

Minutes of Little Cheverell Parish Council Meeting

Held remotely using “Zoom Meetings” on Wednesday 16 September 2020.

Present: Wes Parfitt, Chair; Sue Ivey, Vice Chair; Benjamin Thompson; Bill Mowatt - minute taker. 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 8 July 2020.

Minutes approved and signed by the Chair.

2. Apologies

Dennis Heather.

3. Public Forum.

Continued concern regarding the lack of a 40mph warning sign and excessive speed on the Westbury Road had been received from a village resident by email prior to the meeting.

4. Declarations of interest.

Chair in respect of proposed WC and hand basin cubicle in the water tower at Hawkeswell House (Ref 20/06935/LBC). Ben Thompson in respect of tree works at 2 Ivy Cottage (20/06263 approved by County Council).

5. Responsible Finance Person.

Dennis Heather was unable to attend. Dennis will continue to act in the post with occasional help from previous RFP - Anne Venus.

6. Planning Applications.

20/05903/LBC Swimming pool at Manor Farm. 'Withdrawn'.

20/06263/TCA 2 Ivy Cottage. 'No objection' submitted on 23 August. Approved by County Council.

20/06707/TCA 2 Retreat. 'No objection' submitted on 23 August. Approved by County Council.

20/06949/TCA 1 Hawkeswell House. No objection from Parish Council.

20/07285/TCA Cold Harbour. No objection from Parish Council.

20/07141/FUL Garden shed at Little Cheverell House. No objection raised.

7. Finance.

Accounts to 31 March approved.

Payment of £120 to Superior Plants for installation of a planter in School Lane.

Payment of £59 to John Orchard for staking in the planter on the Millennium Green.

8. Defibrillator.

The release mechanism is now working correctly after lubrication. Thanks were expressed to Sue Ivey for her continuing monitoring of the charge condition. Sue requested that passers-by should check that the green button is showing. This displays that the defibrillator is ready for use.

9. Parish Steward.

Vegetation has been cut back at several places around the village.

10. Accessibility Statement.

The draft Accessibility Statement appears to conform to the statutory requirement and the Council therefore approved it for inclusion onto the Council's website.

11. Flooding opposite Springside Cottage and works to the well and drains.

It is proposed that the well retaining walls are built up to 1 metre above the road surface to prevent debris from the bank falling into the well. Quotes for this purpose will be sought. Ben Thompson will supply a cover at no cost for the rodding slot above the drain which is presently inadequately sealed. The Parish Steward will be asked to comment on the possibility of raising the road level where a permanent puddle exists.

12. Road signs for HGV entry into Low Road.

Cllr Richard Gamble has made a request for a (unsuitable for HGV) sign to be installed at the North end of Low Road. The chair has submitted a paper CATG application to the County Council to this end. It appears that the Parish Council will have to pay 25% of the cost. Since public attendance at CATG meetings is not possible, the PC will have to await the reply and ultimate decision.

13. Speed Indicator Update.

No further information has been received. Consequently no progress has been possible on this topic.

14. Damaged Road Sign.

The damaged road sign has not been re-established despite its supposed installation by September and requests from Cllr Gamble.

15. Millennium Green bench seat repairs

Quotes will be sought for repair to the back stays and alternatively to reduce the bank and make safe.

16. Remembrance day wreath laying.

The Chair will order a wreath to be laid at the Remembrance Day service.

17. Village Hall repairs.

A quotation has been received for the repair works at the hall. Further quotes will be sought to also include the option of simply making the floor safe. This was considered possibly more apt due to the restricted use of the hall during the Covid 19 epidemic.

A check will be made on the current electrical testing certification for the village hall.

18 AOB.

No update has been forthcoming on the village name change from Cheverell Parva to Little Cheverell. This was due to be decided by Wiltshire Council on 9th September.

Vegetation debris clearance from the rear of the village hall was decided to not be a priority at present due to the current minimal use of the hall.

Autumnal regeneration of the village floral planters will be investigated.

19. Date of next meeting

11 November 2020.