

Minutes for Little Cheverell Annual Village Meeting, 6.30 pm Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023,  
Village Hall

*Parish Councillors in attendance – Sue Ivey (chair), Mike Phillips (vice chair), Drew Spearey, Ben Thompson, Clive Broe. Minute taker – Louise Brebner*

*13 members of the public attended*

*Dominic Muns County Councillor, Barry Devine and Malcolm Powell of Worton Parish Council*

1. Informal welcome – 6.30pm after a residents and Parish Councillors had an informal chance to mingle and chat
2. **7pm** Formal welcome from the Chair of the Parish Council
3. Apologies - Nil
4. Approval of the minutes from the Annual Village Meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022 – Proposed by Nicola Bollen, seconded by Mike Phillips
5. 2022 -2023 report from the PC chair to include updates on issues raised at the Annual Village meeting held in 2022 – This report can be found in full on the village website - <http://www.littlecheverellparishcouncil.org.uk/community/little-cheverell-parish-council-16716/annual-village-meeting-100520231/>
6. 2022 -2023 report from the Village Hall Trustees - This report can be found in full on the village website, the same link as above.
7. 2022 – 2023 report from the PCC - This report can be found in full on the village website, the same link as above.
8. 2022 -2023 update on the village website (unfortunately ran out of time for this item, the report can be found on the website)
9. Report from the Defibrillator guardian on the training event held in March 2023 (unfortunately ran out of time for this item the report can be found on the website)
10. **7.15pm** Sue Ivey welcomed Barry Devine and Malcolm Powell from Worton Parish Council to talk to everyone about their speed management schemes that have worked well for them. Follows are their main points:
  - Worton is a linear settlement which is an open invitation for fast driving, there are many houses alongside the 30ph limit area. They are hoping to decrease the speed limit to 20mph past the school. They have both lived in the village a long time, and surveys from 1998 to 2017 all had “speed” as the top issue villagers were worried about.
  - They have a prolific “speed watch” group who have been instrumental in gathering information on the volume and speed of cars going through the village. The speed watch group has been running for about 10 years.
  - Since installing the Speed Indicator Devices (SID going forward in these minutes) they have counted 125000 vehicle movements a month which is 1.2mil a year.
  - There is an ongoing perception that the community has limited power - so the major thing the PC worked on was making a connection between the community who cared about the issue and the people in Wilts Council who have the money and power to help with the issues. The swell from the villagers to stand up and be counted was extremely important.

- The Speed Watch will always be continued, and it runs alongside the SIDs, they go hand in hand to slowing traffic down.
- The time scale for the SIDs – process started in 2021 with presentation to LHFIG (then CATG), site visit Sep 2022, Nov 2022 paid for them, and the work was in Jan 2023.

Follows are questions from the members of public

- Is there solid evidence for how much the SIDs contribute to the problem?
    - ✓ Yes, the 1<sup>st</sup> SID showed 97% of people were doing 30mph, the second one showed 92% doing 30mph. It also picked up 1 vehicle doing 91mph at 7am in a 30mph and another vehicle doing 87mph at 3pm in the 30mph zone.
  - Do people compete for the highest numbers?
    - ✓ No, the SIDs are not manufactured that way anymore with a visible number displayed
  - Are there any places that use the Spanish design of a red light once you are seen speeding?
    - ✓ No, this is only done in Europe not in the UK (Dominic Muns agreed that is not done in Britain ever and no Council would go against highway rules etc)
  - Does parking on the road help slow down traffic?
    - ✓ In the 90s Wilt Council recommended people parking on the road to do just that, however people's cars have been written off many times and it isn't recommended anymore.
  - Do speed bumps help?
    - ✓ The noise they make from lorries/tractors etc negate any positive effect for the community
  - How long do SIDs last for?
    - ✓ Not sure, they are £2000 each and come with solar panels and 2 batteries and no issues so far
  - Can they be crowd funded?
    - ✓ Sue Ivey answered this, you have to buy the SID device and LHFIG provide the rest of the funding
  - Are the yellow signs in Worton effective?
    - ✓ Yes, and raising the planters has helped
  - A Wall is in the wrong place on the main road, and this has impacted where the metro speed count goes
    - ✓ Sue Ivey advised to bring this up in the PC meeting
  - Do we need to get the metro counts back?
    - ✓ Sue Ivey answered that the counts can go down again however this time there would be a charge to the parish council.
- Dominic Muns – Chair of the LHFIG –Community speed watch is needed alongside the SIDs. The metro speed count should be redone, he will help Sue Ivey draft a letter to that affect. He reminded everyone that volunteers are needed for the speed watch.

At this point in the meeting, time was running out, so Sue Ivey made everyone aware that any further questions can be put into an email to her and she will pass them onto the Worton PC who will be happy to answer anything else.

The meeting ended at 20.00