

**Minutes of the Meeting of Cherhill Parish Council held at Cherhill Village Hall
on Tuesday 29th October 2024, 7.30pm**

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Present:

Nick White – CPC Councillor and Chairman
Richard Carter – CPC Councillor
Martin Purslow – CPC Councillor

Dave Grafton – CPC Councillor
Jane Page - CPC Councillor
Andrew Sadler-Smith – CPC Councillor
Peter Johnson – CPC Parish Clerk/RFO

Ashley O'Neill – Wiltshire Councillor

Plus 5 members of the public

4442 Apologies

None received as no absences.

4443 Declarations of Interest

- A) Cllr Sadler-Smith declared that he was a neighbour of the applicant of planning application PL/2024/08976, to be considered below **(4448)**.
- B) Cllr Grafton declared an interest as he had submitted a quote for labour and ancillary materials for the repair work on CHER11B and CHER8, to be considered below **(4445)**.

4444 Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 29th September 2024

Cllr Grafton proposed approval of the 29th September Minutes as a correct record, seconded by Cllr Grafton. Cllr White signed off the Minutes.

4445 Review of Actions

Repair of handrails and foot bridges near Stert Pond (4212) The cost of new gates and culvert piping had been approved in principle, the invoice subject to formal approval below. Cllr Grafton had submitted a quote for labour and ancillary materials, but now to be approved at the next meeting. The work to proceed when all materials were to hand and when conditions allow. **Action: Cllr Grafton**

Changes to update the Flood and Emergency Plans (4260). Cllr Grafton confirmed that these had been completed with Cllr Purslow's assistance and would shortly be amalgamated. All contact details had been updated. A flooding issue at Hayle Farm is being included in the flood plan, though outside this parish. There was also a site in Calstone that had potential for flooding and when the parish council expands next May the plan would be reviewed to include all new areas. The updated contacts would be published on the website. **Action – Cllrs Grafton, Purslow and White**

To contact the landowner re putting in drainage to mitigate water-filled pit on byway at Little London, Yatesbury, formerly part of National Cycle Route 403 (4353). Cllr Grafton had spoken with the landowner who would be providing a walkway rather than filling in the pit entirely. **Action closed.**

The anomaly of Bridleway 14 which starts as a bridleway but leads to a footpath and goes no further (4387). Cllr Page had conferred with Anne Henshaw and with Stephen Leonard of Wiltshire Council. It's not clear precisely where the bridleway stops and the footpath begins. AGREED, that to make a clear demarcation between the bridleway and footpath sections, signage be erected. It was understood that Wiltshire Council may already have suitable signage in stock but this will be investigated. **Action: Cllr Page**

Summary of PROW Working Group recommendations to be published on website (4387). Cllr White had now published this document on the website.

Contact with Wiltshire Council Passenger Transport re the need for 42 bus to stop at Yatesbury during the day, travelling from Marlborough and Calne (4387). The Clerk had contacted Jason Salter, Head of Passenger Transport at Wiltshire Council, who had sent a further email confirming that this would be reassessed. The Clerk would chase this up if necessary.

To request through LHFIG the painting of a white T-bar on Middle Lane to alleviate parking problems (4403). Cllr Purslow would be submitting an application through LHFIG, not for next week's LHFIG meeting but for the one following.

To contact Wiltshire Council re the poor standard of repairs to road surface along Back Lane, Yatesbury (4416). Cllr White had emailed Wiltshire Council but would now chase for a response.

Quote to be obtained re overgrown vegetation along chalk footpath, CHER2, from opposite Park Lane (4417). Discussions were still continuing with the Ramblers Association re the use of volunteers. In the meantime Cllr Grafton had carried out work on a section of the path.

To Contact bus company re unhelpful onboard announcements recommending use of chalk footpath (CHER2) to access the Downs (4417). The Clerk would chase Swindon Bus Company for a more substantive response.

To source materials for repair of stiles on byway CHER38 up to the Downs from near the Yatesbury turn. Also to contact Ramblers Association for advice on recruiting volunteers for the work (4417). Cllr White would be contacting the landowner as the gate was now lying on the ground as the post is broken. **Action: Cllr White**

To add note on minutes re full text being available on website (4432). The Clerk has added a suitable note with the website address.

To liaise with relevant parties re trimming of overgrown laurel at Yatesbury pond (4432). Cllr Grafton would be doing so shortly.

To obtain invoice for supply of new tables and chairs for Yatesbury Village Hall (4432). Cllr Page was liaising with Brian Western of Yatesbury Village Hall Committee as to sourcing the items and providing paperwork for approval.

4446 Public Participation

- a) **Paul Ricketts** raised a number of matters:
- 1) The bus service between Calne and Marlborough and the difficulty of going shopping in Marlborough and the bus not then stopping at Yatesbury on request. The Clerk confirmed he would be chasing Jason Salter, Head of Passenger Transport. He would first be liaising with Mr Ricketts as to any further detail to be added.
 - 2) The byway at Little London, Yatesbury (4353 above). The minutes of the last meeting suggest that the landowner wanted to discourage vehicles, which seems odd as the pit does not fill up high enough with water to deter vehicles. Cllr White would liaise with Cllr Grafton before discussing further with the landowner.
 - 3) The previous minutes did not fully reflect the public's safety concerns over the use by horses of the CHER27 footpath/permissive bridleway. The minutes cannot include every comment but this was noted.
 - 4) He asked when work parties of local residents could be organised to carry out work across the parish. There were people keen to be involved. Cllr Page confirmed the PROW Group would be arranging this in due course.
 - 5) Re the flood plans. The corner of Church Lane in Yatesbury often floods. He then goes out to clear the 3 pipes entering the pond. Also the pipe under the road from the pond has to be cleared. Somebody needs to do all this when he is no longer able to. Cllr Page and Cllr Purslow would meet onsite with Mr Ricketts to fully assess. **Action: Cllrs Page and Purslow.**
- b) **Cllr Doug Price**, of Calne Without PC, reported on an application his PC was making through LHFIG regarding the junction of the A4 and the Calstone turn, to modify the junction and reduce

the speed limit. This was in East Ward of Calne Without, an area coming under Cherhill PC from May next year. He invited Cherhill PC to support the application and it was AGREED that at the relevant LHFIG meeting such support would be given.

4447 Bridleway and Footpath Maintenance (Standing Item)

- a) The permissive bridleway CHER27 heading east from Red Barn. Cllr Page had looked thoroughly into it's status and use. She had consulted with the National Trust, the other landowner, Wiltshire Council and Calne Without PC Cllr Price. She had also distributed consultation flyers to local horse yards and horse owners but no responses had been received. Both landowners were however happy for the removal of permissive bridleway status and the route's return to a designated footpath status. Cllr Page would continue discussions with both landowners and the National Trust. She would also liaise with the NT about them locking the gate at the top. **Action:** Cllr Page.
- b) The bridleway CHER13 at Yatesbury, from Nolands to Back Lane, was in a poor condition but it was understood that Anne Henshaw had already raised this with Wiltshire Council.

4448 Planning applications

Application No	Address	Conclusion
PL/2024/08587	Sienna House, Middle Lane, Cherhill SN11 8XX	No objection to proposed erection of detached single-storey outbuilding
PL/2024/08889	Cherhill Primary School, Middle Lane, Cherhill SN11 8XX	No objection to proposed reduction to mature beech tree and removal of dead/dangerous limbs
PL/2024/08976	Crossways, Park Lane, Cherhill SN11 8XN	No objection to proposed demolition of existing dwelling and replacement with new dwelling and erection of new detached garage and shed
PL/2024/09316	Mill Cottage, 3 Mill Lane, Cherhill SN11 8XS	No objection to proposed crown reductions to maidenhair tree and weeping willow

4449 Vacancy on Cherhill Parish Council

Cllr White reported on a possible individual for co-option onto the Council who is considering the position. He will report further in due course.

4450 Accounts

Clerk's Home/Office expenses for September 2024 @ £26.00. Proposed to be approved by Cllr Carter, seconded by Cllr Page, **APPROVED**

McVeigh Parker, for 4 Marlow gates plus culvert piping for repair work on CHER11B and CHER8 @ £1,228.46. Proposed to be approved by Cllr Carter, seconded by Cllr White, **APPROVED**

Playsafety, for ROSPA annual inspection of Tommy Croker play equipment @ £122.40. Proposed to be approved by Cllr Grafton, seconded by Cllr Sadler-Smith, **APPROVED**

SLCC, for ILCA-SILCA online course for Clerk @£144.00. Proposed to be approved by Cllr Carter, seconded by Cllr Sadler-Smith, **APPROVED**

The Garden Route, for grass cutting at Tommy Croker playing field @£495.00. Proposed to be approved by Cllr Grafton, seconded by Cllr Purslow, **APPROVED**

Kennet Print, for printing newsletters and CGR promotional leaflets @ £126.00. Proposed to be approved by Cllr Carter, seconded by Cllr Purslow, **APPROVED**

4451 Request from Yatesbury Village Hall Committee for Funds

Cllr Page, on behalf of the Village Hall Committee, reported that a firm quote/invoice from a supplier would shortly be provided for new circular tables and chairs to facilitate social events and fundraising activities at the Village Hall. Councillors had previously agreed this in principle. **AGREED** this would be presented to the next meeting for approval.

4452 Bulb Planting at Memorial Bench, Cherhill

Cllr White suggested that bulbs be purchased and planted at the bench site in Cherhill to enhance the location. Proposed Cllr Sadler-Smith, seconded Cllr Carter and **AGREED** that Cllr White should obtain a quote for consideration.

4453 Budget Discussion for Precept for 2025-26

A draft budget had been prepared and circulated by the Clerk/RFO in advance of the meeting. **AGREED** that a separate budget subgroup meeting be held on 6th November to discuss this to enable a revised budget to be presented to the November meeting for approval.

4454 Newsletter (Standing Item)

The Autumn edition had been printed and distributed. The next edition would be in the Spring of 2025.

4455 Councillor Responsibilities

Area Board – Cllr Grafton confirmed he would be attending the next meeting on 11th November.
Budgeting and Finance – The Clerk reported that at present the funds at Lloyd's totalled £28,814.47 and the general position remained satisfactory. He would chase the formal request for the PC's contribution to the 2 LHFIFG-funded schemes in Cherhill, both now completed.
Clerk Admin matters – The Clerk had no particular matters to report.
Facebook Page – Cllr Purslow reported that the page was being updated when and where appropriate.
Hills Waste Solutions Group – Cllr Grafton would be attending the next meeting in November.
Website – Cllr White acknowledged it was not easy to access documents on the website and this was being looked at. In the longer term a new website was being contemplated, subject to budgeting.
White Horse Restoration Group – Cllr Grafton reported that the recent regrowth on the chalk surface was being monitored and further work would take place when conditions allow.
Lansdowne Monument – Cllr Sadler-Smith had nothing further to report other than he was continuing to monitor progress of the National Trust's preliminary work on the restoration.
Defibrillators – Cllrs White and Purslow reported that all units were working well but the school's unit needed new pads. Cllr White to obtain a quote for approval.
Wiltshire Association of Local Councils (WALC). – Cllr Sadler-Smith reported on the recent AGM. The WALC Conference would take place on 5th November.

4456 Confidential Matters

Any confidential matters discussed are not reported in the Minutes.

4457 Date of next meetings

Thursday 5th December at 7.30pm – Cherhill Village Hall
Friday 10th January 2025 at 7.30pm – Cherhill Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm.