

CHEARSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 18TH JULY 2022 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT
7.30PM

PRESENT

Councillors: Angela Gray (**AG**) , Keith Turnbull (**KT**), Ian Houseman (**IH**), John Lewis (**JL**)

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 about a new water leak on Aylesbury Road. This has already been reported to Thames Water and 3 other water leaks in the village have now been repaired.

1. APOLOGIES

Paul Bown (**PAB**), Nic Brown (**NB**)

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no interests declared.

3. APPROVAL OF JUNE 2022 MINUTES

A minor amendment was made to the final point under finance regarding the Jubilee lunch and £401.90 was spent on Speedwatch signs, not on the SID. After these 2 amendments, the Minutes were **agreed** as a true record.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- **Verge cutting.** Following 2 queries from parishioners asking why only certain verges around the village had been cut back, **IH** responded by email explaining that the verges are cut by Bucks Council twice a year. Minimal cutting was done in June with some areas being missed completely. **IH** has been in touch with BC and we are waiting to hear when the verges will be cut. **IH** and **RP** would like to meet with Colin Woolford from BC to look into the possibility of moving to devolved cutting.
- **Noticeboard repair.** Neil Warburton will be completing the work shortly.
- **Community Board grant for new play area.** The grant for £15,000 has been approved. Match funding comprising £7,500 from the village hall and £7,500 from the PC is required. Councillors agreed in principle to expenditure of £7,500 from the PC.
- **Gigaclear.** No start date has been confirmed. They plan to put ducting on Winchendon Road. Councillors agreed to the use of the area behind the bus stop for

the Gigaclear compound with conditions of use in place and subject to agreement from residents. **ACTION: John Howard to confirm the area is public land and not privately owned.** The compound will need to be fenced off for safety reasons.

- **Footpath widening past railway.** This should be done at the end of July.

5. CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR

There have been no applicants. **ACTION: IH to approach potential candidate.**

6. PLANNING

- **22/02231/APP The Old Post Office, Church Lane, Chearsley HP18 0DH**
Householder application for single storey front extension. A site meeting took place. This is a small extension and the PC don't envisage any problems. **PAB** to email comments to Clerk to submit to Bucks Council.
- **JL, NB and PAB** are to meet with Simon Vickers regarding planning.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence regarding dog waste bins has been considered and it has been concluded that current arrangements are adequate at the moment.

An email had been received informing the PC of a cycle race taking place on 4th September at 10am lasting no more than 3 hours. **ACTION: Clerk to send acknowledgement email.**

8. FINANCE

- There was no monthly finance report as there were no unscheduled payments in June, nor any other items of a financial nature to report to the council.
- The bank balance stands at £92,000.
- Insurance – The insurance renewal due in September was discussed. It was agreed to increase the contents cover to £100,000 and provide the insurance company with further detail at a later date. The asset register needs to be reviewed and updated.
- There are 2 grant applications in progress. £1300 for the SID, match funding required and a community bench which requires a £100 contribution from the PC.

9. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS ATTENDING MEETINGS AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

Nothing to report.

10. SUB-COMMITTEE DECISIONS FOR RATIFICATION

There was a discussion about kerbing around the village. It was agreed that the PC should be getting on and doing more kerbing. It was agreed to try and engage with the 2 companies that the PC have been in touch with regarding the Stockwell and ask them to look at the wider village. **ACTION: KT and IH to look at which areas are the priority.** The new tarmac will have to be cut into to carry out this work but it will be made good.

Stockwell – Derek has arranged for a new cap to be made. Expenditure of £260 max was agreed.

11. OFFICERS' REPORTS

The Chearsley Village Historical Society has put in an application to the National Lottery Heritage Fund. Expenditure of £60 was agreed for help with the application.

12. TREE AND VERGE MATTERS

Four Seasons are coming to do some work in Lower Green Lane and Church Lane (footpath trimming). No work is currently planned for Dark Lane. It was commented that the hedges could do with a trim.

13. CHEARSLEY VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

Nothing to report.

14. CHEARSLEY CARBON NEUTRAL GROUP UPDATE

A resident has asked for PC support to promote the use of hydrogenated vegetable oil.

15. PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME

A parishioner commented on the lack of cutting of verges next to highways. This is the responsibility of Bucks Council.

16. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

None.

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

- Monday 19th September at 7.30pm