**Minutes of Little Cheverell Parish Council Meeting**

**Held remotely using “Zoom Meetings” on Wednesday 11 November 2020.**

**Present: Wes Parfitt, Chair; Sue Ivey, Vice Chair minute taker; Benjamin Thompson; Bill Mowatt; Richard Gamble - No members of the public were present. No requests from the public to participate were received.**

**1.** Approval of the minutes of the Council meeting held on 16th September 2020.

 Minutes approved, proposed Sue Ivey seconded Bill Mowatt and signed by the Chair.

2. Apologies

 Dennis Heather.

3. Councillor Richard Gamble – Richard covered a number of issues

* He passed on apologies from the Highways Department for the problems with recent inadequate diversions during the closure of the road at Littleton Pannell. The situation was rectified after the first day.
* Richard is concerned about the flow of traffic that should not and does not need to use the A360 especially during lockdown.
* The Wiltshire Transport Strategy is being reviewed in the coming months.
* Richard commended Mr M Maxwell for his efforts to make the Black Dog Crossroads a high priority for the County. Something substantial does need to be done to sort out this issue and Richard is urging Parish Councils to contribute their views in letters to the Cabinet Member
* The pavement from Potterne to Devizes will be improved from 23rd November. The road will remain open but traffic management will be in place
* Plans to open the Devizes Gateway Station at Lydeway are progressing
* The chair asked Richard if there was any progress regarding the report about the deep gulleys at the edges of the B3098 through the bends near ‘East Sands’ since it was now being treated as a maintenance item. Richard confirmed that officers were aware and something will be done, but he will send a reminder.
* MyWiltshire has been upgraded, please do use it to report issues.

4. Public Forum.

No members of the public attended the meeting

5. Declarations of interest.

Chair in respect of Planning Application for part barn conversion in Low Road 20/08133/FUL

6. Planning Applications.

20/07141/FUL Garden shed at Little Cheverell House, approved

20/08133/FUL Part barn conversion Low Road, approved

20/09052/FUL for a porch extension at Rosegarth, this is a resubmission of an earlier application, there was no objection from the Parish Council

7. Finance.

Approval was proposed by Ben Thompson and seconded by Bill Mowatt for the

 Reimbursement of £52.25 to Chair for Royal British Legion wreath.

 £430 to Superior Plants for seven planters of winter plants.

8. Defibrillator.

The contract for the defibrillator expires in April 2021. It was proposed by Bill Mowatt and seconded by Ben Thompson, that the contract should be renewed for another 4 years and payment should be made annually

9. Parish Steward.

Sue Ivey was asked to request a visit from the Parish Steward to deal with the potholes that are appearing along Low Road. A text message was sent to Kevin on Thursday 12th Nov.

10. Works on flooding well and drains at Springside.

We have received a quote from Wayne of £1300 to sort out the problem, repairing/replacing damaged pipework, dealing with a manhole cover and building up the retaining wall at the dipping well. The road will have to be closed whilst he carries out the work.

ACTION -The chair will investigate the procedure for closing the road

11. Low Road HGV signs

Sue Ivey and the Chair joined the CATG meeting on line on 14 October. Highways Dept. said the signs at Edington are only advisory whereas our No Entry sign is prohibitive. Highways Dept. will therefore not change these. However they will have a look at the signs on the approach to Low Road along the Great Cheverell road.

ACTION - Sue Ivey to contact Gareth Rogers to ask if councillors could meet with him when he comes to look at our signs.

12.Damaged 40 mph Road Sign.

This was fully replaced on 30 October 2020

13. Millennium Green bench seat repairs

It was agreed to keep this item on the agenda for the next meeting, but it was decided that the council’s priority for expenditure should be Village Hall repairs

14. Village Hall floor repairs

Even though the pandemic continues to impact on any social events in the hall, the newly formed Village Hall committee is keen to get things going as soon as possible so repairing the floor and other improvements to the hall have become a priority for the Parish Council

ACTION - Ben Thompson will contact Wayne as soon as possible asking him for a quote for this work

15. Remembrance day wreath laying.

The Chair and two councillors attending this ceremony on Sunday November 8th at 11 am.

16.AOB.

* The Council agreed to keep the Parish Council Precept at the same level for next year 2021-2022
* Sue Ivey outlined a suggestion from a local resident who has called her idea ‘the Low Road Walk and Wheel Happy Hour’. It was agreed to put this item onto the agenda for the next meeting

17. Date of next meeting

6th January 2021.