



Annual Village Meeting

Monday 15 May 2023

Reports Pack

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Verbal reports will be presented by:
 - a. Chearsley Parish Council
 - b. Community organisations

Village Hall	Keith Turnbull
Church & Bell Ringers	Rev. Richard Phillips
Cricket Club	Terry Gadsby
Classic Car Show	Andy York
Village Trust	Martin Johnson (Sheepy)
WI	Ann Lee
Good Neighbours	Julia Thomas
Historic Chearsley	John Howard
The Bell	Tony Babington
CHUF	Kasia Kowalska
Manor Farm	Rose Dale

3. Parishioners' open forum
4. Date of the next Annual Village Meeting: Monday 20th May 2024

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1 The Council

- Julia Witcher resigned as Councillor: Karen Vear appointed to the vacancy.
- David Impey appointed Officer for Speed Awareness

2 Planning Applications

- Liaised with householders on planned changes.
- Submission of Chearsley evidence to BC for upcoming revised Local Plan
- Outcome on applications considered: No objection: 6, Opposed: 4, No Comment 1

3 Roads & Traffic Calming

Speed Reduction

- Participated in Community Speedwatch
- 4th SID installed on Chilton Rd

Freight & Traffic

- Work with BC on implementation of an HGV exclusion zone
- Monitoring & reporting of HS2 traffic through village

Horse Chestnut Island (HCI)

- Liaison with BC on planning & design of junction re-alignment. Included utilities survey.
- Initial designs received for consideration.

Kerbing

- Church Lane kerbing an ongoing project. Slow progress from BC and contractor
- Review of other kerbing needs

Other

- Dealt with flooding on main route through village.
- Liaised with Gigaclear to minimise impact of their installation.
- Chased up BC on clearing gullies & blocked drains.
- Investigated cost/feasibility of installing EV charging points at village hall.
- Survey conducted of view on village CCTV – 73% of replies were in favour.

4 Tree & Verges

Trees

- Pheromone traps to Horse Chestnut plus clearance of debris below. Condition much improved.
- Dying tree in Lower Green Lane removed
- Dark Lane brambles cleared.

Verges

- Steps installed to dog bin near the Bell.
- Multiple cutting of green areas

5 Footpaths, Stiles & Gates

- Further widening of footpath to Notley plus safety wire installed
- Discussion with landowner on raising small bridge on footpath to Notley.
- Grass cutting on some paths.
- Gate at Long Meadow – discussions with landowner
- Repairs chased to gate on 'donkey' footpath.
- Rusty signs replaced.

6 Community

Remembrance Day

- Usual support, including funding of refreshments.

Christmas

- Christmas tree and usual festivities organised and funded.

Platinum Jubilee

- Supported/funded village celebrations.

Village Playground

- Led project to replace playground equipment, plus contribution to cost.

Shop

- Liaison with parties to try and find a way forward. Unfortunately, fruitless. Village Survey.
- Alternative options explored – nothing viable identified.

Correspondence

- All correspondence to the Council receives a response and action where appropriate.

7 Village Infrastructure

Notice Board

- Repair to notice board

Flagpole

- Flags replaced. Flagpole re-positioning planned.

CCTV

- Ongoing discussions plus village survey. No decision yet.

8 Finance

- Regular monitoring and reporting. Successful year end audit.
- Extract from Unaudited accounts for 22/23 below. The full version of the accounts documents is at <http://www.chearsleypc.org.uk/community/-13750/audit-documents--notices/>

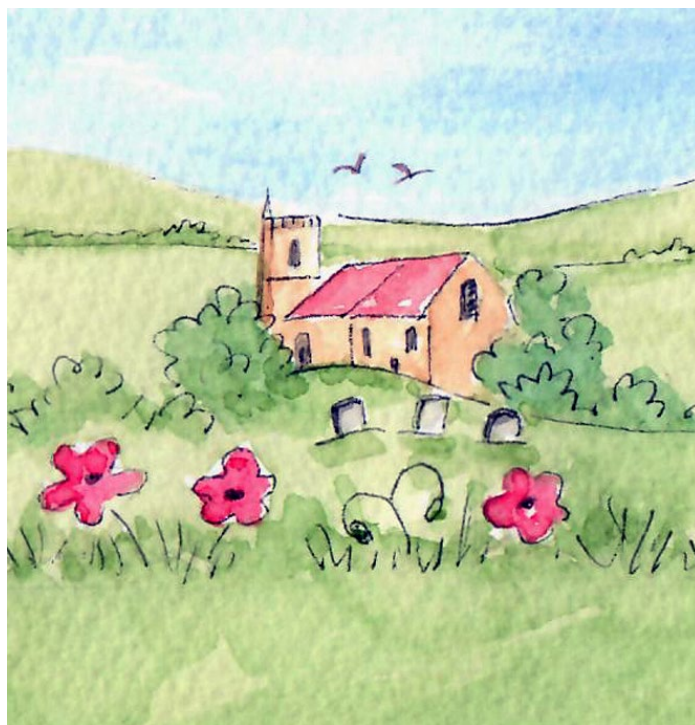
Chearsley Parish Council – Year to 31 March 2023
Extract from Unaudited accounts - Income and Expenditure (£)

Opening cash		72,058
Income		
Precept (2022/23) ¹	38,000	
VAT refund	3,876	
Contribution from third parties	<u>1,360</u>	
		43,236
Expenditure		
Salaries	4,174	
Administration	3,003	
Grounds maintenance	7,778	
Village furniture maintenance	755	
Village events	2,067	
Village grants/donations	1,200	
Traffic calming	3,695	
Other village projects	<u>8,339</u>	
		31,011
Closing cash		<u>84,283</u>²

Notes

1. Precept for 2023/24 unchanged at £38,000
2. Closing cash of £84,283 includes £55,000 reserved/committed to ongoing/future projects:
 - Kerbing in Church Lane (to complete Stockwell refurbishment project) - £18,000
 - Horse Chestnut Island re-alignment project – £37,000

St Nicholas' Church



- We provide an opportunity for EVERYBODY in the village to experience God's Love, Joy, and Peace, whatever is going on in your life.
- We couldn't do this without the generosity of the village - THANK YOU!
- Coming up this summer... PET SERVICE on **Sun 11th June**; TEDDY BEAR PARACHUTES on **Sun 9th July**
- Financial update - we started the year with £46K in the bank, with which to preserve the historic building. However, we are running the church at an annual loss of at least £2K, which is eating into these reserves.
- Your ministry team – The vicar is in the village most Fridays at the school bus stop in the morning and then at Coffee and Cake! And Chearsley is blessed with volunteer ministers dedicated to the village – John Scholefield; Darren Sampson; Sharon Sampson; Rev John; and Rev Gill. And we all love visiting folk any day of the week!
- REMEMBER – your church is here for the whole village, whether you come to church services or not!



Chearsley Cricket Club

The club enjoyed a very successful season in 2022, with the 1st and 2nd X1 narrowly missing promotion and our senior players are keen to pick up where they left off last year.

We have two strong squads and are reaping the benefits of developing an excellent Juniors section over the years, with good integration between our younger and more experienced players. We now have in place a 5-year plan to take our 1st X1 to Division 1 in the Cherwell League and get a third team running, possibly next year.

In addition to our league fixtures, we've also arranged lots of Sunday 'friendly' matches this year to involve a wide range of players of all abilities. On Sunday 27th August, we'll be staging the Nic Willoughby Six-a Side tournament again this year. Nic tragically died a few years ago in his early twenties and we are happy to stage this event in his memory, at the club where he loved to play his cricket, and raise valuable funds for his trust.

Juniors' training on Tuesday evenings has become a major cricketing event, as well as a social gathering for mums and dads. We've already made a good start this season with over 100 youngsters signed up, including 60 at the younger age groups – the so-called 'All Stars' and 'Dynamos'.

We are delighted that Leigh Tomlinson, a highly experienced player and coach, has taken up the role of Head Coach at the club and will oversee our age groups from Under 9 to Under 15, with many girl cricketers. Leigh will also run a Development Group on Wednesday evenings.

....and we're not just about cricket and the Chearsley Aunt Sally All Stars continue to do well in the Bicester & District Aunt Sally League. If you don't know about the wonderful game of Aunt Sally or 'dolly bashing', you haven't lived!

We continue with our programme of improving club facilities in the off-season – recent improvements included a new ladies' loo!

We place huge importance on developing strong links with the wider community, as evidenced by the staging of the annual Classic Car Show in September. Many non-cricketers enjoy attending our End of Season Dinner & Dance and last November we took the opportunity to celebrate the club centenary.

We began life in 1922 – we're 100 not out and still going strong!

Club website - <https://www.pitchero.com/clubs/chearsleycricketclub/>

Chearsley Car Show



CHEARSLEY CRICKET GROUND
11am to 5pm

CHEARSLEY CLASSIC & VINTAGE
Sunday 10th September 2023

www.ccvfd.co.uk

The poster features a silver classic car on the right and a biplane on the left against a pink background. Below the main text are two photographs: one showing a group of people in pink shirts and another showing a larger group of people in pink shirts cheering with their arms raised.



Chearsley Village Historical Society

The inspiration for developing a village history group came from the opening of our new village hall in 2019. The opening of a wonderful new facility for our community seemed to present a timely opportunity for that community to start celebrating the proud heritage of our village once again

The plans for developing a more formal programme were frustrated by the arrival of COVID early in the following year and all the restrictions that we had to follow in the ensuing period.

However, I do hope that in recent months we are starting to see some of those early ambitions being put into practice with a wide-ranging and committed involvement of the community at large.

An important step came with the setting up of a Steering Group to plan the development of a more formal organisation – The Chearsley Village Historical Society. I'd like to express my appreciation to Derek Allen, Graham Barry, John Lewis, Karen Vear, Sharon Sampson, Sarah Vickers and Julia Wood for all their efforts.

A vital first step is to set up a more formal structure and membership, with clear objectives and a planned programme of events and activities. This will be vital to ensure a properly functioning organisation in the longer term and it will also be essential to helping secure future funding for our programme from external sources.

Although our work is still very much at a formative stage, the works on the restoration of the Stocwell is nearly complete and we've already staged a number of public meetings. Our meeting in mid-March was well attended and we enjoyed an excellent presentation from the North Marston History Club and hearing some occasionally hilarious memories from a group of our residents about their experiences of Chearsley Village School (RIP July 1988).

Our next meeting takes place on the evening of Thursday 15th June. We're still working on the final programme but the evening will include the launch of a 20 minute film, produced by our friends at North Marston, entitled 'Chearsley Pilgrims'. It will provide some fascinating insights into the traditions of pilgrimages which took place in the early medieval period, brought to life by a group passing through Chearsley Village on their way to John Schorne's miraculous spring at North Marston. If you didn't know, the latter was one of the three most frequented sites in England by pilgrims at that time. We're also hoping that a group of our residents will share their memories of life in Chearsley in the 1960s and 1970s which were such transformative years for our village.

We're also working on a series of ideas and events for the years ahead. These might include the establishment of a 'heritage trail' linking sites of historical interest in the village, a study of farming and traditional crafts and what really went on at the 'moated site' just below St Nicholas Churchand a 'Chearsley Pub Revival Day'

Watch this space....and put Thursday 15th June in your diaries!