

LITTLE CHEVERELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Little Cheverell Parish Council Held at Little Cheverell Village Hall on Tuesday 1st October 2024 at 7 p.m.

Present: Councillors

Mike Phillips (Chairman), Clive Broe (Vice Chairman), Nicola Broe, Benjamin Thompson

In attendance: Rebecca Hathaway-White (Clerk), Cllr Dominic Munns and 1 member of the public

Public Participation

Resident came to give the Parish Council thanks for their support with regards to recent planning applications.

Cllr Munns reported that the Black Dog junction is now having traffic lights installed. There was talk about having signage there in the short term, however Highways visited and assessed the options and said there was nothing else they would deploy in the short term. They have agreed however to put the posts in for the traffic light signage soon and will use it for a temporary sign to show there is a junction ahead.

Cllr Munns encourages residents to look at Wiltshire Council's Gypsy and Travellers Site Consultation. Although there are no sites outlined in the immediate area it is worth having a look and providing your opinion.

Meeting of the Council commenced 7.17pm

24/49 Acceptance of apologies for absence. Resolved: None give, Cllr Spearey was absent.

24/50 Minutes. The minutes of the Council meeting held on the 31st July 2024 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr C Broe, seconded Cllr Thompson, voting unanimous in favour.

24/51 Dispensations and Declarations of interest. Resolved: Cllr N Broe is a trustee of the village hall.

24/52 Parish Councillor Vacancy. Resolved: Council is asked to note that there are currently two vacancies for co-option.

The Parish Council would like residents to note that they are actively looking to fill these vacancies. It involves a small time commitment of just a couple of hours a month. Please get in touch with Cllr Philips if you might be interested.

24/53 Chairmans Report. Resolved: Please see Appendix A

24/54 Accounts for Payment: LGA 1972 s150 (5)

Resolved: Cllr Phillips proposed ratifying and authorising the payments listed, to be paid via cheques and online banking, seconded Cllr N Broe, voting unanimous in favour.

Payments to Ratify

R Hathaway-White Salary	£92.08
HMRC	£23.00
Hugo Fox (July)	£23.99
Hugo Fox (August)	£23.99
JW Orchard	£265.00
S P Contracting	£650.00
Village Hall Grant	£500.00

24/55 Approval and signing-off of Parish accounts for the month ending 30th September 2024

The clerk reported bank balances as of the 30th September 2024 were:-

Current Account	£3003.49
Savings Account	£5013.83
Less payments outstanding	£115.08
Total	£7902.24

Resolved: Cllr Philips proposed acceptance of the accounts, seconded Cllr C Broe, voting unanimous in favour.

24/56 Consultations on planning applications. Council to discuss and make decision on responses:
(Please note: in planning matters the Parish Council acts as a consultee of the Principal Authority, the Principal Authority being the deciding body)

Council noted the following planning applications.

Application Ref PL/2024/07512 - Proposed Works to Trees in a Conservation Area Address: MEADOW VIEW COTTAGE, LOW ROAD, LITTLE CHEVERELL, DEVIZES, SN10 4JY

Proposal: Outline of location - The property is located on a single track road, steeply banked and terraced garden, with all trees and ground elevated above the property. Numerous other mature planting and trees across the property, not identified to provide clarity to proposed works..

Proposed works.. A. Removal (R) of;. R1. 4 x Silver Birch on upper terracing due to proximity to power lines (PL) and overcrowding.. R2. 1 x Oak on upper terracing due to overcrowding to upper tree line.. R3. 1 x Silver Birch on lower pathway due to excessive growth and proximity to other trees... B. Reduce canopy (RC) and limbs to < 3 metres on; RC1.1 x Oak on middle section of pathway noting proximity to power lines (PL). RC2. 1 x Beech on lower pathway and due to proximity to residence and garage (with roof line of garage and 3m OF.

Case Officer: Beverley Griffin. **Respond By** 06/09/2024

Application Link: <https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0iQ3000008N3bhlAC>

Application Ref PL/2024/08054 - Proposed Works to Trees in a Conservation Area Address: REST HARROW, LOW ROAD, LITTLE CHEVERELL, DEVIZES, SN10 4JZ

Proposal: T1- Persian ironwood : Reduce lateral crown from house and adjacent structure (to give 1-2m clearance from structures), crown clean to reveal central stem structure.. T2- Yew- Crown raise to give approximately 2.5m ground clearance. T3- Plum (moribund)- Fell- . T4- Plum (moribund/dead)- . T5- Beech- Crown raise to give approximately 2.5m ground clearance
Applicant Name Giles Huxley-Parlour **Case Officer:** Beverley Griffin **Respond By** 27-09-2024
Application Link: <https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0iQ3000008svlD>

24/57 Updates and items outstanding from previous meetings, to include:-

- i) **Village Hall** – Balance is currently £12,111.08 (as of 30.09.24). This includes donations towards the renovation of the village hall which now total £5,752.34
- ii) **Privet Hedge at the South End of Low Road** – Cllr Philips will report to Wiltshire Council again.
- iii) **Potholes near Myrtle Cottage** - These have been repaired.

24/88 Date of the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Council will be on Tuesday the 26th November 2024, 7.30pm at Little Cheverell Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.20pm

Approved by the Council as a true record.

Signed

Dated

The minutes of this meeting will be available to all members of the public from the village website or by contacting the Parish Clerk.

Appendix A

Application Ref PL/2024/06238 Children's home – applicant has withdrawn this application, thanks to @Domonic Muns for his support, Domonic called the plans in for review at a planning committee should they be approved, many effective public objections were posted.

Application Ref PL/2023/05135 7 Westbury Road Retrospective planning application – still under consultation for building works completed.

Parish Steward Visit – Removal of weeds along the stretch of Low Road from the phone box to the junction with Westbury Road

Cut back vegetation along the railings on Westbury Road immediately to the West of the Village Hall to improve the line of sight when crossing the road from the Village Hall to Low Road

Some potholes filled

Cleared Grips to improve drainage along Westbury Road

Sheepwash Clearance – S Pegden Contractors cleared the Sheep washing pool of vegetation, a big improvement.

Gaiger Brothers have supplied replacement Oak channels for the sluice gates free of charge, please record our thanks for this donation, we now need a volunteer or two to help install the channels, any offers are welcome.

Village Hall Grant for heating (LCT award) – the chairman became aware of the Low Carbon Technology grant funding available from SSE as a result of a chance conversation with someone in the industry, the application window at this stage was just 3 days so no time to discuss widely amongst stakeholders. The application was duly completed and submitted on time, awards will be made in late October or early November. The application is for air-to-air heat pump based heating and ventilation which would solve a lot of problems with cold and damp as well as massively improving useability and comfort levels during the colder months. Running costs should be affordable and therefore the system can be run all the time at a low level to prevent further decay of the hall.

Village Hall Fundraising – Following the passing of Mike Brain who for many years ran both the council and the Village Hall, it was decided to run a short fundraising campaign to place a memorial bench behind the Hall, enough cash has been received to buy the bench. The proceeds of the campaign will be shared with St Peters church who have also collected cash, we are waiting for the final figures from the church before finalising the account.

Store room painting – Edward Phillips has painted the walls and Ceiling of the store room, we have the materials in place to paint the floor of the store and the porch if there is enough paint left over. Total labour cost £275 payable by the Village Hall.

Village Matters – Flooding Low Road. The recent rainfall again caused flooding at the South end of Low Road. The issue was made worse by the blocked-up culvert under the road, this has been cleared by a resident using the rods purchased in the past by the Parish Council but it's clear further remedial work is required. This has been reported to Wiltshire Council who came back to say remedial works are planned.

Footpaths – WL PC has asked if we can clear the footpath (CHEP6) from Orchard Acre through to the Parish Boundary, I have told them that we rely on volunteers to clear along with land owners.

End of report.