

# CHEARSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 17TH JUNE 2024 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT  
7.30PM

## PRESENT

Councillors: John Lewis (**JL**), Karen Vear (**KV**), Angela Gray (**AG**), David Impey (**DI**),  
Anne Adams (**AA**)

Officers: John Howard (**JH**), Anthony Adams

Parishioners: There was 1 Parishioner

## PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME

No questions.

### **1. APOLOGIES**

Nic Brown (**NB**), Paul Bown (**PAB**), Robert Parkes (**RP**), Helen Spurgeon.

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no interests declared.

### **3. CO-OPTION OF NEW PARISH COUNCILLORS**

Welcome to Anne Adams and David Impey who were unanimously co-opted as Parish Councillors, they both attended an induction meeting with **PAB** and **KV** last Wednesday which they found helpful, both urged to ask if anything is unclear.

### **4. REPRESENTATIVES OF COMMITTEES/WORKING GROUPS**

**JL** to continue on the village hall committee, **JH** to be our link on PCC as he is currently the secretary and **AG** sits on the CCC committee, thanks to all.

### **5. TO REVIEW ALL PARISH COUNCIL POLICIES**

**ACTION: ALL** - please read policies on our website so we can formally approve at our next meeting.

### **6. APPROVAL OF APRIL AND MAY 2024 MINUTES**

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

### **7. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

- **HCI Junction Project.** **ACTION: JL** to find out how much the detailed designs would cost.
- **Wooden Roadside Bollards.** Now in place.
- **Defibrillator training.** Kevin Dennington doing inspections of devices- training to be offered, especially to the young people, **AG** to pick up with Kevin, **DI** keen to be involved too. Venue to be village hall and perhaps have two sessions. **ACTION: AG.**

- **24/00959/APP – Derann.** Clerk posted our response to the planning proposal at Derann but it was subsequently accepted by BC despite our objection.
- **24/01146/APP - Land At Winchendon Road.** Application re barn on Winchendon Road refused.
- **SID on Crendon Road.** SID repaired and soon to be re installed.
- **Acorn anaerobic digester plant.** NB spoke to Long Crendon Parish council along with Greg Smith re Acorn plant. **ACTION: NB to clarify.**
- **Tree and verge matters.** In hand.
- **Moth traps.** These are now in place.
- **AGM after AVM 20th May.** Brief meeting, no matters arising, NB elected as Chairman and JL as Vice Chairman.

#### 8. PLANNING

No new applications.

#### 9. CORRESPONDENCE

A parishioner asked re cutting back in Church Lane, this has now been done. A parishioner asked about the gate into the field at the bottom of Lower Green Lane, **ACTION: NB to let us know how this is progressing.** Another parishioner thanked the PC for their work.

#### 10. FINANCE

##### **Monthly finance report**

The monthly finance report has been circulated to councillors:

##### **Year end**

There have been no updates from the External Auditors on progress with the annual audit.

##### **Payments in the month**

Payments made during the month and requiring notification are:

WEL Medical, defibrillator service, £151,02

Chiltern Churchill, bollards, £3,901.80

T Audley, verge work, £300.

The balance at the bank, at the end of the month, was £95,315.

#### 11. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS ATTENDING MEETINGS AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

None.

#### 12. SUB-COMMITTEE DECISIONS FOR RATIFICATION

Railings by the bus shelter. Councillors agreed that they should be removed as they are unsafe and agreed not to replace them.

#### 13. OFFICERS' REPORTS

None.

#### 14. TREE AND VERGE MATTERS

Hedge around village hall needs to be trimmed as footpath is impassable, Kevin agreed to do outside of this along the footpath this week. **ACTION: KV to ask Four Seasons to quote for**

the rest of this work including trees/hedges along the side of the car park. **ACTION: JL** to ask village hall to share costs with PC. In addition, **ACTION: KV** to ask Matt at Four Seasons to quote for 'crown lift' to hornbeams on Green and to ask his opinion about trees down Lower Green Lane and at the corner of Elm Brook Close. Alert Karen if any more concerns regarding trees. Graham continuing to do footpaths. **KV** to send the report on verges, bollards and kerbing to **AA** and **DI**. Remaining 16 bollards being installed, total cost £195 under budget and the same company is also installing a post on which to mount a convex mirror. Two bollards have been damaged, one can be repaired with new reflective strips. **ACTION: NB** to speak with Ian about a community 'tidy up' weekend where villagers help with cutting back overgrown areas near their homes. We thought it would be nice to conclude this with an afternoon tea and cake. **ACTION: NB** to update us on a possible date for this.

#### **15. CHEARSLEY VILLAGE HALL UPDATE**

There is a new Village Hall website. **ACTION: all** to have a look and feed back any comments to Antonia.

#### **16. REPLACEMENT OF 3 VILLAGE SIGNPOSTS**

**JH** led us through his report on the replacement of three village signposts. We asked about additional 'fingers' to sign towards the Village Hall, the Church and possibly The Bell and also to add to the trunk of the posts, Chearsley PC 2024. **ACTION: JH** to follow up on this and to ask about disposal of existing metal posts. We agreed in principle to buying these new signposts which will be in oak and will enhance the village and to **JH** informing Bucks Council of our intentions. Need to ensure the base is protected when they are installed.

#### **17. PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME**

Parishioner asked about removing a dead tree on Chilton Road, it was agreed this could be taken down.

#### **18. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

**Summer Social.** **PAB** asked that this starts earlier in the day, suggesting 2pm, however, to enable all to attend the earliest time is 4pm. **PAB** will host in his garden and provide the food for the BBQ, we will share the cost. Date 1st July.

Kevin has agreed to attend maintenance of play areas course at a cost of £45. He also alerted us to a patch of matting that needs repair. **ACTION: AA** agreed to contact the company, it is not one of the new areas.

We didn't enter Bucks Best Kept Village this year as we missed the deadline but we will enter next year.

We also discussed the gates to the playground being locked and suggested a notice on the padlock so villagers know they can use the facility at any time. **ACTION: JL** to discuss with Village Hall Committee.

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

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