

CHEARSEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY OCTOBER 22ND 2015 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 PM

1. PRESENT

Councillors Brown, Lewis, Bown, Howard, Heybrook, and Mrs Witcher
9 members of the public, Parish Clerk,

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Cllrs Edmonds, Bown and Heybrook, District Cllr Hawkett.

3. PUBLIC SESSION (SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS) 15 MINUTES MAXIMUM

Residents of Chilton Rd are not happy about the new footpath from the Stoney Furlong Development down to the Village hall. It was noted that for health and safety reasons, the path needed to be wide enough for mobility vehicle or wheelchair.

Councillors Brown and Lewis have attended several meetings regarding the development and a safe footpath is a requirement.

It was noted that a petition opposing the footpath had been sent to AVDC, but the decision to build the path has already been taken and implemented.

It was reported that the footpath sign at Hicks path had been replaced, and the old one had been left on the verge.

Concern was expressed about traffic attempting to use the road triangle at the main village junction to get ahead of other vehicles.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES 28th September 2015

Cllr Lewis proposed, all agreed

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no other matters arising not covered elsewhere in the agenda.

6. VILLAGE HALL IMPROVEMENTS

Cllr Lewis introduced Antonia Carr Locke, who presented the current plans. There will be a village meeting in November give the village an update on current plans. Video of the plans is on the website.

The Chairman pointed out that not everyone in the village has access to the internet, and it was agreed that paper copies of the plans would also be distributed.

It was noted that the size of the proposed new building is 225 square metres, compared to the current building at 170 square metres.

7. PLANNING

8. VILLAGE HALL PROJECTS

Improvements to war memorial

Cllr Lewis proposed that the area be tidied up, hedge to be cut back and suggested removal of hawthorns Lower branches of the oak tree should be cut back, and silver birch should be removed as it is too close to the oak.. It was proposed that a new pathway be laid from the corner to the village hall to the left of the war memorial..See attached plan

Cllr Lewis proposed the tree work be done first. A quote had been obtained for tree work of £1100.00. All agreed to proceed with the project.

A new flag pole has been ordered,at a cost of £212.50. delivery to be made after tree work is completed.

Kerbing.

The work will be carried out after Christmas. A site visited has been arranged for 5th or 6th November.

Defibrillator

There will be no financial implications for the Parish Council. It is expected that the defibrillator will be funded entirely from the proceeds of the 2015 Village Fete. Cllr Howard will present a definitive proposal at next meeting.

It was noted that a power source would be needed. 5 volunteers will be trained by Red Cross.

9. HIGHWAYS AND OPEN AREAS

Steve Vear Memorial Tree.

Councillor Brown proposed, exceptionally, allowing the family to comment during the course of the meeting.. Cllrs Lewis and Brown have had meetings with the family,(insert letter from KV)

It was agreed that the options were either a tree by the sycamore opposite the pub, or a new tree by war memorial.

It was agreed that the family would advise the Parish Council of their decision

VAS

Next Agenda

Notice Board

New Noticeboard, approved in principle but awaiting final quotes. Cllr Mrs. Witcher provided sample materials. The plan is for a board that is half glazed and half open. Pricing is £1400 for not glazed and £1700 for half glazed. Two further quotes to be obtained.

Defibrillator

It was agreed previously that this will be funded by the proceeds of the Fete.
It was reported that there is no fixed sum nominated. John Howard will come to the next meeting with a firm proposal.
Red Cross will provide training and advice. Volunteers will be needed to take this training.

Village Hall Improvements.

Discussed earlier in the meeting

10. ORDERS FOR PAYMENT AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

See attached.

Cllr Brown suggested a project list to justify any potential increase of the Precept next year, based on the Village Plan. Next agenda.

11. SECOND PUBLIC SESSION (SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS) 15 MINUTES MAXIMUM

Mr. Nigel Timberlake asked why the noticeboard could not be made by a conventional carpenter. He will take specs, and report back.

Village Hall Hedge is Hall Management Committee responsibility. Cllr Brown suggested establishing a Hall/Trust/PC liaison committee.

Christmas tree installation 5TH December, lighting 12th December

12. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Monday 16th November 2015

Budget Meeting Wednesday 9th December, at cricket pavilion if available

Meeting Closed at 9.20 pm