

Minutes for Little Cheverell Parish Council - 7pm January 12th 2022
Little Cheverell Village Hall

Present – Sue Ivey (chair), Mike Philips (vice chair) Drew Spearey, Ben Thompson, Louise Brebner (minute taker)

1. **Approval of the minutes of the Council meeting 10th Nov 2021** – Approved by Mike Philips and seconded by Ben Thompson
2. **Apologies** – Dennis Heather
3. **Matters Arising** – The stream has been cleared by Tim Davison, thanks extended
4. **Public Forum** - nil
5. **Declarations of Interest** – nil
6. **Little Cheverell Village Hall** - there was a further VH meeting on the 6th December, some of the highlighted points are:
 - Village Hall Funds ; Nicola Broe reports there is a little over £17000 in the account and petty cash of around £270
 - Will Corke to be asked to go head with clearance of vegetation and he has offered weekend dates or the end of January and has been asked post meeting to go ahead
 - It was suggested the store actually be demolished completely and a shed built to store tables etc, this would provide more parking also. A point was raised that once the stream is cleared it would be a very pretty place and you may not want parking over it.
 - The PC raised the point that the VH needs continuous air movement to prevent further mould, either a background heater ie a frost heater, or a small fan to help air circulate or a thermometer. Sue will pass these ideas onto the VH committee
7. **Finance** –Dennis Heather email states that the current bank balance is £5371 and he has applied for a precept increase of 5% which works out at £2550 which should be received in early April. The council assures us we could have applied for more but the PC agree this would put too much of a burden on the village residents. There are currently no outstanding bills to be paid. POST MEETING note – a bank statement recorded a payment of £150 for grass cutting of both greens
8. **Hawkswell House speeding issues** – a letter received from a resident Oliver Hildebrand concerned at the speed past Hawkswell House. Sue will investigate what signage is there currently as she has contacted CATG about speed repeaters and there are a number of criteria that need to be checked out. It was also asked by Mr Hildebrand if a mirror could be installed, this can be done by an individual privately but cannot be done by the County Council because of safety issues and accountability.
 - Dominic Munns advice on the speed issues would be to contact the Deputy PCC commissioner who is trying to crack down on these sorts of issues, Sue will email him and invite him to a meeting.
 - We could try again to set up a community speed watch group, publicising via the village Whatsapp group
9. **Dog fouling of footpaths** – a letter has been received from a resident re an increase in dog fouling along the lanes and footpaths. This was also reported to John Quinn from the Dog Control and Animal Welfare Officer Public Protection by the Great Cheverell council and the reply was that without knowing who the perpetrators are it is impossible to do anything successfully about this. This was echoed by the council and residents should be encouraged to report anyone spotted leaving dog foul behind.
10. **Trees at the railway bridge end of Low Road** – Drew has had an update from Network Rail who have agreed to sort out the trees that may present a danger, Chris Connors from Network Rail will notify Drew when this work is due to be carried out
11. **Village Greens and Dipping Well Maintenance** – The PC is very happy with the work done on the village green by Graham. The dipping well on Low Road was cleared recently by Ben Brebner using rods and cleaned up and thanks are also extended to him for this ongoing work.
12. **Low Road; bank regrading** – Mike has noticed the bank encroaching onto the road along Low Road and the PC agreed that digging the bank back would be a good idea. Sue will ask the Parish Steward to review this by digging back into the bank, checking how far the tarmac extends.

13. **Issues related to MyWiltshire** – noted that the app is more of a reporting mechanism than a useful tool to get issues “fixed” Mike will email the highways to ask them to send someone out to physically review the state of the roads in Little Cheverell as they are in a state of disrepair.
14. **Street lighting** – A resident has asked to turn off the a street light on Low Road, worries re money saving. Sue has spoken to Kirsty Elford at Wiltshire council who states they are all LED and therefore do not cost much money at all, however it is possible to turn them off. Sue will contact the resident to discuss.
15. **Parish Steward** – next visit Thursday 27th January, villagers will be advised to let Sue know by email littlecheverellparishcouncil@gmail.com if there is anything, they would like looked at
16. **Planning applications** –
 - Application No:PL/2021/11789
Application Type:Householder planning permission

Proposed Two-Storey Extension to Dwelling & Erection of Double Garage

Site Address:7 WESTBURY ROAD, LITTLE CHEVERELL, DEVIZES, SN10 4JW

The Parish Council had no objection to these proposals
 - Martin Walker has withdrawn his planning application
17. **Police and Crime Plan Consultation** – Sue alerted the parish council to this consultation
18. **Defibrillator training** – date booked for Monday 28th March at 7.30pm – Sue will meet at 7, plans to open it up to the village and great cheverell. Barbara Featherstone has volunteered to organise some refreshments.The councillors expressed their thanks
19. **Updates on road closures and Black Dog crossroads** - Temporary Closure of: Cheverell Road (Part), West Lavington, 14 February 2022 and the closure will be required for 1 day. No update regarding the improvements to Safety at Black Dog Crossroads
20. **AOB** – There was none
21. **Date of next meeting** – March 9th 2022