

CHEARSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 15th JUNE 2020 BY VIDEO CONFERENCE AT 7.30PM WITH LIVE STREAM ON YOUTUBE

PRESENT

Councillors: Nic Brown (**NB**), John Lewis (**JL**), Paul Bown (**PAB**), Martin Hearmon (**MH**), Keith Turnbull (**KT**), Julia Witcher (**JW**), John Howard (**JH**)

Responsible Finance Officer: Robert Parkes (**RP**)

Parish Clerk: Helen Spurgeon

Officers: Ian Houseman

PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

1. APOLOGIES

None.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

JL and **PAB** declared an interest in the planning application for The Lodge and **PAB** also for Corner Ways as they live in neighbouring properties.

3. APPROVAL OF MAY 2020 MINUTES

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

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Non-financial risk assessment. **KT** has circulated a draft risk register via email. **ACTION: KT to amend the draft and recirculate.** An additional meeting outside the PC meeting will be needed to finalise the document.

5. PLANNING

- **20/01647/APP – Corner Ways, Church Lane, Chearsley HP18 0DF**
The PC agreed to submit no objections to BC. **ACTION: MH to send comments to Clerk for submission to BC.**
- **20/01790/APP – The Lodge, Church Lane, Chearsley HP18 0DF**
ACTION: MH to co-ordinate site meeting and comments. ACTION: Clerk to check on the planning portal and email BC for a record of the comments made by the PC at the 2016 AVDC planning meeting relating to the original application.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Various pieces of correspondence around tree matters:

- Overgrown hedge Hicks Path. Ian Houseman and **PAB** carried out a site visit and will be meeting with the contractor on Wednesday to determine what work is required.

Ownership is unclear and will need to be agreed between the PC and the owners of the new infill plot in Bernard's Close.

- There is an overhanging maple tree in Dark Lane which needs trimming.
- There are 3 walnut trees on Farmyard Path in need of attention. These will be looked at by the contractor on Wednesday.
- The walnut tree at the top of Church Lane and Shupps Lane is interfering with the BT lines. BT have said it is not their responsibility. The PC will continue to work on this.
- Pheromone traps. The lures in the traps on the horse chestnut tree at the junction have been changed with 527 dead males counted. The traps will be changed again in July. 48 trees have been surveyed in total with the worst affected area being Aylesbury Road. In the autumn all the leaf matter and debris will need to be removed and destroyed. This could be done by village volunteers or a contractor. A couple of other trees in the village also have traps in them and **NB** suggested the PC could fund some more traps. Thanks to Ian Houseman for all his work on this project.

7. CONTRIBUTIONS FROM BC COUNCILLORS

NB and **JL** have both been in touch with Clive Harriss on a number of issues. Elections at BC will hopefully take place next May.

8. FINANCE

No monthly finance report as very little to report.

The asset register needs to be reviewed by the end of the year as it is getting longer and longer. The war memorial is listed with a value of £10,000. **RP** suggested that this could perhaps be given a nominal value of £1. **JW** asked if there were insurance implications, this will need to be checked. **RP** will come back with a proposal over the coming months.

9. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS ATTENDING MEETINGS AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

None.

10. SUB-COMMITTEE DECISIONS FOR RATIFICATION

None.

11. OFFICERS' REPORTS

- **Footpaths.** The kissing gate and 3 stiles that were due to be replaced have been delayed due to lockdown. The PC may use their own contractor to complete this work.
Footpath 4 has been approved and permission has been given for the kissing gate on footpath 3 and the stile on footpath 1 and the churchyard stile.
- An email has been received asking the PC to consider the development of a cyclepath from Cheersley to Haddenham. Councillors discussed the proposal and noted that it had been thoroughly discussed in the past. A vote took place with the majority voting against any further work on the proposal at present. Councillors were concerned about the parking issues that could result if people decided to park

in Chearsley and use the cyclepath to reach Haddenham railway station to avoid paying parking charges at the station.

12. UPDATE ON OXFORD-CAMBRIDGE EXPRESSWAY

Nothing new to report.

Ian Houseman will update the report on Chearsley Parish assets this autumn.

13. PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

14. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- **Traffic calming and speed control.** The Sentinel speedwatch team has been recording traffic speeds over 6 working days, the top speed recorded was 53mph with 28 incidents of speeding in a 1 hour 20 minute time period. The various options to attempt to control speed were discussed. A quote for 'slow down' signs has been obtained but it was agreed that these represent more clutter around the village. They might be deployed for short periods in the future if ways of measuring their impact could be identified. Some up to date equipment is needed, such as a radar gun which costs around £129, and a speed indicator device, such as the one which is in use in Upper Winchendon, which costs around £2700. The information gathered by this equipment would help with future discussions. The PC is still waiting for a date for the new white lining and dragons teeth markings.
- The abandoned caravan on the Chilton Road is due to be removed very soon.
- The **HGV traffic** survey is planned for Thursday 9th July with a further survey at a later date. An email has been received regarding the Waddesdon area Freight Strategy. **JH** and **JL** will continue their involvement with this.
- **Village Trust.** The Trust Deed has been signed by all the trustees and the first meeting is being organised.
- **Parish Clerk annual review.** This would be taking place soon, any comments to be sent to **NB**.
- **JL** is organising a second quote for flints at the horse chestnut island.

15. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

- Monday 20th July 2020 at 7.30pm. Probably again by Zoom videoconference with live YouTube feed.