

LITTLE CHEVERELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Little Cheverell Parish Council Held at Little Cheverell Village Hall on Tuesday 26th November 2024 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors

Mike Phillips (Chairman), Clive Broe (Vice Chairman), Nicola Broe, Andrew Spearey

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

Public Participation

Cllr Muns reported that there has been a public space protection order put in place for Devizes town centre as there are groups of people drinking during the daytime that have been causing real issues. This means that under anti-social behaviour laws the police can now move them on, and penalty notices can be issued.

There will be new recycling strategy in place for Wiltshire. This will not go live until 2027. There will be food waste collections from the kerbside and Wiltshire Council will have to collect flexible plastic, this will mean more manual sorting by Householders and another wheelie bins but hopefully will reduce the amount of recycling that ends up in landfill due to contamination.

The Local Transport Plan is up for consultation, and this defines how we get around the county. Cllr. Mun filed a motion to force the council to acknowledge the rurality of parts of Wiltshire forces people to use their cars and seeks to find a solution. The consultation should start next week, and Cllr Muns will distribute a link and asks for resident's views.

The "My Wilts" reporting system is being redeveloped and an improved version is due to be launched soon.

Meeting of the Council commenced at 7.50

24/89 Acceptance of apologies for absence. Resolved: Cllr Thompson

24/90 Minutes. The minutes of the Council meeting held on the 1st October 2024 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr Phillips, seconded Cllr Spearey, voting unanimous in favour.

24/91 Dispensations and Declarations of interest. Resolved: Cllr N Broe and Cllr Spearey are trustees of the village hall.

24/92 Parish Councillor Vacancies. Resolved: Cllr Phillips proposed acceptance of an application from Dr Lucy Thorne to be co-opted to the Parish Council, seconded Cllr N Broe, voting unanimous in favour. Dr. Thorne was welcomed to the Council. She signed the declaration of office at the conclusion of the meeting, and thereby is now a member of the Parish Council. There is still one vacancy open for co-option.

24/93 Chairmans Report. Resolved: Please see Appendix A

24/94 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	£91.88
HMRC	£23.20
Hugo Fox (September)	£23.99
Hugo Fox (October)	£23.99

Payments to Authorise

Superior Plants	£366
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24/95 Approval and signing-off of Parish accounts for the month ending 26th October 2024

The clerk reported bank balances as of the 26th October 2024 were: -

Current Account	£1449.34
Savings Account	£6023.09
Less payments outstanding	£
Total	£7472.43

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

24/96 Bank Accounts. Resolved: Cllrs discussed moving the Parish Council bank account to Unity Trust which is a good alternative to Lloyds, pays better interest and specialises in banking solutions for community organisations. Cllrs agreed to consider moving but would like to do more research on Unity Trust first.

24/97 Budget and Precept Proposals 2024/2025. Resolved: Cllr Phillips proposed acceptance and approval of the budget and reserves and for the precept request for 2024/25 to be £8582. This equates to an increase of 35.57% from £75.09 to £101.05 per annum per band D property. A difference of £25.96 per annum, seconded Cllr N Broe, voting unanimous in favour.

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)

Application Ref PL/2024/10441 - Proposed Works to Trees in a Conservation Area **Address:** HAWKSEWLL STABLE, LITTLE CHEVERELL, DEVIZES, SN10 4JL **Proposal:** Sweet Chestnut tree – shorten low overhanging limb by 4m – 5m. Prunus and Beech hedging – reduce height to 3 -5 m
Case Officer: Sue Morgan **Respond By** 11-12-2024 **Application Link:**
<https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0iQ300000AoFvo>

Resolved: Cllrs Phillips proposed No Objection, seconded Cllr C Broe, voting unanimous in favour.

24/98 Christmas Tree. Resolved: Cllrs decided to spend a maximum of £200 on a Christmas Tree for the village, to be sited at the village hall and supplied by Superior Plants. Proposed Cllr Phillips, seconded Cllr N Broe, voting unanimous in favour. In future years the cost will be covered by the removal of two redundant floral display containers on Low Road.

24/99 Wiltshire Connect. Resolved: Cllrs Phillips will survey demand within the village.

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

- i) **Village Hall** – Received a grant from SSE for a new heating system to be installed in February which will make the hall more useable and help with the damp issues within the hall, which are the main cause of deterioration of the fabric of the building.
- ii) **Privet Hedge at the South End of Low Road** – No update.

24/100 Date of the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Council will be on Monday 13th January 2024, 7.30pm at Little Cheverell Village Hall.

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 by contacting the Parish Clerk.

Appendix A

A warm welcome to Lucy Thorne who we will vote to Co-opt onto the Parish Council this evening. (Cllrs. To introduce themselves to Lucy).

Roads; A number of road issues were reported to Wiltshire Council and have been dealt with; Gulley cleaning Low Road (South end). Low Road damaged railings: the repairs are still outstanding, the Area Engineer Highways has made a proposal to the relevant team, the railings have been assessed for cost and a budget request is pending for 2025/26, repairs are therefore some considerable time away.

B3098; There have been multiple collisions with the brick wall between the exit to the bends and East Sands, marker posts have been installed which help but did not prevent the latest collision, this section of road is single track, it would be interesting to consider how safety could be improved on this section of the road and make a proposal via LHFIFG. Secondly, we have again narrowly avoided a disruption to the village internet connection due to a tree falling on the cables near the entrance to South View/Cheverell Place. The tree has been removed.

7 Westbury Road: Retrospective planning application. The decision is still pending, and the case has been transferred to another planning officer. There are outstanding issues regarding the comments on drainage and the height of the wall at the frontage of the development, the planner is waiting to hear more from the agent on these matters.