

## Minutes for Little Cheverell Parish Council Meeting 7pm Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022 in the Village Hall

**In attendance – Sue Ivey (chair) Mike Phillips (vice chair) Ben Thompson, Drew Spearey, Clive Broe, Louise Brebner (minutes taker)**

1. Approval of the minutes of the Council meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2022 – Approved by Mike Phillips, seconded by Ben Thompson
2. Apologies - Nil
3. Declaration of Interest - Nil
4. Welcome to the public and Public Forum –
  - Concerns about Low Road subsidence and overhanging trees – a member of the public has sent us some emails about concerns over subsidence on Low Road by their house, in attendance this evening:
    - a. Their contractor noticed that the hedge seems to have slipped down and the railing has also moved since last year.
    - b. He also mentioned the trees over hanging the road are in danger of breaking and damaging the road/their house
    - c. The tarmac at the edge of the road is breaking away and encouraging road run off to come down into the drive.

Sue Ivey has reported the subsidence to My Wilts and received an automated response, Dominic Munns (in attendance) will help follow this up. The trees are an ongoing issue, Drew Speary knows the land agent for that piece of land and will get the contact details so that we can start a conversation.

Drew Spearey will also get a price from the person who trims his hedges so that the parish council can pay for the maintenance of the trees and hedges on this stretch of Low Road. Matt Perrot (Wiltshire council highway engineer) is aware of the subsidence issues and potholes along Low Road and there are plans to resurface, but currently Little Cheverell is quite low down the priority list. Dominic Munns advised to put evidence in an email to him and he will speak to Matt again, Sue will follow this up.

- A member of the public requests a gate/planter be put in on the other side of the road at the end of the village
- Dominic Munns updated us on Black Dog crossroads, he has had a call with the highway engineer, frustratingly they have not recommended a speed reduction, even though all the parish councils agreed on this being important. Wiltshire Police are not in agreement with the speed reduction requests. Dominic has told them this isn't acceptable and is letting Parish Councils know that he will stay firm on this issue.
- 5 year housing land supply – Dominic Munns would like the parish council to send a letter to Devises MP Danny Kruger about the issue of the housing land supply, due to the danger of big developers getting round local planning departments. Sue will send the letter.
- Constituency boundaries – The boundaries for Devises constituency are changing, please see the PC website for the full information
- Sue Ivey– re the ongoing speed limit review, has not been able to get into an online meeting yet, plans to join one on the 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023.
- Auto Speed Watch – Ongoing discussions about ASW, Dominic Munns thinks they are the best idea to slow down traffic (Market Lavington has proved very successful) They cost around £300, from an independent company. They take a photo of the car's license plate if it is speeding and this information is stored with the PC, it can also be sent to Wiltshire

police who can issue a letter. Signage for this is important and a LED panel can be added to add as an extra speeding deterrent. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting and it is very important that we councillors agree on the way forward

- Member of public – Agrees that a ASW would be good for the village, and one is needed approaching the village, PC agrees, and positioning will be discussed once it has been agreed if Little Cheverell will buy one. The ASW can also be moved around the village when needed.
- Member of Public – Doesn't think there is any point without prosecution, Dominic Munns agreed but that it is a police matter and there are ongoing funding issues.

- Appointment of a co-opted parish councillor – welcome to Clive Broe
- Finance, including appointment of a responsible finance officer and decision regarding bank account signatories – Nicola Broe has kindly agreed to be the finance officer, Sue will do a handover with her. Mike Philips has agreed to be a signatory
- Update for managing speed on B3098 - See Public forum
- HGV incident in Low Road 3am July 30<sup>th</sup> – the police have contacted both residents who had incurred damage to explain that the only contravention committed by the HGV driver was to break the weight limit law. The fine for this is £50. Following on from a request from a local resident Sue Ivey is trying to arrange a site meeting at the Low Road junction with Cheverell Road, the railway bridge end of the village to review the signage.
- Floral displays for autumn 2022, including floral planter at 40mph sign – agreed by PC
- Electric vehicle charge points – there was an initiative a while back to apply for a grant to install charging points in parishes, PC agrees not currently needed in the village.
- Village maintenance
  - Dipping well rodding- there was a recent, larger than usual puddle at the dipping well. Ben Brebner has been keeping an eye on the situation and periodically uses the rods to clear the pipes through. A local resident has had a look and thinks the bank needs taking back and a trap needs to be installed. Sue Ivey and Mike Philips hope this can be done when the scheduled work on Low Road takes place which includes cutting the bank back.
  - Village Greens maintenance – the Village Hall trustees are donating £50 for each time the greens are mown
  - Parish steward – Kevin is keeping the village neat and tidy
  - Railings next to Cedar Croft – A member of the public asked who is responsible for maintenance- they are the responsibility of Wiltshire County and, after an incident with a large vehicle, not observed by anyone unfortunately, where the railings were pulled out of shape, replaced by Drew Spearey. Sue Ivey has reported this to My Wilts.
  - Big potholes on the bends up past the village hall – Sue Ivey will report on My Wilts

12. Planning Applications – Two planning applications were discussed and there were no objections

<b>Proposal: 1</b>	<b>Removal of hedge either side of field entrance (20m) to allow machinery access into field</b>
<b>Site Address:</b>	<b>LITTLE CHEVERELL, DEVIZES, SN10 5TP (SOUTH OF RAILWAY)</b>
<b>Proposal: 2</b>	<b>Removal of 10m of hedgerow to allow machinery access</b>
<b>Site Address:</b>	<b>LITTLE CHEVERELL, DEVIZES, SN10 5TP (NORTH OF RAILWAY)</b>

- Ben Thompson also updated the PC re his planning – the planning department want more details on the driveway etc by January 2023.

13. Little Cheverell Village Hall –

- There was a quiz on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November which was good fun and raised some funds.
- Sheep dip repairs ready for a spring 2023 event – the sluices need repairing/re making. Sue Ivey will ask Mike Brain who made them originally. Clive suggests DEFRA should be contacted re concerns for the stream being used to dip sheep. Ben will talk to his farming friend for more details.

14. Improvement to drainage of track up to Strawberry Hill – “ what three words” location has been found, issue ongoing- Sue Ivey to action

15. Village and Parish Council website update from Louise Brebner – ongoing work to the village website, still waiting to hear back from the PCC on what they would want on the website, Louise has added a link to the church services. Waiting on the VH committee on what they would like on the website, Sue Ivey will update Louise Brebner on this. Photos have been updated, ongoing issues with linking up a calendar, Louise is in talks with the website host. Suggests adding a link to My Wilts onto the website for people to use, PC agree.

16. AOB - Nil

17. Date of next meeting – 08/02/2023

Meeting ends – 20.20 pm