

Minutes of Little Cheverell Parish Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 4 September 2019 in the Village Hall.

Present: Wes Parfitt, Chair and minute taker; Sue Ivey, Vice Chair; Dennis Heather, Responsible Financial Officer; Bill Mowatt; in attendance County Councillor Richard Gamble.

1. Approval of the minutes of the Council meeting held on 3 July 2019. Minutes approved and signed by the Chair.
2. Apologies, none. The Chair thanked Bill Mowatt for attending despite his recent operation.
3. Public Forum. Cllr Gamble briefed the meeting on several issues, particularly his wish to install weight limits on the B3098. Cllr Gamble left after discussing in advance certain items below.
4. Declaration of interest. The Chair said he had an interest in the planning application to remove a tree at 3 Hawkeswell House.
5. Community Speedwatch. Despite several contacts from the Council, police had made no reply. How far the Council will take any complaints about this will depend on the success or otherwise of the Council's appeal for Speedwatch volunteers.
6. Damaged 40 mph sign, Speed Indicator and Speedwatch Camera. As the Chair had received no replies about repairing this he asked Cllr Gamble if he could intervene on our behalf. Cllr Gamble questioned whether we would be allowed to install any speed indicator or speedwatch camera on the posts of the sign or elsewhere on the grass verge. The Chair said he would clarify the matter with Wilts Council before proceeding further.
7. Motorcycles in Low Road. The Chair had written to the complainant saying there was little the Council do at the moment.
8. HGVs in Low Road. A letter to the company which owned an offending vehicle had elicited a positive response and no further action was thought necessary by the Council. All future such incidents should, however, be promptly reported.
9. Footpaths. Despite the Council writing, Mr Turner had not trimmed the offending nettles and brambles obstructing the footpath but Bill Mowatt had recently cleared the footpath himself. The Chair reported that Mr Edwards had not removed the caravan but that the footpath around it had recently been mowed and was in a good condition.

Sue Ivey said she thought this had been done by Mr Spearey (post meeting note; Sue confirmed this.) Sue will thank Mr Spearey on behalf of the Council.

10. Community Governance Review. The Council agreed that the official name to be used for the Parish was Little Cheverell and that the term Parva should not be used.

11. New Councillor. As there had been no request for an election and as the Council can therefore coopt a new member, Sue Ivey had prepared a flier to go out in the September's News and Views seeking a new Cllr.

12. Financial Matters. The Council approved the following items: (1) payment to the Village Hall Committee of £478.11 for annual insurance and £43.80 for hire of the hall. (2) Purchase of new ledgers by Dennis Heather out of the £15 petty cash.

13. Parish Steward. Sue Ivey reported that when the Steward next visits on 16 September his priority would be clearing vegetation round all traffic signs.

14. Westbury Road Potholes etc. The Council approved the submitting of a CATG paper on this; the exact form to depend on what West Lavingtonl PC will do about their contiguous section of the road. This will be done in time for the next CATG meeting in November.

15. Planning Applications:

19/06676/Ful, 999 Westbury Road. The Council had earlier submitted no objection to this.

19/07976/TCA, 3 Hawkeswell House. As this application had been made by the Chair, he declared an interest and handed the Chair to the Vice Chair to deal with it. The Council made no objection and the Vice Chair will submit the reply to Wilts Council.

19/08470/TCA, 1 The Retreat, Low Road. No objection.

16. AOB. Nil.

17. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 6 November 2019.

18. The meeting ended at 20.30 hours.