

## **Cherington and Stourton Joint Parish Council Meeting**

### **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 8.00pm**

Parish Clerk: Dawn Fisher. School Cottage, Burmington, Shipston-on-Stour.  
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**Present:** Cllrs P Townsend (Chair), B Babbage, D Maaz, I Cameron, A Parmenter  
D Fisher (Clerk & RFO)  
1 member of the public

**1. Apologies:** Cllr J Barker (Warwickshire County Council)

**2. Declarations of interest:** None

**3. Minutes:** The Minutes from the last AGM 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024 were approved by all present and signed as a true and correct copy.

**4. Election of Chair:** Cllr Townsend was proposed by Cllr Maaz, seconded by Cllr Cameron.  
Approved.

**5. Election of Vice Chair:** Cllr Babbage was proposed by Cllr Parmenter, seconded by Cllr Cameron.  
Approved.

**6. Chairman's Report:** Cllr Townsend thanked all Parish Councillors for their hard work during the year and to Mrs Sara Cole for her role as Clerk until she stepped down. Thanks also to the Clerk for Whichford & Ascott, Nicky Aldenton, for providing cover and taking minutes at the October meeting. At our December meeting we welcomed Miss Dawn Fisher as our new Clerk to the Parish Council (PC), thank you.

On the planning front, the PC have not commented on all applications. The majority were house extensions and tree works.

Permission was granted to Marsh Farm, Stourton, for refurbishment and reconstruction of an existing factory.

Consideration is pending for permission at North Farm, Cherington, for a wildlife pond requiring diversion of the public road. Members of the PC visited the site in October. Warwickshire County Council Highways responded about the diversion of the bridleway and public footpath stating it was temporary for safety reasons whilst the building works were continuing. The Secretary of State subsequently gave notice of an Order authorising the stopping up of the bridleway and highway.

At an Extraordinary Meeting in March we held an open meeting to discuss the planning application for 8 local need dwellings on land adjacent to St Johns Road, Cherington, as the ownership of the land had changed. Stratford District Council are pending consideration.

Warwickshire County Council have put forward 40.62ha of land at Camperdown Farm on the South Warwickshire Local Plan (SWLP) for the development of up to 812 new dwellings.

Regarding road maintenance, there has been some pothole repair in places and a new culvert in the road by Marsh Farm, Stourton.

The Severn Trent sewage concern is still ongoing with foul water flooding when it rains. A meeting was arranged in February 2024 with representatives from Severn Trent to discuss the current situation. Unfortunately, our MP was unable to attend. There was to be a follow up meeting in 6 months (August 2024). This follow up meeting took place in March 2025 with our new MP. Discussions ongoing.

Financially, the PC bank account balance at 15/04/2025 stood at £11,797.76.

The PC, at the request of the Playing Field Committee, have taken on the cost of mowing the playing field previously and are still continuing with this request.

The 2023/24 audit was successfully signed off and thanks go to Mrs Nicky Aldenton for carrying out the internal audit.

We have not had much success yet in getting the bank to transfer to the new Clerk but hopefully this will accrue soon.

#### **7. Financial Report:**

Due to the ongoing trouble trying to access the PC's bank account statements, the Clerk reported the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) would not be signed off at this meeting. This will be completed at the June PC meeting as the forms must be submitted by June 30<sup>th</sup> to the external auditors. A full financial report to date will be supplied.

#### **8. Election of Village Hall Representatives**

None.

The PC would like a representative from the Village Hall to attend meetings for better communication.

#### **9. Any other business**

Cllr Parmenter requested an update on the bus shelter. The Clerk reported the PC have received an estimate from Orpheus Developments Ltd for £680.00 to replace the roof lining with hardwood ply sheeting, cut out and replace all window sills with hardwood sills, rub down and stain seating.

Materials and some carpentry work by others.

Cllrs agreed unanimously to accept the estimate.

**Date of next meeting: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 7.30pm**

The Chair thanked everyone for attending.

Meeting closed 8.30pm