

CHILMARK PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 18 September 2024, 7pm
Chilmark Reading Room

Sir Richard Packer – Chair
Bev Small – Vice Chair
Carl Jacobs - Cllr
Johan Denekamp – Cllr
Morag Philpott – Cllr
Peter Young - Cllr
Sofya Samokhina - PC Clerk

In attendance:

Bridget Wayman – Wiltshire Councillor
Mungo Melvin – FFMG, Chair

Anne Pettigrew, Jane Middleton, Colin Diaper, Becky Lee, Daniel Milton, Jerry Moore, Julia Sainsbury, Roy Trigwell, Chrissie Eden, Glen Miller, Sarah Miller, Caroline Downard, Bertie Downard, John Perou, Marian Brown, Anthony Taylor

1. **Apologies/welcome** - The Chair Cllr RP welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies had been received from Cllr Raymond Jack.
2. **Public Forum** – Becky Lee asked whether it was known if, when and how the fence round the playing field would be replaced. The Councillors indicated that was unknown. (See also para 6 below)
3. **Declarations of Interest** – none.
4. **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 3 July 2024** – Approved without amendment and no matters arising.
5. **Wiltshire Councillor Bridget Wayman’s Report**

Cllr Wayman mentioned the planning application at the Black Dog Inn. All of the trees in question were now subject to a TPO. The planning application was unsatisfactory. Cllrs thanked BW for her interest. (See also para 11 below).

Cllr BW understood that the installation of a Speed Indicator Device on the B0389 was under consideration. She cautioned that the provision of such devices was somewhat complicated and costly for parish councils.

Cllr BW also spoke of the new government’s Consultation on the proposed reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) which was concerning as the proposed changes would introduce mandatory housing targets for each planning authority. The housing target for Wiltshire under the current framework required delivery of 1917 houses per annum. Under the proposed framework it would require delivery of 3476 houses per annum - a percentage increase of 81%. This would require an extra 23,385 houses being built in the 15-year Local Plan period to 2038. Many of them would need to be provided in rural areas.

Wiltshire had only 3.85 years of land supply and not 4 as was required for the plan. In her view Chilmark was unlikely to have any housing allocated. The proposals as a whole presented Wiltshire Council with considerable problems.

Cllr BW also mentioned that there would be changes to national policy on renewable energy from the government with even greater stress on onshore wind and solar. Fortunately inclusion in National Landscape (formerly AONBs) had significant weight, which could protect places like Chilmark.

6. **Playing Field Planning Permission update - Claybush Playground Lease update** – It was noted that there had been no change since the last meeting The Chair Cllr RP suggested that Salisbury

Diocesan Board of Education be invited to the next PC meeting, and this was agreed.

7. **Black Dog update** – nothing to report.
8. **Seeds4Success** – Cllr CJ said that Seeds4Success had visited Chilmark to help with clearing up the winterbourne and draining ditch opposite the Black Dog which was critical and had been done very well. It was agreed to gift the organization £200 in appreciation.
9. **Forbes Field update** – Mungo Melvin (MM) spoke about the FF Open Day and BBQ which had taken place on 7 September. He thanked the Cricket Club for providing gazebos and tables, and the Reading Room for providing a BBQ, the bar and face-painting for children. It was estimated that the Reading Room made £300.
MM also presented the remaining information boards which he hoped to place in the Reading Room. T

It was agreed that in future FFMG would normally only report to the PC every second meeting.

Forbes Field Financial update – Cllr JD said that the substantive initial work had been completed. The balance on the FF account was £6729. Construction of the memorial cairn would be the next step. 50% of the cost would be funded by the Forbes family.

10. Finance (Clerk):

- To receive Payments & Receipts statement for period **1 July to 31 August 2024**
Opening Balance on 1 July 2024 was £6427.08. In this period, we did not receive any money.
PC made 6 payments:
2 Payments for PC Clerks salary amounting to £432.00.
2 Payments for grass cutting amounting to £350.
2 Payments for bin emptying in the village of £50.40.
Closing balance on the Treasurer's account on 31 August was £5594.68. Second installment of precept (£5500) was expected to be received by the end of September
Millenium cross account's balance on 31 August was £1303.79.

11. Planning Procedures & Applications

Applications determined since last meeting:

PL/2024/04186 Holly House, Cow Drove, Chilmark, Salisbury, SP3 5AJ - Alteration and extension of a two-storey, detached dwelling house.
Parish Council Position: No Objection.
Wiltshire Council Decision: Planning Permission granted on 18/7/24

PL/2024/05096 Frog Cottage, Frog Lane, Chilmark, Salisbury. SP3 5BB – Listed building Consent- Replace modern single glazed timber frame windows with traditional timber flush frame double glazed units.
Parish Council Position: No Objection.
Wiltshire Council Decision: Planning Permission granted on 4/9/24

PL/2024/05077 Frog Cottage, Frog Lane, Chilmark, Salisbury. SP3 5BB - Listed building Consent - Replace a timber post and rail side fence alongside the drive, on the east side of the property and construct a new stone boundary wall in its place.
Parish Council Position: No Objection.
Wiltshire Council Decision: Planning Permission granted on 24/7/24

PL/2024/05366 Frog Cottage, Frog Lane, Chilmark, Salisbury, SP3 5BB - Householder planning permission - Replace a timber post and rail side fence alongside the drive, on the east side of the property and construct a new stone boundary wall in its place.
Parish Council Position: No Objection
Wiltshire Council Decision: Planning Permission granted on 24/7/24

PL/2024/05732 12 RIDGEWAY, CHILMARK, SALISBURY, SP3 5BX - Householder planning permission - Install wood burner with flue.
Parish Council Position: No Objection

Wiltshire Council Decision: Planning Permission granted on 19/8/24

PL/2024/05989 THE OLD RECTORY, THE STREET, CHILMARK, SALISBURY, SP3 5AT - Mixed species - (G1) - trees overhanging driveway: cut back lateral limbs by up to 1m and overhead limbs to increase clearance by up to 3m; Mixed broadleaves - (G2) - crown raise low hanging limbs up to 3m
Irish Yew trees - (G3) - reduce by up to 50% - up to 1m off sides and up to 2m off the tops
Cherry tree - (T1) – fell; Holm Oak tree - (T2) - reduce limbs away from house by up to 2.5m
Parish Council Position: No Objection
Wiltshire Council Decision: Planning Permission granted on 12/8/24

People get in touch if they need planning permission – everyone is respectful to the planning.

Applications in progress:

PL/2024/06371 BLACK DOG INN, SALISBURY ROAD, CHILMARK, SALISBURY, SP3 5AH - Removal of all trees suffering Ash dieback (T8, T10, T16, T17, T18, T19, T20, T21, T22, T23, T24, T25, T26, T27, T28, T29, T30, T31, G32, T34)
Parish Council Position: Objection
Wiltshire Council Decision Deadline: Notice of REFUSAL to Carry Out TPO Tree Work issued on 9/9/24

WC decision was to refuse the planning application. The Tree officer had visited the site and had raised concerns. BDWG had commissioned an independent tree report which concluded that Felling of the trees would be concerning given the flooding issues and no felling of all the trees in the application would be necessary as the trees had no ADB. Cllr BW was thanked for helping in this matter. The applicant had a right to appeal within 28 days. TPO on all the trees was issued. PC needed to write to Wiltshire Council in support of the decision. Cllr BS expressed gratitude to all who took time to write to WC in protest of the planning application. It was agreed to involve Village Voice to inform people that it would be necessary to write to Wiltshire Council to express their support for the decision to issue the TPO.

12. **Barn Hill Parking update** – Chair Cllr RP recalled that more parking was needed for Barn Hill residents. In that connection he had recently heard from Bridget Wayman that she had good hopes something could be done though no doubt this would fall short of residents' hopes.
He said that following the discussion at the last PC meeting he had written to Cllr Wayman asking for a formal answer from Wiltshire Council to certain questions including how the public interest had been advanced by Wiltshire Council's entering into an agreement with the owner of Cheriton on 15/12/16 about the release of an easement at Barn Hill and whether those affected had been consulted beforehand.
As a result, Cllr Wayman had shown him some of the relevant exchanges at the time. These showed that the procedures adopted by Wiltshire Council had been sub-optimal; for example, those concerned in the legal department with making the formal order had been assured that the relevant councillor (Cllr Wayman) had been consulted when this was not the case. It was all most unfortunate. But none of those concerned were now employed by Wiltshire. And he concluded that a point had been made and there was little to be gained by pressing matters further.
13. **Chilmark War Memorial Restoration update** – Chair Cllr RP said that he had received an email from Grant Philpot of Chilmark Parochial Church Council (PCC) discussing the poor condition of the War Memorial in the Church Yard. Grant had said that was clear that the memorial was in need of restoration; that it belonged to the village yet was situated in the church yard; that after receiving 2 quotations for restoration work it had been agreed by the PCC that the second quote, which was more expensive (£4.5K), was better as the work be done to a higher standard; and that they contemplated making an appeal in the village for further donations towards the restoration work. It was agreed that the PC should support such an approach and that both the PC and PCC should cover any shortfall. He would circulate to members of the PC a draft reply from him to Mr Philpott along these lines.
14. **Salisbury Road, Chilmark Milestone update** – Cllr BS recalled that the Milestone had been damaged by a car overturning on the road. The milestone ended up broken in the front garden of Parson's Paddock after hitting the fence. WC are undertaking the repairs – these were going to be done by the Milestone Society. It was mentioned that the restoration costs might be covered by the insurance claim for the damaged property at the Parson's Paddock. Cllr BS to investigate.

- a) **Speed concerns on Salisbury Road B3089** – After a long discussion it was agreed to look into the possibilities of limiting speeding on Salisbury Road. One possibility was installing a Speed Indicator Device. There were other suggestions and it was agreed to investigate the matter further, before returning to the matter at the next PC meeting.
15. **Parking along Frog Lane** – This problem manifested itself principally at school pick up time. Given goodwill problems could be minimized and the Chairman would speak to the headmaster about reminding parents of the informal rules which experience showed were most effective in this regard.
16. **Proposed reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework and other changes to the planning system** – Cllr BS explaining that there was useful information in a webinar. The PC was planning to respond to the consultation.
- This consultation was made up of 106 questions - while not all were relevant to rural Wiltshire villages Chilmark PC had to respond with the views on our proposed approach to revising the National Planning Policy Framework.
- Views were also sought on a series of wider policy proposals in relation to increasing planning fees (doubling the cost to over £500 for a full planning application), local plan intervention criteria and appropriate thresholds for certain Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects.
- Cllr PY added that one statistic which stood out was that Wiltshire had been given a target 81% increase in housing. The largest in England. One question which was not asked was if the AONB (National Landscape) was safeguarded. Green belt and Green Field sites were not.
- Cllr RP's view was that from the Chilmark perspective the single most important point was what would happen to the provision concerning 'unsustainable' Wiltshire villages in the County Council's plan. Chilmark was regarded as falling within the definition of unsustainable (as we have no shops, doctors surgery etc). Unsustainable villages had a presumption against development and that only infilling of one property for each site would be allowed.
17. **Frickers Paddock playground** – Cllr PY pointed out that the playground was in reasonable order, M Roberts continued to cut the grass in the playground and the verges. He was due to do hedge cutting and to fix some of the fences, which were in need of repair.
- a) 14 Park Drive/ Frickers Paddock border – Chrissie Eden pointed out that there were two trees near her property. One was dead and the other was very much overgrown. She was also concerned about the piece of land where the grass was overgrown. It was agreed that Cllrs PY and RP would visit and report back.
18. **South West Wiltshire LHFIF of 28/08/2024** – Cllr BS – report attached.
19. **Date of next PC meeting** – 6 November 2024.

Attachments:

South West Wiltshire LHFIG:

Financial budget available for all works - £21,213 (so c£1k more than anticipated). Parish councils contribute 25% of costs & LHFIG 75%.

However local PC demands are high - there were 12 bids up for consideration including dropped kerbs, white lines - marking & amendments, 20mph limit, village gates, road name signs.

After consideration & deliberation Fovant will submit a Substantive Bid for their works - this comes from central funding (deemed appropriate when the projected costs exceed total local budget) These bids have to be submitted by end of October with decisions made by February.

3 other proposals of the 12 submitted had works agreed.

Under works already agreed - the meeting was very pleased to hear that Chilmark's white lines - agreed in 2022, at The Cross & SLOW to accompany blind summit signs - had finally been completed. As both undertaken at same time we may get a small rebate from the council.

No David Button update as he was away on leave.

The next meeting is Wednesday 13 November 2-4pm @ The Nadder Centre.