

## Minutes of Little Cheverell Parish Council Meeting

Held remotely using "Zoom Meetings" on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

**Present: Wes Parfitt, Chair; Sue Ivey, Vice Chair minute taker; Benjamin Thompson; Dennis Heather; Richard Gamble - 5 members of the public were present.**

### 1. Approval of the minutes of the Council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

Minutes approved, proposed Sue Ivey seconded Dennis Heather and signed by the Chair.

### 2. Apologies - None

### 3. Public Forum

Five village residents attended the meeting, there was discussion about the management of the School Lane culvert, HGV signage at the Cheverell Road end of Low Road, and clearance of mud at the slit drain next to the dipping well.

Richard Gamble drew the meeting's attention to the Census and the possibility that there maybe residents unable to access the internet. He mentioned the still awaited Black Dog Crossroads report and the Local Plan Review. He commented on a question about the chance of future building on land adjacent to School Lane, referring to the successful action by Great Cheverell against Gladman.

### 4. Declaration of Interest - None

### 5. Co-opting New Councillor

Ann Dark, who lives on the Cheverell Road was co-opted onto the council, proposed by Sue Ivey and seconded by Ben Thompson

### 6. Council Elections 6<sup>th</sup> May

The Chairman, Wes Parfitt, will not be standing at this election. Wes has served on the Parish Council for 12 years, the last 5.5 as chair. He has done a huge amount of admin work during this time, which has meant that we have been able to manage without a clerk, this allows money to be saved for use on village projects. Candidates need to submit nomination papers before 4pm Thursday April 8<sup>th</sup>. Forms and information can be downloaded from [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/elections](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/elections) or request from [sueivey3@aol.com](mailto:sueivey3@aol.com)

### 7. School Lane:

Sue Ivey met the Parish Steward at the culvert in School Lane, to ask his advice regarding a suggestion to place a concrete gutter in the drainage ditch. Kevin (Parish Steward) described what would be involved, indicating that it would prove quite expensive. In his view, a monthly check and clearance if necessary, conducted by the parish steward would do the same job, and it would be free.

The Chair expressed the council's thanks to Steve Keene of Total Equestrian, for scraping the mud from the middle of the lane and for digging a ditch from the manure heap at the high point of the lane to a low point in his field. This has been effective in curing the problem of slurry run off.

### 8. Village Hall Repairs

This work has not been started yet. As it's possible that from May 7<sup>th</sup>, (this depends on the Government roadmap out of covid restrictions) Parish Council meetings may resume in person, it is very important that the repairs are completed. The Chair will be following this up as a matter of urgency.

### 9. Planning Applications

Nil

### 10. Cheverell Road HGV Signage

Sue had a site meeting with a Wiltshire County Council engineer, Phil Rushmere, who agreed that the signage could be improved to reduce the likelihood of HGVs turning into Low Road at the railway bridge end. He sent proposals to

the Parish Council which were presented to the CATG (Community Area Transport Group) meeting held on February 16<sup>th</sup>. The proposals were approved and Little Cheverell agreed to contribute 25% of the cost, estimated to be around £325

#### 11. Finance

Approval was given for a payment of £450 to SWAST as the first annual instalment for the renewed defibrillator agreement for the defibrillator. Dennis will reclaim VAT. Anne Venus has agreed to assist Dennis with the end of year accounts.

#### 12. Parish Steward

The Parish Steward worked in the village on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Tasks completed were: 1. Digging out the culvert at the low point of School Lane. 2. Clearing the drainage ditch on the left side of Low Road, near to the junction with Cheverell Road. 3. Trimming of verge next to the stream by the entrance to Cedar Croft 4. Filling of potholes

Priority tasks for the steward's next visit, scheduled for April 13th are:- to clear the channel at the low point of School Lane, to clear mud from the mesh at the slit drain beside the dipping well at Springside

#### 13. Defibrillator

The Chair has sent off the signed agreement forms to Julia Doel of SWAST in renewal of the hire of the defibrillator. The fee to be paid in 4 annual instalments of £450

#### 14. AOB.

Neighbourhood Watch: After 30 years of being the Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator for Little Cheverell, Michael Brain is standing down. You can find out more about the scheme on [www.ourwatch.org.uk](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk) Thank you Michael for your long service, if there is a local resident who would like to take over this role please contact [littlecheverellparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:littlecheverellparishcouncil@gmail.com)

Lambing time: The Council has received a request from local farmers to 'Please keep dogs on leads at all times during lambing' thank you.

#### 15. Date of next meeting

12<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Normally the Annual Meeting is held on the same day, but as yet, it isn't clear if a large group of people will be allowed to meet indoors. Clarity on this matter is being sought.