

CHEARSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 17th FEBRUARY 2020 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT
7.30PM

PRESENT

Councillors: John Lewis (JL), Paul Bown (PAB), Martin Hearmon (MH), Keith Turnbull (KT),

Parish Clerk: Helen Spurgeon

Parishioners: There were 3 Parishioners

PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME

The hedge by the Church car park has now been cut back, a parishioner expressed concern that rubbish is now likely to be thrown in the field rather than the hedge. They questioned whether it would be better if the Church car park was closed off with a gate. This is a matter for the PCC.

A parishioner enquired about the flooding between Chearsley and Cuddington. It is an area that will always naturally flood as there is a natural spring there.

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr Mike Hawkett, Robert Parkes (RP), Julia Witcher (JW), John Howard (JH), Nic Brown (NB).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no interests declared.

3. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2020 MINUTES

Minutes were **agreed** as a true record and signed by JL.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- **Installation of electrical vehicle charging points in the village.** The government has set aside £4.5 million for the installation of on-street charging points where the population does not have an off street parking option. This would not be suitable for Chearsley. Could the Village Hall car park be a possible location?
- **Planning meeting.** This took place on 13th February and the notes from the meeting have been circulated. **ACTION: Clerk to add a planning meeting update to the March agenda under planning.**
- **Horse chestnut trees.** The moth traps will need to be put up in April but some of the trees are in private gardens. **ACTION: Ian Houseman to lead a meeting in March to discuss the strategy.**
- **Anti-social behaviour in Church car park.** **ACTION: NB to follow up with PCSO Danny Fahy.**
- **Insurance cover.** We are currently covered up to £10 million for public liability, which would include trees.

5. PLANNING

- **20/00203/APP – Callanish, 2 Willow Gate, Chearsley HP18 0BL**
The PC has submitted no objections to AVDC.
- **20/00208/APP - Gardeners Cottage, Chilton Road, Chearsley HP18 0DN**
The PC has submitted no objections to AVDC.
- **20/00268/APP - Grove Farm, Chearsley Road, Long Crendon**
ACTION: PAB to circulate dates for a site meeting.
- **19/04402/APP - Merrifield, Dark Lane, Chearsley HP18 0DA**
The PC removed its objection to the demolition of the garage.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

7. CONTRIBUTIONS FROM AVDC AND BCC COUNCILLORS

There were none present.

8. FINANCE

- The monthly finance report has been circulated to Councillors.
Payments since the last meeting, (excluding scheduled payments)
P Oliver, £1700.53, (electrical work to the Green)
British Gas, £21.12 (electricity)
At the end of January, there was £43, 625 in the bank account.
- **Precept 2020/21**
A precept of £35,000 has been agreed and a request forwarded to AVDC.
- **2019/20 Year-end schedule**
The PC agreed the appointment of J E Accountants as internal auditor for 2019/20.

9. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS ATTENDING MEETINGS AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

The PC has offered to host a meeting of the Bucks Transport Forum (Freight Workshop) on Wed 25th March – confirmation awaited.

10. SUB-COMMITTEE DECISIONS FOR RATIFICATION

None.

11. OFFICERS' REPORTS

Communicating with the community. **ACTION: JL and KT to meet to work on rationalising the various distribution lists for village communications.**

12. UPDATE ON OXFORD-CAMBRIDGE EXPRESSWAY

A No Expressway Group delegation will stage a Westminster Event on Wed 26th Feb – although rumours have been circulating in recent days that an announcement will be made in the budget (Wed 11th March) that the OCE project may be cancelled.

13. VILLAGE TREES

- A trees sub-committee has been set up consisting of **PAB** and Ian Houseman. They will call on Joy Payne, Rose Dale, Elaine Bown and Colin Roberts (estate manager at Adwell) for advice.
- The Diocese have given their approval for the work to the lime trees in the Churchyard. 4 Seasons will carry out the work.
- It was agreed that the two new trees to be planted at the Village Hall would be an oak and a chestnut. The final cost is still awaited but it was agreed to authorise up to £950, the price previously quoted for 2 oaks.
- Work had been carried out in 2 areas at the bottom of School Lane. Further work is required at a cost of £650 + VAT. Approval was given to carry out this work.
- A discussion took place about moving the tree planted by the WI at the Village Hall as it is very near the War Memorial. 4 Seasons will be asked to give their opinion.

14. PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME

A parishioner enquired about the possibility of having underground electricity cables in the village. This has been investigated in the past and is too costly.

A parishioner requested that electrical vehicle charging points is something that the PC keep talking about. Could Church Lane be a possible location?

15. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- 'Historic Chearsley' will stage a Pub Revival Day on Saturday 13th June.
- Car service for parishioners. Susan Olding has agreed to co-ordinate this and a request for volunteers has gone out via the Chearsley News.

16. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING in Chearsley Village Hall

- Monday 16th March 2020 at 7.30pm
- Monday 20th April 2020 at 7.30pm (Annual Village Meeting)

ACTION: JL to approach potential speakers.