

CHEARSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 12th DECEMBER 2022 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT
7.30PM

PRESENT

Councillors: Ian Houseman (**IH**), John Lewis (**JL**), Paul Bown (**PAB**), Karen Vear (**KV**), Angela Gray (**AG**), Keith Turnbull (**KT**), Nic Brown (**NB**)

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

Officers: John Howard (**JH**)

Parishioners: There were 4 Parishioners

1. APOLOGIES

Helen Spurgeon (Parish Clerk)

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

KT declared an interest as Treasurer of the Village Hall.

3. Support for Purchase of Replacement Playground Equipment

KT distributed a summary of replacement playground equipment costs, and contributions received to date towards those costs (copy attached). The total amount required, £64,794, has been raised or indicated to date. The only outstanding indication is from the PC that will be voted on this evening.

The Council voted on the following proposal:

“That the PC agrees to make a grant of £7,500 to the Village Hall specifically as a contribution towards the cost of new playground equipment. The Council requests that it is provided with a report showing overall costs and how its contribution was used once the new equipment has been installed.”

This proposal was agreed with 6 Councillors voting in support. **KT** abstained due to his declared interest.

It was agreed that the Village Hall will purchase the equipment rather than the Council as there is no VAT benefit due to the way the grants awards work.

KT indicated that the Village Hall Committee will place an order before the end of December in order to secure the current quoted price. Anne Adams, who has dealt with quotations for the equipment, will check if a deposit is required

4. PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME

In response to questions, Anne Adams indicated that:

- She will ask the supplier when the work will be carried out.
- 2 weeks continuous access will be required by the contractor to complete the works.
ACTION: KT to speak to CHUF to determine any impact on their work.
- She will enquire if the climbing frame can be re-used but thinks this is not likely.

It was suggested that benches might also be provided near to the new equipment, with the possibility of seeking a Community Board grant to fund them.

5. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

JH asked if he should follow up queries with the Plunkett Foundation in relation to advice on the village shop. This was agreed.

KT advised that the 4th Speed Indicator Device has now arrived: he will arrange to have it installed.

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

- Monday 16th January at 7.30pm

Chearsley Playground Upgrade funding status at 12 Dec 2022

Current quote from approved Vendor Caloo

£64,794 including VAT

Funding Body	Status	Amount	Decision	Notes
Chearsley Village Hall	Pledged	£7,305	approved	Includes the upfront payment of £2408 to FCC Communities required as part of their process (see below)
Chearsley Parish Council	Pledged	£7,500	approved	Ratified 12 Dec 22
Haddenham & Waddesdon Community Board	Pledged	£15,000	approved	Formal email and letter received.
Benard Sunley	Pledged	£5,000	approved	Formal email and letter received
Heart of Bucks - Stoke Park Fund	Rejected	£0	rejected	Rejection email received
Heart of Bucks - Rectory Fund	Offered	£5,000	approved	Offer received after target total reached so declined with thanks
Heart of Bucks - General Fund	Pledged	£10,000	approved	Formal email and letter received
FCC Community fund - CF-2242	Pledged	£22,397	approved	We received a pledge of £22397. The way this fund operates is that CVH has to pay FCC £2407.68 upfront on grant pledge. This forms part of the CVH contribution above. This is detailed in the application.
Less FCC upfront charge		-£2,408		
Total Pledged		£64,794		