

MINUTES
Charlton St Peter and Wilsford Joint Parish Council
Quarterly Meeting
Thursday 11th May 2023 – to follow AGM meeting
Held in Wilsford Village Hall

1. Apologies for Absence
 - No absences were received
2. Minutes of the meeting held 9th February 2023
 - The minutes were agreed and signed by the chairman
3. Matters Arising from the previous meeting
 - 3.1 Speed Limit in CSP update
 - The PC will not pursue the speed limit reduction anymore as the cost of implementation is impractical.
 - 3.2 Wiltshire Local Plan Review
 - This item is ongoing
 - 3.3 A342
 - Wilsford West Exit
 - CR has been in contact with WC (14 phone calls) requesting a site visit from a highways engineer. A site visit was undertaken but there was no response following that. After more phone calls, CR received a response from WC, that the responsibility lies with the landowner. The landowner has been very swift to respond now the decision from WC has been shared.
 - CR will speak to Mark Carpenter to ask him to cut both north and south of the road to improve visibility for pedestrians and equestrians. The hedge will be cut to 1m tall.
 - CR would like it noted that the MyWilts App is very frustrating and often doesn't work.
 - A342 white lines are scheduled for repainting this coming summer.
 - Ditches in CSP
 - This item was discussed at the village meeting.
 - The CSP ditch is currently blocked, following from the damage caused by the HGV earlier in the year. Some repair work has been undertaken but the ditch opposite Manor Cottage is an ongoing issue. PO asked if the pipe causing the issue could be blasted through or rodded to help alleviate the problem. PO will arrange for the gulley sucker to attend site to see if this can improve the situation.
 - The HGV damage to the bank opposite the church and the road outside 2 Hathaway still hasn't been rectified.
 - 3.4 Broadband issues In Wilsford
 - PO is meeting with the relevant cabinet minister next week. There is a government program of work called ProGigabit which allows providers to bid for money to improve the broadband in rural villages. It was felt that this scheme was more provider driven than consumer driven. It is expected that the highest population areas will get the most funding, SN asked if would could get visibility of the roll-out plan.
4. Environmental Issues
 - CB outlined the main issues in his report which were roadside litter and fires on the plain.
 - This PC is still holding WC to account for their irresponsible attitude towards litter on the county's road and their actions which exacerbate the problem.
 - PO agrees with everything which CB stated in his report and he will ask why litter picking happens on the A361 in Devizes but not anywhere else.
 - NG has asked if someone from higher up in the council environmental dept could speak at the Area Board about why WC refuse to address the issue.

- PO confirmed that the MOD will give better training to their troops to try and reduce the risk. They have done a complete review of the risk assessments on how they deal with a fire, are building concrete dams to hold water in various locations across the plain and are also allowing cattle to graze across the safe areas of the plain. The actions are in accordance with the recommendations made by Dorset & Wiltshire Fire & Rescue.
5. PROW Update
- 5.1. Update from Subcommittee
- JL gave an update from the subcommittee about the outstanding issues on the PROW list.
 - NG has suggested a meeting of all the local stakeholders to discuss a way forward which is a good compromise for all parties.
 - SN will look into what the defined widths are of the WILS and CSP PROWs.
- 5.2. Reports Received
- The report received from Mary Gilmore was shared and discussed. The items not already known to the councillors will be added to the list of PROW issues.
 - MG made the point that there are a large number of PROWs in the east of the county which are covered under the 'Walkers are Welcome' initiative which are annually cut by WC. PROWs in CSP & Wilsford which are also included in the 'Walkers are Welcome' initiative are not included in this annual cut.
 - MG reissued her offer to fund the cutting of local PROWs using Wiltshire Council contractors.
- 5.3. Permissive Path around the back of CSP
- Ongoing
- 5.4. DMMO Applications
- The correspondence from Richard Giles was handed to the parish clerk concerning his objections and safety recommendations
 - The meeting discussed the DMMO's and concluded that due to the criteria used by WC to determine the applications, the planning committee would pass the orders in any event. The meeting also agreed that the time and cost involved in dealing with DMMO's was out of all proportion and that the bringing of historic evidence to the council was totally inappropriate unless current day factors were also considered, such as road safety, current day transportation and the benefits to stakeholders generally.
6. New Website
- SN suggested the promotion of cross village events on the website calendar.
 - More documentation from the old website will be added to the new website.
7. Planning Matters
- There are no planning matters ongoing
8. WC Report from Paul Oatway
- The budget for the next financial year has been set by WC at £465 million. WC will also spend an additional £13million in critical areas such as Highways and Childrens Services. NG asked PO if WC will be transparent about where this extra money is being spent across the county.
 - Waste management in Wiltshire will be changing in the next financial year. Food waste will now be put into a separate bin which will be collected separately.
 - WC has received just over £1 million to provide a rural mobility bus service to serve the Pewsey Vale. The user model will be similar to how the wiggly bus operated. Users will be able to phone, text or use an app to book the bus. This service will also be available to commuters wishing to get to Pewsey and Great Bedwyn rail stations. This service will start in Spring/Summer 2024

- WC will be installing electric vehicle charging points across the county at village halls, local pubs & shops etc.
- Election Expenses will now be charged to town and parish councils, even if they are unopposed elections. The WC cabinet included the election costs changes in the new budget, meaning it wasn't discussed as an individual item, but as part of the budget as a whole. The predicted election costs for our PC are £236.30, our next election will be in 2025 but the payment for the election will be delayed until 2027.
- NG explained his frustrations at WC for not communicating to PC's that a new contracting company is providing the parish steward works, an introduction to the new contractors would have been hugely helpful for maintaining the continuity of tasks. Being able to text or call the previous parish stewards was hugely helpful. PO will get the parish steward details to pass onto NG and MG.

9. PAB Report

- No relevant updates

10. RFO's report

- The RFO report was dealt with during the AGM.

11. Emergency Plan Review

- CF will update the 'Wiltshire & Swindon prepared emergency community contacts' with Barry Stygal (CSP), Yosh Reilly (Wilsford) & Tim Fowle (CSP) details.

12. Neighbourhood Development Plan

- Ongoing

13. Code of Conduct

- Councillors all agreed to adopt the new WC code of conduct. CR would like it noted that the PC often has to be very firm in its criticism of WC, in order to advocate for the people the PC represents. This code of conduct shouldn't mean that PCs aren't able to be critical of those who run the WC.

14. Any other business

- When visiting Wilsford, the Highway technician looked at the damaged safety railings near the Manor bend. He will replace the cones with a temporary safety barrier near the stream, it is unacceptable that it has been left so long. Replacement railings have been ordered and will be painted white by the parish steward.

Declarations of Interest

Note: Members who are bound by the provisions of the National Code of Conduct are required to declare either personal or prejudicial interests and, where necessary, leave the meeting during consideration of any relevant matters.

Future PC meeting dates; • September 14th 2023 • November 9th 2023 • February 8th 2024 • May 9th 2024	PAB Dates • 22nd May 23- Jo Lord • 18th September 23 – Terrance Dixon • 27th November 23 – Joanna Fraser • 4th March 24- Simon Newton
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