Minutes of

Little Cheverell Parish Council Meeting held on on Wednesday 11th March 2020 in the Village Hall.

Present: Wes Parfitt, Chair; Sue Ivey, Vice Chair minute taker; Dennis Heather, Ben Thomson

- 1. Approval of the minutes of the Council meeting held on 15th January 2020.

 These were approved, proposed by Dennis Heather, seconded by Sue Ivey and signed by the chair
- 2. Apologies. Bill Mowatt
- 3. Public Forum. No members of the public attended
- 4. Reports on issues raised by a member of the public
 - The stile on the footpath adjacent to Shovel Wood has been repaired
 - The leaking effluent from the manure heap at the high point of School Lane and its subsequent leaching into the stream alongside Shovel Wood is in the hands of the Environment Agency
- 5. <u>Speed Indicator-update following research</u> Dennis Heather reported his findings back to the parish council. The chair will complete a form to be sent to the Community Area Transport Group stating the case for the installation of Speed Indicator signs on the B3098.
- 6. Damaged 40 mph road sign. The chair has reported this yet again to the County Council
- 7. Planning Applications. None
- 8. Purchase of drainage rods- + subsequent usage and concern re second dipping well at the roadside opposite Cedar Croft. The rods were used successfully during February by two village residents. There have been no further floods since then. The chair will report the council's concern regarding the long term solution for the second dipping well, on the left side of Low Road opposite the entrance to Cedar Croft
- 9. <u>Hedge trimming</u>. This was carried out in February, funded by the Parish Council. It will be repeated later in the year when it is permissible to cut back hedges after bird nesting and blackberry picking has occurred.
- 10. <u>Parish Steward</u>. All Parish Steward duties were suspended during January and February, in order for countywide repairs to potholes and dealing with flooding could be addressed. Our Parish Steward will visit during March and April.
- 11. <u>Finance.</u> It was agreed that there should be a third signatory for the Parish Council account. A payment of £480 was agreed for the annual Village Hall insurance cover. Cheques were signed for £70 hedge trimming and £57 for the drainage rods.

- 12. <u>Parish Name Survey</u> To clarify, this is to canvas opinion about the Parish Council's intention to be referred to as Little Cheverell on official documents. The survey will be remaining open until at least April, so if anyone wishes to comment they can access the survey at CGR@wiltshire.gov.uk or people can write directly to County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, BA14 8JN.
- 13. <u>Parish Council Website</u> The Council agreed that the Chair would proceed to set up a free website and would report back at the next meeting in May.
- 14. <u>Temporary Closure 14 to 15 April of: Pear Tree Lane, Cheverell Magna and Erlestoke (Ref: TTRO 6456)</u> This is for information
- 15. <u>Annual defib training publicity</u> The next training session will be held on Tuesday 14th April at 7pm in the Village hall. Knowing how and when to use a defibrillator is hugely important, please attend. Reminder slips will be included in the April edition of News and Views
- 16. <u>Great British Spring Clean This could be a one day working party throughout the village.</u> Sue Ivey to liaise with the Village Hall Committee.
- 17. <u>AOB.</u> The chair had received a survey regarding mobile phone coverage in the village. There had been an approach from a village resident regarding sitting on the Parish Council, the chair confirmed that there were currently no vacances, but thanks were expressed.
- 18. The date for the Annual Village Meeting and the next regular Parish Council Meeting has been set for Wednesday May 13th. The Village Meeting begins at 7pm and is followed by the bimonthly PC meeting.

After last year's successful informal gathering which preceded the Village meeting, we invite all Little Cheverell residents to please join us for:

Free wine, beer and soft drinks from 6.30 pm