

## CHEARSLEY ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING

### Minutes of Annual Village Meeting held in the Village Hall Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 7.00pm

**Chairman:** Nic Brown, **Councillors:** John Lewis, Karen Vear, Angela Gray, Paul Bown, **Clerk:** Helen Spurgeon, **Parishioners:** there were 23 parishioners.

#### 1. Apologies

Robert Parkes.

#### 2. Reports

##### A. Chearsley Parish Council

See AVM Reports Pack.

Nic Brown, Chairman of Chearsley Parish Council, expressed his thanks to the PC team. John Lewis, Vice Chairman of Chearsley Parish Council, highlighted some of the improvement work in the village including:

- The proposed freight zone to remove through traffic
- The HCl improvement project, although progress is slow
- Protection of the lanes
- Verge protection on Winchendon Road
- Kerbing in Church Lane
- Maintenance of verges and the plan to engage a handyman/contractor

John Lewis also spoke about the various communication channels in the village:

- Chearsley News – email [admin@chearsley.com](mailto:admin@chearsley.com) if you would like adding to the distribution list.
- Facebook group
- New village website [www.chearsleypc.org.uk](http://www.chearsleypc.org.uk)
- Chearsley Blog, although this is not used a great deal.

The Parish Council needs to recruit 2 new councillors if any parishioners are interested.

##### B. Community organisations

###### • Church & Bell Ringers

The Church is a place for everyone, it is about the people and there will always be someone there if you want to talk. The Tuesday baby group continues to run as well as many other events throughout the year. Rev Richard Phillips thanked everyone for all their help. The bell ringers continue to practice on a Monday evening.

###### • Village Hall

CVH is thriving, well used and receives a lot of positive feedback. Future projects include looking at increased storage and the purchase of audio-visual equipment. There will be a memorial to Keith Turnbull, perhaps a tree and plaque.

###### • Cricket Club

The teams are all doing well, with over 120 junior players. The pavilion is starting to show its age, some maintenance was done over the winter. The Classic Car Show is the main funding event.

###### • Classic Car Show

This has grown over the last 6 to 7 years and has a very good reputation. Plenty of volunteers have stepped forward to help on the day.

- **Village Trust**  
The Village Trust is a pot of charitable cash held by the village for the village. Funds currently stand at £5,300. The criteria for applications is on the website. Applications are welcomed from individuals and village organisations.
- **Good Neighbours**  
Good Neighbours was set up during covid and is still active giving people lifts to local appointments, collecting prescriptions etc.
- **Historic Chearsley**  
See AVM Reports Pack.
- **Chearsley Show**  
The first village horticultural show in 4 years was a success with a good turn out and support. This year's programme will be published shortly and the show will take place on 7<sup>th</sup> September.

### **3. Parishioners Open Forum**

- Ian Alamghir commented on the work required on some of the verges and banks. He put forward the suggestion of a village maintenance day 3 times a year. Ian agreed to co-ordinate the maintenance day and will meet with Nic Brown and Karen Vear to discuss.
- It was commented how unreliable the bus service is. Nic Brown has written to Redline and will also write to Bucks Council.
- It was commented that the bollards on Winchendon Road means that people are now parking on the roads rather than the verges and also on the path on Chilton Road.
- The idea of a village car park was put forward. There are a couple of possible sites, one being on Chilton Road near the Village Hall. It is a trade off between cost and having this village amenity. A survey will be circulated to gather opinions and ideas, with a meeting to follow.
- It was reported that there is a Thames Water manhole in the verge on Crendon Road, 40 yards past the village sign on your left as you are leaving the village. This manhole is dangerous and could potentially damage a car. Nic Brown will take a look.

### **4. Date of the next Annual Village Meeting**

- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025