

Minutes of the Meeting of Cherhill Parish Council held at Cherhill Village Hall on Thursday 1st February 2024, 7.30pm

Present:

Nick White – CPC Councillor and Chairman	Jane Page – CPC Councillor
Richard Carter – CPC Councillor	Dave Grafton – CPC Councillor
Martin Purslow – CPC Councillor and Vice-Chairman	Andrew Sadler-Smith – CPC Councillor
	Peter Johnson – CPC Parish Clerk/RFO

Plus three members of the public

4316 Apologies

Apologies were received from Wilts Cllr Ashley O'Neill.

4317 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4318 Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 19th December 2023

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

4319 Review of Actions

Reinstatement of fallen signpost on footpath to Stert Pond (4185). Cllr Grafton reported that as the weather has improved this work should be carried out shortly. At present the sign was still standing but not very stable as the ground was still so wet.

Yatesbury airfield (4210). Cllr Page and local residents are talking with site owner about future possibilities for site. Cllr Sadler-Smith will talk further with Wilts Cllr Nick Botterill who had not been aware that Yatesbury Airfield Conservation Area had a listed WW1 hanger still standing in reasonable condition. **Action - Cllrs Page and Sadler-Smith**

Repair of handrails and foot bridges near Stert Pond (4212). Cllr Grafton confirmed that work would be done shortly as the weather continued to improve. **Action : Cllrs White and Grafton**

Request for a bus stop on the A4 for Yatesbury residents (4219). Cllr Purslow had not yet had time to apply through LHFIFG for funding for a new pole but would be doing so. **Action – Cllr Purslow**

Change to the 4pm Royal Mail collection at Cherhill (4254). The Clerk had circulated the response finally received from the Royal Mail but it was generic and it was clear that they would not be prepared to revert to the previous collection time. This item would be closed off.

Digging of pipes on the bridleway off Jugglers Lane (4255). Cllr White confirmed that the tenant farmer was still waiting for approval from the landowner before commencing the planned drainage works.

Researching options for the training of volunteer runners for the defibrillators (4258). Cllr Carter had made some progress (see 4324 below).

Changes to update the Flood and Emergency Plans (4260). Cllr Grafton had updated contacts on the plans, and drafts had now been circulated to other councillors for comment. **Action – Cllr Grafton**

Condition of Back Lane and Main Road at Yatesbury (4271). A request for remedial action had now been entered onto the MyWilts app. Cllr White would be discussing the matter with Wilts. Cllr O'Neill. **Action : Cllrs White, Grafton and Purslow.**

The poor state of local roads (4271). A letter is still to be written to Wilts Cabinet member Caroline Thomas. Site photographs of the worst areas would be taken. **Action: Cllrs Grafton and White**

Poplar trees bordering Jugglers Lane (4274). A letter was yet to be sent to the landowner to express the PC's concerns. In the meantime a number of boughs had come down. **Action: Cllrs Grafton and Page**

To meet onsite with Wiltshire Highways team re drainage issues in Cherhill (4305). Cllr White confirmed that Cllr Carter had met the team onsite. They had done a good amount of work and would be returning to do more. Cllr Purslow had received confirmation from Rebecca Chivers at Wiltshire Highways that all 5 requests he had put in for work would be completed over the next few weeks.

To lodge the Precept requirement (4310). The Clerk had lodged the requirement with Wiltshire Council for £20,000.

Editorship of the Newsletter (4280). Cllr White reminded councillors of the need for contributions for the next issue. **Action: All**

4320 Public Participation

No items were raised.

4321 Bridleway and Footpath Maintenance (Standing Item)

- 1) Cllr White reported that 3 or 4 trees were down on Red Barn footpath. In addition 2 trees had come down on the chalk path that runs opposite to Park Lane. He had met onsite with Valley View Fencing who would be quoting for clearing the fallen trees away. **Action: Cllr White**
- 2) Cllr Page reported on trees at the back of The Lymers, Yatesbury, that needed reduction or possible removal. One of these, if it fell, could cause injury or substantial property damage. This would be logged with MyWilts. **Action: Cllr Page.**

4322 Parking on Middle Lane, Cherhill

Cllr White reported that a problem was being caused, not by school traffic, but by residents. Cars are being parked partly on the grass verges, damaging the turf. There was a concern that this would encourage school traffic to do the same, which would cause even more damage and place pedestrians at risk of being hit by car doors being opened across the pavement. A letter would be written to the residents of Middle Lane in the affected area asking them to not park on the verge. The road is wide enough for this not to be necessary. If this did not improve matters bollards might be considered as a temporary option. **Action: Cllr White and Clerk**

4323 Planning Applications

Application No	Address	Conclusion
PL/2023/00125	1 The Street, Cherhill SN11 8XP	No objection to proposed construction of single storey extension, new stairs to 3 rd bathroom etc (listed building consent)
PL/2023/10929	1 The Street, Cherhill SN11 8XP	No objection to proposed construction as above (householder planning permission)
PL/2023/11092	9 Maiden Lane, Cherhill SN11 8UZ	No objection to proposed extension and internal alterations (householder planning permission)
PL/2024/00122	9 Maiden Lane, Cherhill SN11 8UZ	No objection to proposed extension and internal alterations (listed building consent)
PL/2023/11095	9 Maiden Lane, Cherhill SN11 8UZ	No objection to proposed new detached dwelling (full planning permission)
PL/2024/00212	32 The Street, Cherhill SN11 8UZ	No objection to proposed replacement footbridge across stream in rear garden (full planning permission)

4324 Additional Defibrillators

There was nothing further to report on further units. In the meantime Cllr. Carter had commenced work on a training scheme for volunteers and he would be reporting further at the next meeting.

4325 Accounts

Clerk's Home/Office expenses for November 2023 @ £259.43. This was a little less than the published figure in the agenda as the ink cartridges had been returned and replaced with a cheaper option. Other items claimed were the clamps for affixing the new Cycle Route 403 signs @ £61.72 and the cost of the Clerk's ILCA online training course @ £144. Proposed to be approved by Cllr Grafton, seconded by Cllr. Sadler-Smith. **APPROVED**

The Garden Route, grass cutting September-November at Tommy Croker @ £275.00. Proposed to be approved by Cllr.Purslow, seconded by Cllr. Grafton. **APPROVED**

Playsafety Ltd, Annual Safety Inspection at Tommy Croker @ £90.00. Proposed to be approved by Cllr. Carter, seconded by Cllr. Grafton. **APPROVED**

4326 Q3 Bank Reconciliation

The Clerk had met with Cllr Carter to reconcile the balances for the 3rd Quarter of 2023-24. The reconciliation statement had been circulated. **APPROVED** then signed off by Cllr White.

4327 Budget for 2024-25

The draft budget had been further refined by the Clerk/RFO as further expenditure had been incurred and income received. The revised version had been circulated prior to the present meeting. The budget would be slightly in excess of £20,000 but the excess would be covered by funds carried over.

4328 Vacancy on Cherhill Parish Council

Cllr White had spoken with a potential new councillor and would be reporting further. **Action: Cllr White**

4329 Newsletter (Standing Item)

Dealt with above as Action **4280**.

4330 Councillor Responsibilities

Area Board – Cllrs Grafton and Sadler-Smith would be attending the next meeting, on 6th February, and would be reporting, respectively, on the White Horse and on the Lansdowne Monument.

Budgeting and Finance – The Clerk reported that at present the funds at Lloyd's totalled £15,880.24. Total expenditure remained on track to be within the current year's budget.

Clerk Admin matters – The Clerk had commenced the ILCA course online and had completed the first of 5 modules. He also reported continuing issues with the HP printer and when necessary was having to use his own printer, an Epson, and any necessary expenses for this would be claimed.

Facebook Page – Cllr Purslow was updating the page, including reference to volunteers being sought for a bronze age barrow clearance project near Beckhampton.

Combined Parishes Forum – Cllr Page would be deputising for Cllr Grafton. There was nothing to report at present.

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

LHFIG – Cllr Sadler-Smith had attended the recent meeting. The dropped kerb scheme approved for Cherhill was having to be revised as there was an alignment issue at Middle Lane but when this is solved it might also resolve the issue of the redundant layby at Middle Lane.

Parish Steward link – Cllr Purslow confirmed that the Steward's published schedule of visits was proving helpful. The Wiltshire Council's draining machine was proving effective.

White Horse Restoration Group – Cllr Grafton confirmed the Horse would be rechalked in May 2024.

Lansdowne Monument – Cllr Sadler-Smith had nothing further to report but he would keep up pressure on the National Trust, not least as planning permission for the scaffolding expires in 2025.

Defibrillators – All units across the parish were in operation.

Wiltshire Association of Local Councils (WALC) – Cllr Sadler-Smith reported that Deborah Bourne had decided to leave as County Officer and her replacement was being sought. He had attended the recent WALC event dealing with counter-terrorism which had been useful.

4331 Confidential Matters

Any confidential matters discussed are not reported in the Minutes.

4332 Date of next meetings

Thursday 29th February 2024 at 7.30pm – Cherhill Village Hall
Thursday 4th April 2024 at 7.30pm – Yatesbury Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.