

CHEARSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2020 BY VIDEO CONFERENCE
AT 7.30PM WITH LIVE STREAM ON YOUTUBE

PRESENT

Councillors: Nic Brown (**NB**), Julia Witcher (**JW**), Martin Hearmon (**MH**), Keith Turnbull (**KT**), John Howard (**JH**), Paul Bown (**PAB**), John Lewis (**JL**) (joined at 7.40pm), Paul Davies from Long Crendon PC (present for agenda item 13)

Parish Clerk: Helen Spurgeon

Officers: Ian Houseman, Anthony Adams

Guests: James from UKSG (present for agenda item 13)

PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME

- A parishioner raised the muddy state of the footpath from Church Lane to the railway and onto Notley which is treacherous for walkers in places . **ACTION: NB to discuss with Rosemary and provide update to the PC.** There is barbed wire along this footpath which is not ideal. There have also been some issues with dogs running loose and dog fouling at the footpath from the churchyard to Church Lane which is not fenced.
- A parishioner has requested that the PC consider putting kerbing in alongside the Stockwell to protect the bank. **ACTION: to be added to the priorities for 2021.**
- A note has been received from Mike Heybrook asking for the support of the PC in lobbying BC councillors to upgrade the cycle route from Cuddington to Aylesbury. **NB** has written to Nick Naylor who has asked if the PC can speak to Colin Woolford and report the issue on Fix My Street. This could be considered for Community Board funding. **NB** has raised the profile with BC Councillors. **ACTION: NB to circulate the report from Haddenham PC regarding a potential cycleway from Haddenham to Thame.**

1. APOLOGIES

Robert Parkes (**RP**)

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no interests declared.

3. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 2020 MINUTES

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

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- **Stockwell.** The inside of the Stockwell has been cleared. Tom Audley has also cut back the vegetation around the Stockwell, so it is looking better but it is work in progress.
- **Haddenham Safe Walking and Cycling Group's request for signs** indicating the footpath route from Chearsley to Haddenham. The PC will consider putting up a sign

underneath the existing one which indicates Cuddington. **ACTION: Councillors to highlight to Anthony Adams any footpath signs that need replacing.** PAB will be contacting Rose about replacing the stile from his land to Rose's land.

- **Village Signposts.** Colin Woolford has confirmed that there is no reason the pedestrian signs outside the Parry's cannot be replaced and further signs added. **ACTION: NB to complete the appropriate form to request.**
- **BC Councillors.** Clive Harriss was unable to join tonight's meeting but **NB** is in regular contact with him.
- **Horse chestnut tree clean-up.** **NB, KT, JH, MH** and Ian Houseman volunteered to carry out the clean-up this Saturday at 10.30am. The debris can be burnt on the allotments. The PC is waiting for the kerbing work at the island to be scheduled.
- **Smaller bin lorries in the lanes.** **ACTION: NB to investigate.**
- **Drains.** **JH** has been in touch with Colin Woolford and there is a meeting at 10.30am on Thursday to look at the problem in Lower Green Lane. **JH** will discuss the 3 year program for drains with Colin. **ACTION: Councillors to inform JH of any drains requiring attention before Thursday.**

5. PLANNING

No new planning applications.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

7. CONTRIBUTIONS FROM BC COUNCILLORS

None.

8. FINANCE

The monthly finance report has been circulated to councillors:

- **Payments**

Apart from regular, pre-authorized payments, the following payments have been made since the last report:

Sharp Fencing, (gate)	£187.04
British Gas	£28.78
The Cartridge People	£118.14
Quayside Clothing, protective clothing	£66.42
Royal British Legion, (wreath)	£50.00

The standing order payment to the village hall continues.

At the month end, the bank account held £68,100.

- **Budget and Precept 2021/22**

The Parish Council is reminded that a budget meeting needs to be held in December in order to establish a precept for 2021/22. Normally, the precept is required before the January council meeting, but, as yet, there is no date for next year.

- **Poppy Appeal**

It was agreed to send a cheque for £100 to further support the RBL in this difficult fundraising year.

9. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS ATTENDING MEETINGS AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

- JL is the chairman of the Community Board - Freight Steering Group. The objective of the group is to eliminate the negative impact of HGVs on the area. A meeting was held on 2nd November attended by 7 PCs at which the Terms of Reference were agreed. Work is going on to define traffic zones where it is hoped that HGV traffic can be limited. The PCs detailed the problems they are having with freight traffic. The Chearsley traffic surveys were mentioned and the possibility of expanding them to other PCs. The concern of farm related HGV traffic in Cuddington was discussed. The next meeting is in 2 months time.
- KT attended the Community Board - Highways and Road Safety Sub Group meeting. A summary of speeding issues from the PCs has been sent to Thames Valley Police. The PCs are sharing information on their Speed Indictor Devices. The next meeting is on 25th November.

10. SUB-COMMITTEE DECISIONS FOR RATIFICATION

None.

11. OFFICERS' REPORTS

Two gates have been fitted on footpath 4 which is quite muddy. **ACTION: NB to discuss the possibility of putting wood chippings down on the path with Yvonne Edmonds or Terry Gadsby.**

The Green, Aylesbury Road, Crendon Road, Winchendon Road and Chilton Road will be added to the tree and verge surveys shortly.

12. TREE AND VERGE MATTERS

The outstanding tree work will be completed by Four Seasons on 3rd and 4th December. Tom Audley has finished his work for this year. The feedback has been positive. He is scheduled to work from March to October, once every 3 weeks. This cost will go in the budget for next year.

13. CCTV in village

Paul Davies from Long Crendon PC explained the CCTV system that has been installed in Long Crendon by UKSG. It has helped the police solve several crimes as they are able to go directly to UKSG to get footage. The cameras serve as a deterrent and there are no longer complaints of drug dealing. The neighbourhood police are supportive of CCTV as it provides protection to the community. Cameras may also help with some of the poor driver behaviour that has been witnessed in Chearsley recently. James from UKSG explained the system in more detail. The location of cameras would be decided as a group. A meeting will be arranged for Chearsley PC to visit the control room at UKSG where any further questions can be answered.

14. SID UPDATE

Detailed reports from the Speed Indicator Device (SID) have been circulated. Anecdotally it has been slowing down the traffic. The average entry speed is 39mph, slowing down to

32mph as vehicles go past the SID. Additional mounting brackets have arrived so it can now be moved around. **ACTION: NB to speak to Colin Woolford about installing the outstanding pole on Crendon Road.** Reports are being sent to the police. Thank you to **KT** for all his work on this project. The PC will explore the possibility of a second device so that entry and exit speeds can be monitored.

15. ROAD JUNCTION UPDATE

There have been discussions with TfB about the junction but until funding is secured this cannot be progressed any further. The deadline for grants from the Community Board was the end of October, this is on a match funding basis. An application has gone in for £25,000 which was unanimously agreed by councillors. Community Board councillors felt it was a strong application and are content for it to go to TfB for a feasibility analysis. The total estimated cost for the scheme is £130,000. The balance may be met by Community Board funding.

16. PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

17. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- Bella Wall Morris, junior eco officer, has produced a powerpoint of eco measures residents could take, this has been circulated to councillors. Derek Allen has produced further suggested actions that villagers could take.
- The Oxford to Cambridge Expressway has been paused but we need to stay vigilant with the housing proposals and associated infrastructure that may still happen. The No Expressway Group are holding 2 virtual calls this week, **JH** and **KT** will participate if possible.
- **MH** will circulate his audit of the village drains.
- **JH** reported that the Church are building a crib to go on the green next to the Christmas tree. Councillors agreed unanimously to the location of the crib and to reserve £150 towards this project.
- **JL** reported that there will be a meeting tomorrow at 2pm about the road junction.
- Councillors agreed that the Christmas tree will go up on the green on 5th December at 11.30am.

18. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

- Tuesday 8th December at 1.30pm (informal budget meeting)
- Thursday 10th December at 7.30pm by Zoom videoconference with live YouTube feed (Parish Council December budget setting meeting)
- Monday 18th January 2021 at 7.30pm by Zoom videoconference with live YouTube feed (Parish Council meeting)