow, seconded by Cllr Sadler-Smith. **APPROVED**

4278 Vacancy on Cherhill Parish Council

Following the resignation of Cllr Day the Wiltshire Council had now issued the Notice of Vacancy. This would be published and displayed by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October until 16<sup>th</sup> November by which time the Wiltshire Council would confirm whether it would be necessary to hold an election.

4279 Community Governance Review

Wiltshire Council had circulated to local Councils that the boundaries of the proposed development at Low Lane, Calne, needed further clarification. This area currently fell within the area of Calne Without PC but in 2025 would pass to Cherhill PC. A representative was needed for Cherhill PC to be involved in the discussion process and it was agreed that the Clerk should fill this role.

#### 4280 Newsletter (Standing Item)

Following the resignation of Cllr Day, a new Editor was needed. Cllr Grafton would be meeting with a potential new Editor. The next issue was due in the New Year of 2024. Items would include local Xmas events, the flood and rescue plans and the local bus service. **Action – Cllr Grafton.**

#### 4281 Councillor Responsibilities

**Area Board** – Cllr Grafton reported that there had been no meetings recently.

**Budgeting, Finance and Admin** – The Clerk reported that at present the funds at Lloyd's totalled £19,267.50, following receipt of the second tranche of the precept. He had received a VAT reclaim for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of £399.27. The planned bank reconciliation for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter would now take place for approval at the next meeting. He was devising a new spreadsheet for the proposed budget for 2024-25, for discussion at the November meeting.

**Facebook Page** – Cllr Purslow was continuing to update as and when necessary.

**Countryside Access** – Cllr Grafton reported that Calne Town Council was developing a new group to deal with these matters and he would update again in due course.

**Hills Waste Solutions Group** – Cllr Grafton had attended the recent Zoom meeting. There was nothing to report other than targets for recycling were still not being met as too many households were not separating out their refuse well enough.

**LHFIG** – Cllr Sadler-Smith had attended the recent meeting in Calne where the layby closing at Middle lane and the dropped kerbs scheme for Cherhill were again discussed and progressed.

**Parish Steward link** – Cllr Purslow reported that the Steward remained in regular contact and was carrying out work where required.

**White Horse Restoration Group** – Cllr Grafton reported that the local Scouts had been carrying out scraping of the chalk recently until the heavy rain had caused them to pause this work.

**Lansdowne Monument** – Cllr Sadler-Smith had received a response to his sent a letter to Jan Tomlin, Manager of the NT's Wiltshire Landscape Portfolio, outlined above.

**Defibrillators** – It was understood that all units across the parish were in operation.

**Wiltshire Association of Local Councils (WALC)**. – Cllr Sadler-Smith had attended the AGM the previous evening and had been elected as Vice-Chair of WALC. He was congratulated by Councillors.

#### 4282 Confidential Matters

Any confidential matters discussed are not reported in the Minutes.

#### 4283 Date of next meeting

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 7.30pm – Cherhill Village Hall**

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.