

# CHIEVELEY PARISH COUNCIL

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## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES FOR TUESDAY 11 APRIL 2023 AT 7.30PM

IN THE CHIEVELEY VILLAGE HALL.

### **Cllrs. Present:**

Cllr. M. Belcher (Chairman)

Cllr. R. Crispin (Vice Chairman)

Cllr. D. Cowan

Cllr. L. Derry

Cllr. L. Dick

Cllr. E. Friend

Cllr. M. Beard

Cllr. S Allen

Cllr. S. Hutchison

**Clerk:** Mrs K Lloyd

**Members of the Public:** 4

The Chairman announced that the Clerk is recording the meeting and the recording will be deleted when the minutes are approved in the next meeting.

### **1. APOLOGIES**

No apologies received.

### **2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

No Declarations of Interest raised.

### **3. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

One member of the public raised a comment regarding Planning Application 23/00497/House Morphe, Chieveley. To emphasis the point of concern regarding the condition of the Mophett Lane footpath and what detrimental effect the proposed work could have further to the condition.

### **4. PLANNING SCHEDULE – SHOWN AS APPENDIX 1**

**23/00435/House** – (Adjacent Parish) Fisher Houses, Cold Ash – No objections

**23/00454/House** - 19 Middle Farm Close – No objections

**23/00497/House** - Morphe – No objections, a comment however will be made to the condition of the current footpath and to further ask that if any damage is made to the footpath following this proposal than this will be rectified.

**23/00594/House** - 21 Healthfields, Chieveley – No Objections.

**23/00544/House** – The Nurses Cottage – Objection. Parish Council agreed this is an overdevelopment of the site.

**23/00779/FUL** – Adjacent Parish – Land North of M4 on East Side of Hampstead Norreys Road, Hermitage – Objection. Parish Council agreed that this is substantially the same as application 22/02844 in December 2022, that the Parish Council objected too. It was thought that it must have been withdrawn for some reason and this new application is the re-submitted version. Parish Councils response to 22/02844 was substantially based on the response to the refused 2019 application 19/01218/FUL; again substantially similar. It was agreed to submit what Parish Council submitted in December 2022 on the previous one.

**5. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Councillors **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** to confirm and adopt the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

**6. FINANCE**

Councillors **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** to approve the April Income and Payments as shown below.

**Statement of Accounts**  
**Accounts for Payment April 2023**

Expenditure brought forward 22-23 £0.00

**Payments**

Cheque No	Payee	Description		Amount
1740	Kim Lloyd	Clerk Salary - March		
1741	Chieveley Village Hall Hire	10th Jan	£	28.95
1741	Chieveley Village Hall Hire	11th April /9th May /13th June	£	86.85

**Receipts**

21/03/2023	WBC	Members Bid for ROW Signs	£	956.00
30/03/2023	RBS	Bank Interest - Annual Treasurers Account	£	118.94
31/03/2023	RBS	High Interest Account	£	20.70

The 2021-2022 Budget vs Expenditure to date was noted.

*(All finance documents emailed to the Members of Council before the meeting)*

**7. KING CHARLES III CORONATION – SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 7PM -10PM**

Parish Council received a proposal from the organiser of the Coronation event planned for the whole Parish on Chieveley Recreation Ground.

*A gathering of the Parish is in its development for the evening of the Coronation of King Charles III on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May. Parishioners are to be encouraged to join together to enjoy picnics and good company prior to the lighting of the Parish Beacon which was kindly sponsored by the Parish Council during 2022.*

*With the support requested above the Coronation Task Force will be able to arrange for the printing and subsequent location of robust outdoor banner advertising for the event, as was adopted to promote the hugely successful late Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, whilst also providing live music suitable for the occasion. To the ends a local musician has been provisionally booked (<https://www.deandyson.com/>) whose fee is £200 for the first hour and £100 for each subsequent hour.*

After a discussion, Councillors **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** to approve the expenditure of £540. It was agreed for one PVC poster to be put in each of the three villages of Chieveley, Curridge and Oare. The Parish Council thanked the Coronation Task Force for their efforts.

#### **8. CLERK REPORT**

The Clerk reported that she was still waiting to hear from West Berkshire Council regarding the following.

- Slowing down/narrowing of road white lines between end of Graces Lane / School Road.
- Signs to be cleared of foliage on the footpath that takes you from Sweetie Pie to the Red Lion. The Clerk was not sure if this had been done?
- PC Facebook page, waiting on finalising social media policy from Cllr. Crispin.
- Defibrillator training in the hall, this is to be worked on later.
- Curridge Green riding school – only received an acknowledgment.
- Crabtree and Plantation Close Footway in Curridge, West Berkshire Council are still chasing a resident's confirmation letter for access to their land.
- The Limes. Received a generic enforcement acknowledgement only.

**Update from the SAG (Speed Awareness Group)** West Berkshire Council will in the next 28 days on the southern section of Curridge Road from the junction with Crabtree Lane have two additional pairs of double sided 30mph repeater signs. They will be installed from early autumn onwards.

Some of the SAG has now been trained in Community Speed Watch (CSW).

**23/03 Email** -The Parish Council was copied in an email to West Berkshire Council from a Curridge resident complaining about Long Lane Road speed, I have passed their details onto SAG.

**Payroll** – The Clerk recommended a company at £10 per month. This will be added to the May agenda for approval.

**Internal auditor**, who was recommended by the retired auditor had made contact this week and a date is being confirmed for May to carry out the internal audit.

**Oare Dog Waste Bin.** The Clerk reported that over the Easter Bank Holiday weekend calls were received regarding the overflowing dog waste bin. Cllr. Allen had already raised this with the Clerk, who spoke to West Berkshire Council before the calls were received and hoped that it would have been emptied before the bank holiday weekend. This did not happen! The Clerk asked for another private contractor who is employed in another parish to empty the bin.

The Clerk recommends that Parish Council terminate West Berkshire Councils contract for at least this bins collection and employs Tactical Facilities Ltd at a cost £5.37 per bin. (Note, a collection of bins would be £3.40)

West Berkshire Council currently charge £3.41 per collection.

Triangle Management who the Parish Council used to employ was £7.04 per collection.

The Clerk feels a better service will be provided by Tactical Facilities. This will be an agenda item for May to discuss further.

## **9. COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

Cllr. Allen reported that the bus shelter in Long Lane, Curridge could do with a sweep out of leaves and litter.

Cllr. Friend reported that a further Travelling Community with five caravans had arrived on the south-side of the M4 Motorway, (adjacent to the bridge) along Hampstead Norrys Road, Hermitage. It is reported that they had bought the land and that West Berkshire Council have applied for and been granted a High Court Injunction halting any further work on the site. This Travelling Community is in addition to the Travelling Community applying for the site on the north side of the M4 Motorway (Planning Application 23/00779/FUL.) After a discussion, it was suggested that Chieveley Parish Council talk to Hermitage Parish Council to find out if Chieveley Parish Council could do anything to support.

Cllr. Dick asked for the Community Hub agenda item to be brought forward from September to July.

Cllr. Dick raised the concern of the lack of enforcement within West Berkshire Council.

Cllr. Crispin suggested that during the election period if ward member candidates campaigning was to knock on residents' doors, then the candidate should be made aware of the lack of enforcement in West Berkshire Council and asked to pledge their assistance to this issue if elected.

Cllr. Crispin reported that the Parish Council laptop which the Clerk had reported was not working, has no battery life left. He was now extracting past data from the laptop. The replacement of a laptop needs to be an agenda item to discuss further in May.

Cllr. Belcher said the down pipe on the bus shelter on the High Street has been damaged and is led against the bus shelter. This needs to be checked and repaired if required.

## **10. MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION**

Parish Community Hub – July Agenda.

Clerk Payroll – May

Oare Dog Waste Bin Collection Contract – May

Parish Council Laptop - May

## **11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023 in the Chieveley Village Hall at 7.30pm. This will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

## APPENDIX 1

### Planning Applications, Appeals and Enforcement Notices for consideration at the Parish Council Meeting 11th April 2023

Planning applications can be viewed by members of the public on the West Berkshire Council's  
website

[West Berkshire Planning Applications On Line Simple Search Link](#)

#### Planning applications for consideration at meeting

Reference	Type	Location	Description	Observations
23/00435	House	(Adjacent Parish) Fishers House Fishers Lane Cold Ash	Proposed side extension to replace existing conservatory	No Objections
23/00454	House	19 Middle Farm Close Chieveley	New porch	No Objections
23/00497	House	Morphe Downend Chieveley Newbury	Rear extension and Porch addition. Energy efficiency alterations including insulated render and cladding, new windows, PV panels and air-source heat pump.	No Objections
23/00594	House	21 Heathfields Chieveley Newbury	Two storey side extension, single-storey rear infill extension between garage and house and single-store rear extension to replace a conservatory	No Objections
23/00544	House	The Nurses Cottage Graces Lane Chieveley	Section 73A - Removal or Variation of conditions 2 'approved plans' and 3 'materials' of approved application 22/00769/HOUSE: Two storey front extension to enlarge	Object
23/00779	Ful	(Adjacent Parish) Land North Of M4 On East Side Of Hampstead Norreys Road Hermitage	Change of use of land to residential Gypsy/Traveller site with 2no plots, 2no mobile homes, stables and associated fencing, hardstanding and package treatment plant.	Object

**West Berkshire Council Planning Application Decisions and Planning Inspectorate Appeal Decisions**

<b>Reference</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Decision</b>
23/00175	House	Fairlea, Graces Lane, Chieveley, Newbury	Proposed extensions, conversion and refurbishment	Granted
23/00227	House	The Orchard, Marsh Lane, Curridge, Thatcham	Proposed ground floor extension to side, render walls, proposed new front entrance. New Slate Tiled Roof	Granted
23/00249	COND	Romayne, Downend Chieveley, Newbury, RG20 8TF	Application for approval of details reserved by condition 3 (Schedule of materials) of planning permission 22/00446/HOUSE - Proposed two storey extensions to rear and side to create additional bedroom and enlarged kitchen dining room with internal alterations and relocate new oil tank	Approves
22/02708	House	Cara Mia, Downend Chieveley, Newbury, RG20 8TF	Section 73: Variation of Condition 3 (Materials) and Removal of Conditions 5 (SuDs), 6	Granted