

# **Minutes of Cheverell Parva Parish Council Meeting**

## **Held on Wednesday the 4th July 2018 at 19.00 hrs.**

### **In the Village Hall**

Present: Parish Councillors Wes Parfitt – Chairman, – Bill Mowatt taking the minutes, Sue Ivey, Anne Venus – Responsible Financial Officer.

1. **Approval of minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 9 May 2018**  
The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed off by Chairman Parfitt.
2. **Apologies**  
None.
3. **Welcome to the public and Public Forum**  
Six members of the public were present at the start of the meeting. No-one requested an item for discussion that was not already on the printed agenda.
4. **Co-opting a new Councillor**  
No declarations of interest were made. It was decided that a new member would be co-opted when practical.
5. **Village War Memorial**  
At the previous meeting Peregrine Rawlins requested that the Parish Council organise fund raising for the refurbishment of the War Memorial in the grounds of the parish church to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the end of WW1.  
Cllr Mowatt had sought advice in the matter from a stone conservator and in summary the advice given was that if full stone cleaning was desired then a specialist company should be sought to carry out this task.  
The Parish Council had considered the matter and was of the opinion that a gentle clean and repair would be sufficient. This would consist of removing the moss, repairing the broken stone, overall soft clean and re-painting the letters to make them more legible. The appearance of the monument was agreed to be appealing with the existing lichen in situ. A quote was requested locally from a reputable person and this was returned at £350. The council agreed to pay for this with a unanimous vote.  
At the meeting PR was not in agreement with this and suggested that a full refurbishment should take place, to “enable the monument to last for another 100 years”. PR had obtained a quote from a specialist company to the sum of £3500. It was agreed PR would compile a leaflet to be issued to the residents of Little Cheverell to seek their support or denial for the more expensive option.  
The fence surrounding the monument was also under discussion. It was decided eventually that this was under the remit of the Church PCC and they would commit to the replacement of the fence in due course.
6. **Planning Applications**
  - 6.1 Tree cutting at 1 The Retreat, Low Road, 18/05799TCA. A response of no objections had already been submitted to Wiltshire Council

- 6.2 Extensions etc. at 1 The Retreat, Low Road, 18/05269FUL. No objections were received. However a member of the public requested that a note be appended to the reply considering the potential instability of the earth bank at the rear of the property. Chairman Parfitt will apply the comment on his response to Wiltshire council.
7. **Financial Matters**  
None.
8. **Parish Steward**  
Cllr Ivey has assessed that the Parish Steward often has to help out with higher priority duties around the county and is only allocated to Stewardship tasks when there is nothing else more pressing.
9. **Low Road 20mph speed limit**  
The signs went up at the end of May. An experienced member of the public present has been taking approximate speed checks and is of the opinion that the average speed of vehicles is in the region of 25-28mph. The Parish Council formally expressed its gratitude to Michael Maxwell for all his efforts in the establishment of the 20mph zone.
10. **Broadband**  
Michael Maxwell is informed that by the end of July the broadband cover will be extended to 10 houses between Marlen and Hillside Farm. Only BT or Zen will be able to offer 30-60mps on fibre cable to the houses.
11. **Defibrillator training**  
It was recommended that a reminder of the training on 3 October should be placed in the News & Views.
12. **GDPR**  
Chairman Parfitt has audited the data held by the PC. Only the details (name and email address) of those who subscribed to the village data system are held. 30 names are on the list.
13. **HGVs in Low Road**  
Cllr Ivey wants to report that 2 HGVs have accessed the road recently. She recorded their details and communicated with the owners. Concern was expressed by others that the HGVs may be the cause of several water pipe leakages in Low Road. Charman Parfitt committed to attempt communication with the Satellite Navigation companies to request an update to their systems.
14. **AOB**
- 14.1 **New Recycling Service**  
The Chair reported that from 30 July plastic pots, tubs and trays and drink and food cartons ie yoghurt pots, plastic trays, margarine tubs, ice cream tubs and juice, milk and soup cartons etc can be placed in the blue lid recycling bins in addition to the present items. It was suggested that a note was posted in the News & Views regarding this improved recycling service supplied by Wiltshire Council.

Cllr Venus suggested we put a new notice board in the Village Hall to draw attention to important items such as the council vacancy and the new recycling service. Michael Brain, The Chairman of the Parish Hall Committee agreed and will be preparing a notice board to erect.

#### 14.2 Footpaths

Cllr Venus reported some walkers had commented on the overgrown state of the footpath beside Edith's Marsh which is the responsibility of the PC. She also suggested we should record our thanks to Mr Speary who has cleared another overgrown footpath and has kept a stretch of the grass verge cut. It was agreed to arrange cutting and Cllr Venus will arrange. The other footpaths are the responsibility of the respective land owners.

#### 14.3 Village Parking

Cllr Ivey has researched this matter but no long term solution has been found.

#### 14.4 Stream Clearance

Cllr Venus noted that the stream running alongside Low Road is becoming clogged with vegetation in several places which may lead to the possibility of flooding with the onset of a heavy rainfall. It was agreed that a letter will be sent to the residents bordering the stream to request they clear their section thus enabling a faster flow downstream.

- 14.5 A request was made for the electoral roll to be made public due to a recent occurrence of a resident being unknowingly removed. Chairman Parfitt informed the meeting that this data cannot be issued. He did reassure the resident that he would be informed whether he was registered back on the roll in the future. He will also send a letter to the registrar to ask why the resident was removed.

#### 15. **Date of next meeting**

5th September 2018 at 19.00 hrs. in the village hall.

The meeting closed at 20.40 hrs.