

CHEARSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2022 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT
7.30PM

PRESENT

Councillors: Nic Brown (NB), Angela Gray (AG), Julia Witcher (JW), Keith Turnbull (KT), Paul Bown (PAB)

Parish Clerk: Helen Spurgeon

Officers: John Howard

Parishioners: There were no Parishioners

PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

1. APOLOGIES

Robert Parkes (RP), Ian Houseman (IH), John Lewis (JL), Anthony Adams

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no interests declared.

3. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2022 MINUTES

Minutes were **agreed** as a true record.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- **Double-decker bus.** The parking issue has now been solved.
- **Purchase of SID for Winchendon Road.** ACTION: KT to apply to the Community Board for a grant.
- **Stockwell Project.** ACTION: NB to write a thank you note to Putnams for their work. NB is awaiting contact details from JL to write the note.
- **21/04850/APP - The Forge, Aylesbury Road, Chearsley HP18 OBS.** An extension to the comment date was given and NO OBJECTIONS were submitted to Bucks Council.
- **Footpaths.** ACTION: Anthony Adams to put in a request with Bucks Council for steps in the entrance to Farmyard Path from Dark Lane.

5. PLANNING

- **22/00112/APP – Grove Farm, Chearsley Road, Long Crendon**
The PC OPPOSES the application as it constitutes overdevelopment of the site and seems to be taking the development onto an industrial scale. The PC has concerns over access and also requests that a full environmental impact survey be carried out.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- A parishioner contacted the PC to ask their view on installing ground mounted solar panels at their property. The PC suggests that the parishioner progresses the planning application through Bucks Council.
- A parishioner informed the PC that the Holloway at the bottom of their garden had been damaged by a vehicle and asked if it could be protected. There is a programme in for putting kerbing into areas of the village. This report can be added to the list.

7. FINANCE

The monthly finance report has been circulated to councillors:

Payments in the month

The following payments, not already specifically authorised by the Council, were made in January:

N Brown (website domain renewal)	£119.65
BG	£15.70

In addition, as agreed at the last meeting, the Village trust funds have been returned, and are in the VT bank account.

At the end of the month, the bank account stood at £75,927.

Precept

The precept request has been lodged with Bucks Council.

Progress against budget in the first nine months

The level of expenditure in the year still lags behind the budget, although there are a number of projects 'in hand', for example, village pathway gates.

8. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS ATTENDING MEETINGS AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

- The final budget for Bucks Council has been approved after some tough decisions.
- The 'Stop the Arc' group has morphed into a community benefits society. **KT** will stay on the working group and track what is going on.

9. SUB-COMMITTEE DECISIONS FOR RATIFICATION

None.

10. OFFICERS' REPORTS

- Plans for the Platinum Jubilee have been agreed and publicity has gone out. There will be beacon lighting, a beer festival at The Bell, a platinum party and a big jubilee lunch.
- The Cheersley flag is looking worn and needs replacing. It was agreed to purchase a replacement Cheersley flag, a Bucks flag and a Platinum Jubilee flag for a total maximum cost of £150.
- The noticeboard is in need of repair. John Howard is obtaining quotes for repair.
- A litter pick is taking place on 10th March.
- There will be a Church History Day on 20th March for which publicity will be going out shortly.
- There are plans for a Heritage Trail across the village. Phase 1 will create and develop an initial interpretation panel and plaque for the Stockwell site and The Old

Bakery opposite. Phase 2 will create and develop two further interpretation panels (St Nicholas Church & Village Green) and 25 plaques to be mounted at individual sites of historic interest. The PC agreed in principle to support phase 1 at a cost of approximately £2,000. Phase 2 will cost around £10,000. **JH** is applying for heritage grants which will take several months. Councillors asked that any signs be weather resistant.

11. TREE AND VERGE MATTERS

It was agreed that some of the larger trees will need pre-emptive pruning.

12. CHEARSLEY VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

To improve acoustics, 6 new panels have been installed in the village hall. There is a village hall committee meeting on 16th March where a summary of the proposals for the new play area will be discussed. Three quotes for the work have been obtained. As village hall trustee, **KT** highlighted the importance of health and safety and maintenance.

13. CHEARSLEY CARBON NEUTRAL GROUP UPDATE

There is a meeting scheduled for 17th March and there will be a follow up meeting about insulating your home. The quote for two EV charge points at the village hall was £11,000, this will not go ahead due to the cost.

14. PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME

No questions.

15. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- There will be some disruption to postal deliveries while the road works are going on in Dark Lane. **NB** is looking into this and is awaiting the traffic plan from Colin Woolford.
- **Fencing.** Councillors agreed expenditure of £1500 + VAT for widening of the footpath beyond the railway (the whole length from the railway, including the gate and past the willow field, to the spinney) and running a length of plain wire on the path side of the posts to protect walkers from the barbed wire.
- Update from **JL**:
 - **Chearsley Junction Project.** The work to complete the underground utilities survey has been scheduled for Friday 25th February. It will probably involve road closures around the junction and possibly into School Lane.
 - **Village Trust.** Bank account operational, funds transferred from PC account and first meeting held 9th February to discuss procedures etc. A web site has been set up. Next meeting 9th March at which the expectation is to finalise all detail ready for formal launch.
 - **Stockwell.** Still awaiting Church Lane kerbing plan. Chased TFB again last week and received apology for no action. Informed it has been allocated to a designer and that we will get the PID in March.
 - **Business Directory.** Has been updated and published.
 - **Community Board.** Last meeting held 9th February. **JL** attend only for a short time due to Trust meeting. Topics listened to were about two community

libraries and the Railway Museum at Quinton. There was also a review of projects funded during the year; Chearsley Stockwell featured with before and after pictures and **JL** was able to say a few words about the project.

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

- Monday 21st March at 7.30pm