

Minutes of Little Cheverell Parish Council Meeting

held remotely using “Zoom Meetings” on Wednesday 13 May 2020.

Present: Wes Parfitt, Chair; Sue Ivey, Vice Chair; Benjamin Thompson; Bill Mowatt - minute taker. No members of the public were present.

1. Approval of the minutes of the Council meeting held on 11 March 2020.

Minutes approved and signed by the Chair.

2. Apologies

Dennis Heather.

3. Public Forum.

No issues had been raised with councillors prior to the meeting.

4. Responsible Finance Person

Dennis Heather was unable to attend. Chair had been informed that Dennis was unable to continue in the post of Responsible Finance Person for personal reasons but is willing to stay on the Council. It was decided to seek a person to continue the Responsible Finance Person role either in a professional or voluntary role. The possibility of a requirement for a full time Parish Clerk was discounted.

5. Speed Indicator Update

The application form was sent to the CATG in March after the last meeting. However presumably, due to the Covid19 lockdown no further progress has been possible on this topic.

6. Damaged Road Sign

The damaged road sign has not been re-established and little hope was held for further developments until the Covid crisis has abated due to additional pressures on Wiltshire Council departments.

7. Planning Application 20/02559/OUT

Due to the significant majority support (8 for versus 2 against) sent to the Planning Department by the village residents and no objections from the Parish Council

members, the Chair had written a letter of support for the application. The PC felt that this reflected the attitude of the community in general.

8. Parish Steward.

Pot holes have been filled. The partial retaining wall collapse near the road gully below Rose Cottage has been investigated but no reply has been received from Wiltshire Council. There are no scheduled visits by the Steward until further notice – presumably until the Covid19 crisis is over.

9. Finance.

The PC will seek estimates for some repairs to the Village Hall, in particular areas of rotting wood internally. The condition of the seated area at the Millennium Green will also be investigated with a view to the repair of the wooden backing which is becoming potentially hazardous.

10. Council Website.

The PC approved the reimbursement of £13.20 to the Chair for setting up the Council's domain name <littlecheverellparishcouncil.org.uk>. This was achieved with perseverance to achieve the successful outcome. The Chair would welcome suggestions and personal help with the development of the website.

11. Village Floral Displays.

The placement of three suspended floral displays on the fencing at the village hall and a further suspended display near the dipping well near Laundry Cottage was agreed. Superior Plants have provided a quote for this provision and some local people have volunteered to undertake the watering.

12. Consultation on Village Name.

The consultation period for the proposal to replace the name Cheverell Parva with Little Cheverell through the Electoral Review Committee has been extended until 10 July. So far no objections to the name change have been received. It was decided not to seek consultation with Great Cheverell (who have decided to retain the title Cheverell Magna) on the subject of the name change.

13 AOB.

It was noted with sadness that Kathryn Rogers is stepping down as Chair of the Village Hall Committee. The Chair placed on record the Council's appreciation of the marvellous contribution she has made in the short time that she has been the Chair.

This was unanimously supported by the rest of the Council. It was noted that a replacement will have to be sought as soon as a volunteer is forthcoming.

There will be no annual meeting for 2020. The Chair will provide an annual report to be published in the News and Views pamphlet prior to the publishing of minutes.

The consensus of the Council was that the member's official roles will remain unchanged with the exception of the enforced replacement of the Responsible Finance Officer.

14. Date of next meeting

8 July 2020.