

CHEARSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2019 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT
7.30PM

PRESENT

Councillors: Martin Hearmon (MH), Keith Turnbull (KT), John Howard (JH), Julia Witcher (JW), Mike Hawkett

Parish Clerk: Helen Spurgeon

Parishioners: There were 3 Parishioners

PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME.

Best Kept Village Bucks- Michael Heybrook spoke about his suggestion of including an eco-award in the competition. Villages could be awarded for having allotments and kitchen gardens. Energy ratings on properties could be included. Michael spoke about electric charging points for cars and the promotion of cycle paths. JH suggested that he and Michael Heybrook attend the BKVBucks AGM in order to present these ideas. Perhaps a different award scheme could be started. **ACTION: Clerk to find out date of BKVBucks AGM.** Sir Henry from BKVBucks will attend the October PC meeting to present Chearsley with their trophy and certificate.

1. APOLOGIES

Nic Brown (NB), John Lewis (JL), Paul Bown (PAB), Robert Parkes (RP).

ACTION: Clerk to email absentees to check their availability for the next PC meeting on 21st October.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no interests declared.

3. APPROVAL OF JULY 2019 MINUTES

Minutes were **agreed** as a true record and signed by JH.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- **Approved contractor list. ACTION: PAB to produce proposal for consideration.**
- **Driveway 'gravel spillage' in Shupps Lane.** This remains an issue, a new granite threshold is required. **ACTION: NB/Clerk to send a letter from the PC to the resident.**
- **Stockwell. ACTION: PAB and JH to resurrect the Stockwell project.** The Stockwell will need draining in order to have a proper look at the work required.
- **Anti-social behaviour in Church car park.** Following the July meeting, local landowners and the PCC need to decide which measures to adopt to discourage the behaviour. Parking at the bottom of the village and possible increased signage needs investigating. **ACTION: PAB to lead this initiative.**

- **Planning guidelines.** ACTION: PAB to produce a set of planning guidelines and arrange a separate planning meeting to discuss.
- **Car service for parishioners.** A co-ordinator and volunteer drivers are needed. ACTION: KT to ask Margaret Morbey to include in the next Chearsley News.
- **Burning of waste in the village.** MH continues to correspond with AVDC and the Environment Agency.
- **Village Trust.** ACTION: NB to investigate the existence of a bank account for the Village Trust. JL to write terms of reference for a new Trust.
- **Tree matters.** Pruning of the lime trees in the churchyard. The PCC have agreed the work in principle but are awaiting final approval from the Diocese. PAB sent an email recommending the pruning of the lime trees in Church Lane. It was agreed to hold a discussion on tree matters at the October meeting when there is full attendance from Councillors. Ian Houseman updated the meeting on the disease which is affecting horse chestnut trees. A full report will be available in due course.

5. PLANNING

19/02899/ALB Old House, School Lane, Chearsley HP18 0BT

Repair works to the front boundary wall and replacement of existing windows.

NO OBJECTIONS was submitted to AVDC.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

7. CONTRIBUTIONS FROM AVDC AND BCC COUNCILLORS

Nothing new to report from AVDC.

8. FINANCE

The monthly finance report had been circulated to Councillors.

Year-end accounts

The annual accounts of the Parish Council have now been audited and agreed.

Payments since the last meeting (excluding scheduled payments)

UK Power networks	£1368
Kingsey Plastics	£1000.80
PKF (the council's auditors)	£240

There are two invoices 'pending', BWB, £7,500 and Bucks CC for signage etc. As yet, neither of these has met the criteria for payment.

At the end of the period, there was £54,800 in the bank account.

Mid-term review

The next meeting will receive a mid-year progress report, setting out spending to date in the present financial year.

9. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS ATTENDING MEETINGS AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

- JH attended the LAF meeting on 5th September. An email has been circulated to Councillors summarising the main points. The current Bucks CC Local Area Forums will be replaced by Community Boards when the new Unitary Authority comes into

operation. A consultation is under way with proposals to establish 11, 12, 14 or 19 new 'Community Boards'. If 19 are chosen, our current LAF (Haddenham & Long Crendon) will be retained. If one of the smaller numbers is chosen, we'll be merged into a larger grouping. It was agreed that we should seek to retain the current geographical structure as what we have now works well. **ACTION: JH to respond to the consultation.**

- The Oxford-Cambridge Expressway Chearsley Village Meeting took place on 9th September. A formal consultation with the community has now taken place with the village survey and meeting. Over 100 responses to the questionnaire were received with almost 80% wanting the PC to oppose "the building of a new Expressway road in conjunction with significant development of housing" and almost 20% of respondents saying the PC should await more details before adopting its position. Councillors unanimously oppose the building of the Expressway. A full report will be available shortly. A plan of action will then be developed following the report.

10. SUB-COMMITTEE DECISIONS FOR RATIFICATION

None.

11. PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME

A parishioner enquired whether Chearsley would be putting up 'No Expressway' boards. A meeting will be held between Chilton and Chearsley PCs to share the work which Chilton has carried out to support 'No Expressway'. **ACTION: JH to set up the meeting.** Ian Houseman is collating data of Chearsley's assets in support of 'No Expressway'. This study will be ready mid-October.

12. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

None.

13. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING in Chearsley Village Hall

- Monday 21st October 2019 at 7.30pm