

# CHEARSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 17th JUNE 2019 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT  
7.30PM

## PRESENT

Councillors: Nic Brown (NB), John Lewis (JL), Martin Hearmon (MH), Keith  
Turnbull (KT)

Parish Clerk: Helen Spurgeon

Parishioners: There were 6 Parishioners

## PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME.

- **Signs on the Green.** The two wooden A boards advertising the shop and the pub will remain. All other signs have been removed. The Conservation Officer, Highways and the police have all been consulted. A Parishioner does not agree with the signs. The PC suggests they write to the Conservation Officer.
- The **walnut tree on School Lane** needs pruning. This is on the list of work to be done by 4 Seasons.
- **NB** recommended Councillors read the NALC publication 'Where Next for Neighbourhood Planning?', particularly with regards to the Expressway.
- A parishioner commented that the new Chearsley signs on the gates as you come into Chearsley from Long Crendon are obscuring their view as they pull out from their driveway.  
**ACTION: NB to investigate and report back to PC.**

### 1. APOLOGIES

Robert Parkes (RP), Paul Bown (PAB), John Howard (JH), Julia Witcher (JW)

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no interests declared.

### 3. APPROVAL OF MAY 2019 MINUTES

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

### 4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- **Tree matters.** Pruning of the lime trees in the churchyard. The PCC are happy for the work to go ahead but first need to obtain permission from the Diocese of Oxford.
- **Approved contractor list.** **ACTION: PAB to produce proposal for consideration.**
- **Driveway 'gravel spillage' in Shupps Lane.** This remains an issue, a new granite threshold is required. **ACTION: NB to speak with resident.**
- **Larkspur, Shupps Lane.** Roof extension. **ACTION: NB to speak to property owner.**
- **Stockwell.** **ACTION: PAB and JH to resurrect the Stockwell project** and follow up second pump with Fenella Tillier.

## **5. PLANNING**

### **19/01949/APP Longhouse, Church Lane, Chearsley HP18 0DH.**

A site visit took place on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June and it was agreed to submit the following comments to AVDC:

“The decision to this application after taking on board all comments either on the day or via correspondence received is NO OBJECTIONS given the footprint requested is not as intrusive as first thought and may well improve the visual aspects of the whole site as a result of the drawings to make parts of the building more sub-servant to the existing building however included in the return we would like to add the following

1. The Heritage & Conservation response is valid and needs further discussion with the applicant to ensure minimal impact as a result of the increased scale in a sensitive conservation location.
2. More detailed plans and information would be required to ensure that all landscaping works and design are in keeping with this sensitive location as well as the impact on neighbours.
3. The inclusion of the boxed oriel is not in-keeping with the aims of the conservation policies.
4. The wychert boundary wall requires full reinstatement using the appropriate materials to retain the historic value.”

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

A request has been received regarding lopping of a sycamore tree in Dark Lane/Hicks Path. It is thought that the tree does not belong to the PC. **PAB** is dealing with the request.

## **7. CONTRIBUTIONS FROM AVDC AND BCC COUNCILLORS**

There were none present. **ACTION: NB to write to Mike Hawkett and Clive Harriss regarding their lack of attendance at PC meetings of late.**

## **8. FINANCE**

No report for June. This will be incorporated into the July report.

## **9. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS ATTENDING MEETINGS AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS**

The ‘Historic Chearsley’ launch on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June was well attended. Expenses submitted to **RP** for £472 (vs budget agreed of £640), including framing and storage bags for Ted Hooton photographic boards. Further events are planned.

**JH** will attend the LAF meeting at Oakley on Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

## **10. TRAFFIC CALMING UPDATE**

TFb invoicing - response still awaited regarding ‘excessive’ project management charge proposed for £5,919 within an overall cost of £13,345.

Traffic island study – the consultants have come back with 6 costed options for consideration. The options for reshaping the island will go out for wider public consultation in the future.

**11. HGVS/BUCKS FREIGHT STRATEGY**

Transport for Bucks Conference on Wed 26<sup>th</sup> June – **MH** agreed to attend.

**12. BUCKS BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION**

There will be an unannounced visit by judges in June or July. Clive Harriss will be the new Chairman of BKVBucks. Mike Hekbrook will continue to lobby for a 'Top Bucks Eco-Village' award.

**13. OXFORD-CAMBRIDGE EXPRESSWAY**

Many thanks to **KT** for his report on the recent meeting in Long Crendon on 5<sup>th</sup> June regarding proposal for 'East of Oakley' development. **ACTION: JL to post report on the Chearsley PC website.**

**JH** won't be able to attend the Brill PC meeting on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June – **KT** and Ian Houseman to attend.

**14. PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME**

A parishioner commented that they would like all PC decisions to be made within the monthly PC meeting.

**15. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

**JH** is due to meet with **NB** and Joy Payne to discuss recent reports of 'dubious' activities in the church car park during nights. There are also reports of litter being thrown over the hedge, rather than placed in the bin, endangering livestock.

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

- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 7.30pm