

# **LITTLE CHEVERELL PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Meeting of Little Cheverell Parish Council Held at Little Cheverell Village Hall on Monday 10th March 2025 at 7 p.m.**

### **Present: Councillors**

Mike Phillips (Chairman), Clive Broe (Vice Chairman), Nicola Broe, Lucy Thorne, Andrew Spearey, Benjamin Thompson.

**In attendance:** Rebecca Hathaway-White (Clerk) and Cllr Dominic Muns.

### **Public Participation**

Cllr Muns reported that the A360 from West Lavington to Tilshead will be closed from 7pm – Midnight between the 29<sup>th</sup> April – 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

Cllr Muns also reported that the Black Dog cross-roads have had work done to the bordering hedges to in preparation for putting cables in ready for the installation of the traffic lights.

There is a countywide project on air quality to be announced shortly. The plan is to install 120 low-cost air monitors around the county. They will try and place these in areas where people tend to congregate, and Cllr Muns wondered if Little Cheverell might consider putting one in at the village hall. They do need a power supply and to be able to connect to a wi-fi network to run.

Cllr Muns also mentioned the Local Nature Recovery Strategy. This is a public consultation so please encourage residents to have a look and provide their feedback.

### **Meeting of the Council**

**24/121 Acceptance of apologies for absence. Resolved:** None.

**24/122 Minutes.** The minutes of the Council meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr Phillips, seconded Cllr Thorne, voting unanimous in favour.

**24/123 Dispensations and Declarations of interest. Resolved:** Cllr N Broe and Cllr Spearey are trustees of the village hall. Cllr Phillips is Secretary of the Village Hall Committee.

**24/124 Parish Councillor Vacancy, Council noted** that there is currently one vacancy for co-option.

**24/125 Chairmans Report. Resolved:** Please see Appendix A

**24/126 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 (Jan)	£48.07
HMRC (Jan)	£12.20
R Hathaway-White (Feb)	£48.27
HMRC (Feb)	£12.00
Hugo Fox (Jan)	£23.99
Hugo Fox (Feb)	£23.99
Pegden Contracting Limited	£300

### **24/127 Approval and signing-off of Parish accounts ending 7th March 2025**

The clerk reported bank balances as of the 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025 were: -

Current Account	£6173.98
Savings Account	£0
Less payments outstanding	£60.74
<b>Total</b>	<b>£6113.24</b>

**Resolved:** Acceptance of the accounts was deferred as due to the switch over between Unity Trust and Lloyds the clerk has not been able to access the account statements.

### **24/128 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)**

**Planning Applications to note – no comment, no meeting held**

**Application Ref PL/2025/00381** - Proposed Works to Trees in a Conservation

**Area Address:** DINAS COTTAGE, LOW ROAD, LITTLE CHEVERELL, DEVIZES, SN10 4JS

**Proposal:** Removal of 1 silver birch tree approximately 8m tall and 1.7m from property

**Applicant Name** Mr Edward Smith **Case Officer:** Julie Kelly **Respond By** 13-02-2025

**Application Link:** <https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0iQ300000Bz7Xh>

**Application Ref PL/2025/00272** - Proposed Works to Trees in a Conservation Area

**Address:** ORCHARD ACRE, LOW ROAD, LITTLE CHEVERELL, DEVIZES, SN10 4JU

**Proposal:** Group of 4 x beech (T1) - reduce crown to previous reduction points (2/3m) and crown thin by 10/15%.. Dead willow over footpath (T2) - monolith to 2/3m in height.

**Applicant Name** Mr & Mrs Salvin **Case Officer:** Julie Kelly **Respond By** 12-02-2025

**Application Link:** <https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0iQ300000BstM9>

**Planning Decisions to note**

**Application Ref PL/2023/05135** - Householder Application

**Address:** 7 WESTBURY ROAD, LITTLE CHEVERELL, DEVIZES, SN10 4JW

**Proposal:** 1 Retaining wall at rear of property . 2 Retaining wall to the left of property . 3 Retaining wall to entry of property right side of entrance. 4 Timber carport to left of property

**Applicant Name:** Mrs sue dann **Case Officer:** Joel Grist **Decision Date:** 10-01-2025

**Decision:** Approve with Conditions

**Application Link:** <https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0i3z00001BlpBN>

**Application Ref PL/2024/11192** - Full Planning Permission

**Address:** 7 Westbury Road, Little Cheverell, Devizes, SN10 4JW

**Proposal:** Use of existing dwelling as a children's home

**Applicant Name:** Irresistible Health and Social Care

**Case Officer:** Jemma Foster **Decision Date:** 31-01-2025 **Decision:** Refuse

**Application Link:** <https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0iQ300000BFE17>

**24/128 Millenium Green. Resolved:** Councillors discussed contracting Pegden Contracting Limited to clear the Millenium Green and approved a maximum cost of £500. Cllr Phillips will speak to them about a quote to repair the seat and discuss costs for ongoing maintenance of the Millenium Green. Proposed Cllr Phillips, seconded Cllr Thompson, voting unanimous in favour.

**24/129 Insurance. Resolved:** Cllrs approved a payment of £264 to renew the parish councils insurance through Zurich. Proposed Cllr N Broe, seconded Cllr Spearey, voting unanimous in favour. Clerk to action.

**24/130 Speed Watch Day. Resolved:** Cllr Thorne will contact Wiltshire Police and request a speed watch day on Westbury Road inside the 40mph limit. Proposed Cllr Phillips, seconded Cllr Thompson, voting unanimous in favour.

**24/131 Electricity for the Village Hall. Resolved:** Cllrs considered the renewal quote from SSE previously circulated and agreed to remain with them on a 1 year fixed contract. Proposed Cllr Phillips, seconded

**24/132 Website. Councillors are asked to note** that the website is now hosted by .gov.uk and we also have .gov.uk emails. Hugo Fox have advised we pay to keep the domain name for another year for the old web address to ensure people can continue to find the website easily. The new website address is [www.littlecheverell-pc.gov.uk](http://www.littlecheverell-pc.gov.uk)

**24/133 Updates and items outstanding from previous meetings, to include: -**

- i) **Village Hall** – New heating system has been installed.
- ii) **Unity Trust Bank** – Funds were transferred on the 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025, the account is now fully functional.
- iii) **Parking on Low Road** – No update, Cllr Phillips will try and arrange a site meeting to discuss who owns/is responsible for what.
- iv) **Recruitment of a new clerk** – Cllr Phillips currently in discussion with someone.
- v) **Privet Hedge at the South End of Low Road** – No update.

**24/134 Date of the next meeting.**

The next meeting of the Council will be on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025, 7pm at Little Cheverell Village Hall. Annual Meeting of the Electorate 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025 at 6pm.

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 [www.littlecheverellparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.littlecheverellparishcouncil.org.uk) by contacting the Parish Clerk.

## **Appendix A**

Roads: The blocked gullies between East sands and the Village hall have been reported to Wiltshire Council for rectification, The Parish Steward has also noted some issues in this area but was unable to rectify due to safety concerns, some traffic management will be required to complete the work and this has been noted. The Steward cut back overgrowth on the bank between Hoddinots cottage and Laundry cottage which is a big improvement and re-cemented a loose Kerbstone outside Springside cottage as well as clearing mud from outside the Village Hall Gate.

I received a mail from a resident concerned that the salt bins have not been topped up this year. I reported this some time ago and received a response from Wiltshire indicating that their contractor was aware of the issue and it would be dealt with.

Hedges: I have put a note out on Whats-App and in the Parish magazine asking residents on Low Road to ensure their hedges do not encroach on the Road. I'm hoping that this will not need to be followed up, however if it does then individual properties may be sent a letter.

Village Hall heating: The project is complete and operational and makes a big difference to the hall. We will now need to decide on a suitable electrical tariff to adopt. Internet access is needed to allow full remote control of the system and set up the timers. The system has been run continuously since installation was completed to dry the building out.

Internet provision: The order has been with BT for some time, they are waiting for Openreach to run a fibre connection to the hall from the pole on Westbury Road. Openreach have surveyed the site.