

CHEARSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 20TH JUNE 2022 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT
7.30PM

PRESENT

Councillors: Nic Brown (NB), Angela Gray (AG), Keith Turnbull (KT)

Responsible Finance Officer: Robert Parkes (RP)

Parish Clerk: Helen Spurgeon

Officers: Anthony Adams, John Howard

Parishioners: There was 1 Parishioner

PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME

A parishioner asked why only certain verges around the village had been cut back. An email had also been received from another parishioner asking the same question. The councillor responsible for verge and tree matters was not present at the meeting to respond. **ACTION: Clerk to respond to email initially with a further response from IH to follow.**

1. APOLOGIES

Paul Bown (PAB), Ian Houseman (IH), John Lewis (JL)

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no interests declared.

3. APPROVAL OF MAY 2022 MINUTES

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

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- **Ploughed field next to Long Meadow.** Concerns were raised that the water filled ditch may contain contaminants. NB has spoken to the new cabinet member for the environment, Gareth Williams. He will send a note to NB confirming his comments. It appears that it is the responsibility of the landowner to take action but Gareth Williams will let us know what we can do.
- **Community Speedwatch signs.** These are now in place and look good.
- **Regency Cottage.** An enquiry had been received from John Finch/Sylvie Rouquette about the possibilities of incorporating new green energy sources within the renovation works on their listed property. They will probably need to speak to the conservation officer/listed buildings at Bucks Council as their property is within the conservation area. **ACTION: NB to send email to John Finch/Sylvie Rouquette.**

5. PLANNING

- 22/01363/APP Chearsley Hill Barn, Chilton Road, Chearsley HP18 0DN

Partial demolition, 2 storey side extension and 2 storey rear extension. The PC opposed the application. Certain aspects of the proposals were satisfactory but the size of the 2 storey extension created a building mass which impacted negatively on Chearsley Hill Cottage the property next door.

- An e-mail was received from Simon Vickers querying various aspects of the review process and the PC's decision to oppose the application relating to Chearsley Hill Barn. A response was sent after consultation with, and agreement by, all councillors.
- **22/01415/APP – Byeways, The Green, Chearsley HP18 0DJ**
Single storey rear extension. No objections. The size of the extension will have minimal impact on the property next door and the integrity of Byeways would not be affected. **NB** had declared an interest and neither attended the site meeting nor was involved in the review process.
- **22/01414/APP - Prospect Cottage, The Green, Chearsley HP18 0DJ**
Single storey extension. No objections. A small extension which would have no impact on properties in the vicinity. **NB** had declared an interest and neither attended the site meeting nor was involved in the review process.
- **22/01698/APP – Manor Farm, Crendon Road, Chearsley HP18 0DH**
Floodplain wetland habitat restoration. Comments are due 22nd June.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence regarding dog waste bins will be discussed at the next meeting when more councillors will be in attendance. The damaged dog waste bin on Church Lane will be repaired by the end of July.

7. FINANCE

- The monthly finance report has been circulated to councillors:

2021/22 year-end

Other than an acknowledgement of receipt, there has been no progress on the audit of the Annual Report and Accounts.

Expenditure

The following payments were made in May 2022:

Best Kept Village Competition	£25.00
Chearsley WI (Jubilee lunch)	£1,000.00
CVH – AGM	£12.00
J Howard	£148.32 - Village Historical Society
K Turnbull	£401.90 –SID
W J Hirstle	£216.00 – Village Historical Society

- The PC donated £1000 To the WI for the Jubilee lunch, £862 was spent. The PC agreed to donate the balance, £138, to the WI as an expression of the village's thanks for all of their hard work. It was a great day that brought the whole village together.

8. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS ATTENDING MEETINGS AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

Nothing to report.

9. SUB-COMMITTEE DECISIONS FOR RATIFICATION

None.

10. OFFICERS' REPORTS

- Neil Warburton has been out to quote for the repair of the noticeboard. The noticeboard is not sealed and there are insects inside it. One option is to put new doors on the noticeboard and seal the back of it. It is likely to cost £350 for materials and £200 for labour. Expenditure of £700 was agreed by the councillors. The PC would like the work to be guaranteed for 12 months. John Howard will circulate images of the proposed new doors.
- The Chearsley Village Historical Society has put in an application to the National Lottery Heritage Fund. There is more work to be done on the Stockwell. There has been a lot of interest and positive comments. The next meeting is planned for 7th September.
- The footpaths officer reported that Graham King has cut back all the footpaths.

11. TREE AND VERGE MATTERS

Carry forward to next meeting.

12. CHEARSLEY VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

Complaints have again been received about the floor and a further deep clean has been done. The possibility of purchasing a professional cleaning machine to wash and dry the floor is being looked into.

The new play area project is ongoing. A grant from the Community Board for £15,000 is in progress.

13. CHEARSLEY CARBON NEUTRAL GROUP UPDATE

Nothing to report.

14. HIGHWAYS PROJECT UPDATE

Report from **JL**:

Stockwell

JL has finally received the PID (Project Initiation Document) from TfB for the kerbing in Church Lane.

It does not contain a great deal of information: mainly summarises what the project involves, the work to be done and some cost estimates. Costs include a firm figure of £3034 + VAT for design work which is the next stage that we have to sign up for to take things forward with TfB.

JL will distribute the document to the team & Stockwell Project Team shortly, along with some further notes. **JL** suggests we plan to make a decision on the way forward at the July meeting.

HCI Re-alignment Project

JL received an email from Elaine Hassall saying that the project design work is being delayed because they are waiting on details from Gigaclear about the likely location of their underground plant in Winchenden Rd. **JL** was aware the TfB designer requested this

information from Gigaclear in early April but it appears still to be outstanding. JL has tried to contact the designer for more details but so far without success.

Gigaclear compound

Gigaclear have requested use of an area approx. 8x4m to store barriers etc during the works.

PAB initially offered his pasture but has since advised this cannot be made available.

The only other place identified is the area behind the bus stop, the PC now needs to consider offering this to Gigaclear. This area is about 12x12m. Suggested conditions of use would be:

- No vehicles to be taken onto the grass
- Take care not to block the access for residents (John & Alicia et al)
- No materials closer than 3m to Willow Corner
- Store all materials as far as possible over by the Old Farmhouse wall. No damage to the wall.
- Take great care not to damage the tree on site, nor the grass
- Any damage to be put right after the event
- 'Rental' fee to be payable to the PC (payment was offered). The PC might consider offering some of this as a 'loss of amenity' payment to affected residents.

Footpath widening past the railway

JL is having trouble getting getting hold of the contractor to schedule in the work.

15. PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME

- A parishioner enquired about the water leak on Aylesbury Road. It has been reported to Thames Water. **ACTION: NB to speak to Thames Water.**
- A parishioner enquired what is happening with Gigaclear. We are waiting for a revised plan and village meeting. The dates have been pushed back. The PC do not want the roads to be dug up.

16. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

A village fete is planned for next year.

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

- Monday 18th July at 7.30pm