

Minutes of Cheverell Parva Parish Council Meeting

Held on Wednesday the 5th September 2018 at 19.00 hrs.

In the Village Hall

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

1. **Approval of minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 4th July 2018**

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed off by Chairman Parfitt, proposed Sue Ivey and seconded Bill Mowatt

2. **Apologies**

None.

3. **Welcome to the public and Public Forum**

Three members of the public plus Richard Gamble were present at the start of the meeting. RG reported that he would continue to press on with the issue for the edges of the B3098 being in need of repair, though the main pothole appears to have been filled. The Area Board meeting this month will cover boundary reviews which could affect the number of councillors for each ward. Also a report from NHS regarding the proposal for a new care centre which is due, sometime, to come to Devizes. The topic of 'Shared Lives' and Parking charges in Devizes market place will also be discussed.

4. **Co-opting a new Councillor**

The chairman welcomed Dennis Heather who was co-opted unanimously onto the Parish Council, this was proposed by Sue Ivey and seconded by Bill Mowatt

5. **Village Hall – Mr Michael Brain to speak**

Michael reported that there is now a new notice board at the entrance to the village hall. Also that there are now two emergency key boxes for the fire doors.

The fire extinguishers' annual check has been carried out.

Caroline Gray, a Community Banker with NATWEST is available to come to speak to village residents for about half an hour about internet security. This to be included in the News and Views report in order to see if there is a need.

Michael then announced that he has now resigned from the Village Hall Management committee after many years of commitment and hard work. The other two members of the committee, Helena Warnock and Sholto Hedderwick had also resigned. Michael asked that his thanks be passed on to everyone who had, over the years, supported and helped with the organization of the Village Shows, Village BBQs, Faces and Places exhibitions, Craft in Action and other events, too many to mention.

Michael fulfils the role of Village hall caretaker and treasurer and without these two positions being filled, any future events would not be able to happen. It was agreed that, through News and Views, the Parish Council would seek to find new village residents to form a new committee. If this is successful then Sue Ivey volunteered to be the treasurer, but she did not want to attend meetings or be considered to be a committee member.

Michael and the chairman will contact the solicitors Awdry, Wyles, Douglas, in order to clarify the validity of various documents relating to the ownership of the land on which the Village Hall is built. Anne Venus asked Michael Brain if he would delay his resignation in order to facilitate the official handover when new committee members were appointed. Michael has said that he will provide the caretaker role for the PCC Harvest Supper and the PCC Coffee morning, but he will not continue any involvement after the end of 2018. The Chairman expressed his thanks to Michael for everything he has done for the Village Hall and village events and said that he will be very much missed.

6. Village War Memorial

It was proposed by Anne Venus and seconded by Bill Mowatt, that John Orchard should be employed to clean the war memorial. The PCC has already cleared the area around the memorial. The Chairman proposed that the PC should add a wreath for the service on Remembrance Sunday. Dennis Heather offered to research the cost as his daughter works in a florists. When the time of the service on November 11th is known, a notice will be placed in News and Views, hoping to encourage village residents to attend the ceremony.

7. Planning Applications

7.1. 18/05735/LBC and 18/0678/FUL, retrospective application for courtyard gates for 3 Hawkeswell House.

Anne Venus explained that this planning application had arrived between meetings and that she had then sent it to the two other councillors for their consideration, but not to the chairman. There had been no objections from councillors.

7.2. 18/07207/LBC for replacement of rotten door and window frames at 1 Hawkeswell House.

There were no objections

Post meeting note – The applications were fully approved on 6th September 2018 without any caveats or comments.

8 Financial Matters

None

9. Parish Steward

There was no scheduled visit in August. Sue Ivey to ask the Parish Steward when he is next in the village, if he is able to repair the damaged railings by the entrance to the village green, opposite Low Road. The Chairman has also reported this using MyWiltshire.

10 Defibrillator training

This is on October 3rd at 7pm in the village hall. The chairman will meet Julia Doel at 6.30 so that she can set up her equipment. Anne Venus had produced some posters to go on display around the village. The event will be publicised in News and Views and the Chairman will email those village residents who are on the mailing list.

11. Low Road speeding and HGVs

No HGVs have been reported since the Chairman had contacted Satellite Navigation Companies, requesting that they update their systems.

12. Footpaths

Nothing to report

13. Stream Clearance

There has been a great improvement

14. Electoral Roll

The problem which resulted in a village resident being removed from the electoral roll has been rectified and has been explained.

15. AOB

Anne Venus has decided to tender her resignation after serving 10 years as a councillor. She will continue to provide clerical support on a voluntary basis until a replacement councillor can be co-opted. The chairman expressed his regret and thanks to Anne.

The chairman also expressed his thanks to Sue Thomas and Karen Mowatt and their team of helpers, for organising the Village BBQ this year, the event raised over £500

16. Date of next meeting

7th November 2018 at 19.00 hrs. in the village hall.

The meeting closed at 20.40 hrs.