# Minutes for the Annual Parish Meeting

# of Little Cheverell

# 7 pm Wednesday 1 May 2019

# In the village hall.

Present: Councillors Wes Parfitt-Chairman, Sue Ivey-taking the minutes, Anne Venus – Responsible Finance Officer, Bill Mowatt, Dennis Heather

#### 1. Election of the Chair for 2019/2020

A ballot was taken, resulting in Wesley Parfitt being elected to continue to be chair for the next year by a vote of 4 to 1

2. To receive the Chair's declaration of acceptance of office.

The meeting received the Chair's declaration of Acceptance of Office

#### 3. Election of Vice-Chair for 2019/2020

A ballot was taken, resulting in Sue Ivey being elected in the post of Vice-Chair

4. Appointment of Clerk and other officers.

The chair advised that he was happy to continue to undertake the duties of Clerk. Dennis Heather was appointed Responsible Finance Officer, to take effect after his holidays.

- 5. To decide when any declarations of acceptance of office which have not been received as provided by law shall be received N/A
- 6. Apologies.

None

7. Approval of Minutes of Annual Village Meeting held on 9 May 2018.

Approved

#### 8. Public Forum.

12 village residents attended the meeting raising the following issues

- Speeding on Westbury Road
- Walking children to school along School Lane it was suggested that signs showing an adult holding a child's hand might be installed
- Mud along the centre of School Lane caused by badgers the Parish Council will arrange for this to be cleared as required. A village resident has agreed to do this.

### 9. To receive a report from the Chair of the Village Hall Trustees

Kathryn Rogers, Chair of the Village Hall Committee read the report, key points were:

Owl Nights continued raising a total of £64 for Hall Funds

- A BBQ in August was organised by Sue Thomas and Karen Mowatt and raised £760.10 due in part to the very generous raffle prize donated by the Leiblings
- In September the long standing committee of Mike Brain, Helena Warnock and Sholto Hedderwick resigned and new committee of Kathryn Rogers, Nicola Bollen, Joanna Coleman, Claire Williams and Katharine Wilson was formed. Tekla Hicks offered to serve as treasurer.
- Nicola Bollen now has responsibility for distribution of the News and Views magazine.
- Grateful thanks are recorded to Mike Brain for his very thorough and helpful handover.
- The new committee wanted to focus on events A hall deep clean was organised in October/ A village green clear up followed in November/In February the Millennium Green was tackled / A Hallowe'en party was organised in October and raised £23.0/ A get together on Christmas Eve, before the Crib service raised £80 / The Owl Night in November raised £25 /The Table top sale in March raised £85.51/ There was an Easter Egg hunt on 20<sup>th</sup> April and there will be further Table top sales in June, September and December / other ideas in the pipeline are coffee mornings and a summer picnic, a fun dog show and Oktoberfest / Claire Williams is hoping to start a mother and toddler group but if this is to happen then baby changing facilities must be provided
- Katharine Wilson has stood down from the committee as she is planning to return to work soon.

### 10. To receive a report from the outgoing Chair of the Parish Council.

The Chair submitted his Annual Report for May 2018. Key points were:

- Installation of 20 mph speed limit signs in Low Road
- Linda Deane resigned after the May meeting of the Parish Council
- The Chair wrote to all SATNAV companies following several occasions when HGVs have tried to use Low Road. This is an ongoing problem and requires constant vigilance from village residents, please report any instances to Wes Parfitt
- The war memorial was cleaned in time for the November 11th service, which was attended by councillors, a wreath was laid.
- English Heritage has recently secured a Grade 2 Listed Building for the monument
- Dennis Heather was co-opted to the council at the September meeting and he has agreed to take over the role of the Responsible Finance Officer.
- There was a defibrillator training session in October, this is an annual event, the date for 2019 is October 16<sup>th</sup>.
- The broken salt bin at the railway bridge end of Low Road has been replaced and the Parish Council has purchased a second bin which is situated on the steep section of Low Road near The Terrace
- The Council is currently investigating a number of speed control measure for the 40 mph limit of the B3098

- There have been 5 planning applications during the year, 4 were approved and one was opposed. However Wiltshire Council overruled the Parish Council and approved the application
- Thanks to Vanessa Reburn for auditing the accounts, Anne Venus for her work as Responsible Finance Officer, Sue Ivey for liaising with the Parish Steward, articles in News and Views and for fliers, Bill Mowatt for writing up the minutes.

## **11. A report from our PCSO Georgina Dodd** – Key points were:

• During the period May 2018-May 2019 Little Cheverell has had 6 reports of crime and/or anti-social behaviour these consist of 4silent 999 calls, one car parked in a suspicious place, one burglary on 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct 2018. Little Cheverell is not currently part of the Community Speedwatch / if speeding is an issue then the village is urged to join / if village residents are aware of any crimes being committed then please call 999 or 101 /if there is anything a little bit odd or unusual then please report by email to our PCSO <a href="mailto:georgina.bodd@pnn.police.uk">Georgina.bodd@pnn.police.uk</a>

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Signed by the Chairman