

Page 1 Item	No	<u>Minutes of the Chapmanslade Annual Meeting held on Thursday 13th April 2017 at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall</u>
Present	1683	The meeting commenced at 7.00pm.
	1684	P Jefferson Chairman , AOakley , J Lewis, FMorland, D Barnard, Keith Muston and Phil Holihead, arrived after the start of the meeting and M House Clerk
Apologies	1685	Councilor Fleur de Rhe Philipe and Debbie Robbins, Police Officer attended the meeting.
	1686	20 members of the public attended the meeting.
	1687	Apologies were received from Frank Lake, John Foster, and Charles Thackway and Amy Hardman.
Welcome	1688	The Chairman welcomed the public, introduced the councilors, welcomed Fleur de Rhe Philipe and Debbie Robbins and explained the context of the meeting.
	1689	Mr. Jefferson commented on the major issues regarding traffic, which have been highlighted throughout the year and particularly through the Village Voice. The three areas of concern relate to speeding, overweight lorries and congestion particularly outside the school at 9 am and 3 pm.
Speeding	1690	<u>Speeding through the village.</u> In the absence of Mr. Holihead, Mr. Jefferson explained the process of <u>Speed Watch</u> and that two new locations have been approved, in addition to the present locations. These are at the telephone box and at Green Farm.
	1691	Debbie Robbins commented on the continued ability for police officers to carry out speed checks but these were limited. However traffic engineers can also do checks. She later reported that recruitment of a lot more specials and training was now taking place and they too will be able to carry out speed checks in the future.
	1692	Questions were asked on the number of speed cameras available and Mr. Jefferson reported that the present availability is shared with Dilton Marsh. He also commented on the need for more volunteers on the Speed watch team. The process of what happens regarding contact with those who are registered as being over the speed limit was discussed. Letters are sent out from the Community Speed Watch team and visits made to those over 40mph. Cars flashing lights to warn of speed checks and legality of this was discussed as was the following further possibilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the purchase of 2 cameras • average speed cameras-application to lottery funding.

Page 2		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • dummy cameras as well as real • Bi- monthly reports from the speed watch team in the Bridge and on website to make residents more aware of the outcomes of the process. Numbers speeding etc. 	
Weight Restictions	1693	<p><u>2.Weight restrictions and overweight lorries.</u> Mr. Jefferson explained the difficulties with the present 18 tonne restriction and the enforcement of that and the recognition that 18tonne and over usually relates to 3 axles.</p>	
	1694	Terry Rose explained the present situation regarding the unofficial lorry watch approach, the Voice of the Village, the Village Face Book page and how evidence has been collated. He has also spoken to the firms in respect of Sat. Navs. used by drivers.	
	1695	There is a mixed response to his calls, generally positive and owners have spoken with their drivers. One driver was sacked.	
	1696	Neil Miller commented that TR had been doing a fantastic job and that the Facebook element works well.	
	1697	Terry spoke about the collection of data over time and the hope that this will be useful evidence in support of having changes made to signage on A36 and enforcement of the 18 tonne limit.	
	1698	Neil Miller commented on the fact that the majority of lorries going through are doing so at 25 miles an hour, and do slow other traffic down. Those coming through at school times are mounting pavements.	
	1699	Fleur de Rhe Philipe commented on the lorry watch approach and said that this has worked extremely well on the bridge in Bradford on Avon. She commented on Wiltshire's engagement with Highways England at present to ensure that the appropriate signing is posted on the A36 to deter such traffic using the village.	
	1700	The Clerk reported on a letter from Highways England in response to previous correspondence on this issue and Mr. Jefferson reported on the initiatives to restrict the use of personal Sat. Navs. in lorries. It is apparent that Government ministers want a soft touch approach on this rather than legislation. Amy Hardman has recommended that overweight lorries using restricted roads should be reported to the police.	
	1701	It was also suggested that linking an official lorry watch scheme in line with Community Transport group and Speed Watch would be a sensible way forward.	
	1702	Fleur de Rhe Philipe was questioned rigorously regarding the lack of the 7 and a half tonne limit originally proposed some years ago. She reiterated that this was all dependent on the implementation of a new junction at the A303 and that there was a need to Box	

		<p>Chapmanslade, Corsley and Maiden Bradley together to make this effective. Giving precedence to one village rather than either of other two would not be fair as increased traffic would result detrimentally on the other two villages.</p>	
	1703	<p>She recognized that Chapmanslade does have a problem but the other villages and particularly Maiden Bradley do as well. Fleur commented on the proposals at Stonehenge and that the improvements to A303 junction would happen following that.</p>	
	1704	<p>Neil Miller commented on the fact that there is no comparison with Maiden Bradley as Chapmanslade is longer than Maiden Bradley with more houses adjacent to the road and Chapmanslade does have a school with increasing pupils and traffic.</p>	
	1705	<p>Terry Rose commented on the urgent need within the village and that it is much worse than is at presently perceived.</p>	
	1706	<p>Fleur de Rhe Philipe commented that this was a universal problem for all schools and villages and that alleviating congestion in the village was a high priority on hers and the council's agenda.</p>	
	1707	<p>Phil Holihead joined the meeting at 7.45.p.m.</p>	
Traffic	1708	<p><u>Congestion and particularly outside the school.</u></p>	
Congestion		<p>Phil Jefferson opened the debate on this aspect commenting on a School Governor's remark in minutes from 1980/1990 relating to traffic and congestion "there doesn't seem to be a solution to the problem". He commented on the concern raised by the Head teacher that the publicity generated by the issue may put parents off attending the school.</p>	
	1709	<p>Mr. Jefferson stated that the Parish Council and the Village value the school, its achievements and its contribution within the community and that everyone working together within the community to find solutions to alleviate the problem and make life easier and safer has to be a positive way forward.</p>	
	1710	<p>Mr. Jefferson welcomed Adam Brill and Sally Evans, who were attending the meeting as Governors. Adam Brill commented that the school, were anxious to help. He commented on the idea of a walking bus from Barters, which had been muted and the difficulties that this presents and on the difficulties also presented in walking from Forest walk.</p>	
	1711	<p>Concern was raised on how parents could be enforced to park considerately. Debbie Robbins said that the police could have no influence as no one was parking illegally.</p>	
	1712	<p>Val Marshall who is also a Governor at the school commented on the difficulties for a head teacher, whose role is to safeguard pupils within the school confines and is not in a position to regulate the traffic.</p>	

Page 4	1713	<p>The following ideas were also discussed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A walking bus from Barters Farm. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking across the back of Barters farm to Wood Lane presents problems with the pathway not being completely constructed and the narrowing of the pathway once leaving Wood Lane. • Parents not wanting to use the walking bus and preferring to manage their children travelling to school themselves, reliability of volunteers. 	
	1714	2. The purchase of land behind the school and parking there.	
	1715	3. Does the school have a current travel plan? Yes.	
	1716	4. Wiltshire Council encouraging schools to apply for a permanent 20 mph limit in the vicinity of the school. <i>It was noted that there is no speeding outside of the school at beginning and end of day due to the congestion.</i>	
	1717	5. Could build outs/speed humps be considered and why were these rejected in the past. These were rejected due to the intensity of objections to the proposals within the community. <i>Fleur commented on the difficulty of having too many plans and that on occasions it is more beneficial to have one plan and implement that.</i>	
	1718	6. The increase in traffic volume over 1 year has doubled .	
	1719	7. Common sense is what is required.	
	1720	8. How to engage parents in parking in a responsible way. Could a drop off point be considered outside the school with volunteers monitoring pupils into school. This would not work at the end of he day.	
	1721	9 Reinstatement of a school crossing patrol.	
	1722	10. Increased drive from school to encourage parents to be more reasonable in their parking. The Parish Council and the community want the school to know that they are very proud of the school and that they are pleased that the dialogue between the school, on this matter, is building.	
	1723	11. There is a need for a best solution before an accident occurs.	
	1724	Fleur stated that she was happy to consider ideas put forward as the council also wanted to help in any way they can.	
	1725	Before leaving the meeting, Fleur commented on the departure of Dennis Barnard and Phil Jefferson from the Parish Council and their outstanding and exceptional contributions over their time as councilors.	

Page 5 Parking on Pavements	1726	<u>Parking on pavements</u> . Debbie Robbins discussed the police difficulties in prosecuting those who park on pavements, stating that unless they were causing an obstruction no action could be taken. Mr. Morland commented that parking on pavements was illegal and prosecutions should be enforced.
Declarations of Interest	1727	There were no declarations of interest.
Minutes Chairman's report	1728	The minutes of the last Annual meeting were read and approved. Mr. Jefferson reported on events during the last year. He noted that since moving the meetings from the school to the Village Hall the number of public attending had fallen. He commented on the number of planning issues, which have been a major part of the council's work load. Many applications have related to minor developments but one at Short Street for a "glamping" camp site had been turned down on Road Safety grounds and this was felt to be the appropriate decision.
	1729	Mr Jefferson also referred to the ongoing issues and appeal at Sienna's Valley and that the mobile home had now been removed and we now await the planning enforcement officer's decision on whether,all the terms of the inspectors decision have been met. He also referred to the application for office accommodation at Thoulstone Park and a holiday complex and the Longleat proposal for a 240, bed hotel just outside Warminster. Other aspects discussed by the council that he referred to were fracking, bus service reviews, and broadband speeds.
Village Plan	1730	<u>Village Plan</u> Adam Oakley reported on the Village Plan, the huge effort and involvement of the community and the development of the questionnaire, which would hopefully be available to all residents in June and the planning group would report back to the Parish Council once they have analysed the questionnaire responses. He also commented on the success of Lorry Watch, the success of the community face book and mains gas continuing to be explored. Further letters on gas being distributed shortly.
Speed watch	1731	<u>Speed Watch</u> Phil Holihead reported on the success of <u>Speedwatch</u> and how two new sites were in place and being used. The team had completed 12 x1 hour slots during the year with over 4500 cars. The average cars an hour are 370 and 44 have been logged for speeding.
N'bour hood Watch	1732	<u>Neighbourhood Watch</u> Phil Holihead reported on the progress with his team. He is hoping that crime issues can be reported

Page 6		through Community Watch rather than through paper copies and this would involve all residents signing up to Community Watch. Crimes are also reported via the website.	
Parish Stewards.	1733	<u>Parish Steward Scheme.</u> Keith Muston reported that there is a visit from the team once a month and this is also shared with Dilton Marsh. The footpath near Green Farm has recently been repaired as has the road at Southcroft. There are more difficulties with gullies being cleared but this is on a list.	
Footpaths	1734	<u>Footpaths.</u> Adam Oakley reported on the reduction in resources for keeping footpaths clear and whilst some have been cleared he was not aware of who had done this and suggested that if walking the footpaths to carry a pair of secateurs. The Village plan process has shown an interest in footpaths and requests for kissing gates instead of styles to make paths more accessible is of particular interest. A footpath action group may be set up following the return of the questionnaires.	
Village hall	1735	<u>Village Hall</u> Adam Oakley reported that that annual meeting reported very positive results and a steady growth in casual users. Continual effort from the committee to keep the hall in good condition with updated modern facilities make it a very valuable asset for the village. This year has seen a new commercial dishwasher for the kitchen, new taps in the toilets, a new front door and alarm system. The drains have continued to be a challenge and have been courageously dealt with by volunteers who also cleared the gutters on the coldest day of the year and give freely of their time. LED lighting has been ordered to be installed shortly and a number of other projects are being discussed Chapmanslade wildlife inhabitants have created a few problems on the field this year, but we hope the repair work will make the field even smoother and maybe encourage a village sports team or two? Events organised by village organisations, the village hall committee and individuals make the hall a popular venue for many. If you would like to help, get involved or have suggestions then please contact us.	
Defibrillator	1736	<u>Defibrillator.</u> John Lewis reported on the use of the defibrillator. He stated that fund raising was on target and that the need for its use had taken place recently. However before the defibrillator was activated the ambulance arrived and there was no need to use it.	

<p>Page 7 Finance</p>	<p>1737</p>	<p><u>Finance</u> The Clerk reported that for the forthcoming year the council has increased its precept by a small amount to cater for the complete phasing out of supportive grant funding by the LA and the unknown potential costs, had there been an election without a unitary authority election. It was explained that we are not a high-spending authority and that our income for the current year 2017/2018 is £5,200. Most of our expenditure is on the village hall, which last year received a grant towards upkeep of £3,250, and the remainder is devoted to small grants to the parish church, towards the cost of grass cutting and the British Legion and The Bridge Magazine. Other on going costs cover payment to the Clerk, Insurance, Wiltshire Association of Local Councils membership fees, and payment to the Information Commission. In the current year a Band D household in the parish will pay £16.79 per year, compared to £15.96 last year, an increase of 0.83 p. per household. In percentage terms this works out at 5.2%. The total payments in the last year have been £4835.24 pence We are grateful to the Village Hall committee for the use of the Village Hall at no extra payment, and to Tim Humphreys for completing the internal audit process at no cost, both of which has also enabled a slight reduction in spending over the last year. The council hopes that this gives the public value for money.</p>	
<p>Chairman - Thank you and tributes.</p>	<p>1738</p>	<p>Phil Jefferson then put forward the following: 1. He paid tribute to the support the parish council has received from Fleur, our Wiltshire Councilor in the past twelve months. Without her involvement and her contacts at County Hall, the decision that was finally arrived at concerning the Sienna's Valley issue would have been difficult to achieve. He also thanked her for the support she has also given him personally.</p>	
	<p>1739</p>	<p>2. He stated that the council was privileged to be able to host a meeting of the Warminster Area Board last year, with councilors being able to see for themselves how the village hall committee had used the grant they have received from the Area Board. On that occasion the Board gave another grant, which made the purchase of that wonderful dishwasher possible. It was also an opportunity to promote the village that evening: you can see a copy of the presentation given, which is on the village website.</p>	

<p>Page 8</p>	<p>1740</p> <p>1741</p> <p>1742</p> <p>1743</p> <p>1744</p>	<p>3. He also extended his thanks to his colleagues on the parish council for their hard work and commitment over the year. Being a parish councilor carries with it quite a heavy responsibility but the benefit is in seeing community spirit becoming stronger. He also gave thanks to, our hard-working clerk, who keeps us all in order and also to Julian, her husband, whose support to Minnie and to all of us has been considerable and is much appreciated.</p> <p>4. He commented on the commitment to try their best to make Chapmanslade a better place in which to live and he hoped he was not being too optimistic in saying that the village is in good shape and that the community spirit is strong. The proof of that will be in the responses received from the forthcoming Village Voice questionnaire</p> <p>5. He stated that the council would be very sorry to lose Adam from the parish council next month. He has a passion for the village, which is unrivalled but the pressures of running a business mean that he can't do everything that he would like to do to support the village. It is understood that he will continue with masterminding the village planning process and that he will continue to work hard organising village events via the village hall committee. He wished him well and thanked him profusely for all he has done as a parish councilor, particularly his work concerning public footpaths, initiating the parish planning process and as the representative on the village hall committee.</p> <p>6. In mentioning his standing down from the council Mr. Jefferson stated, "As most of you already know, tonight's parish council meeting, which follows in a few moments, will be my last. Events in my life last year have told me that I need to slow down somewhat and learn to take a back seat. So, with some reluctance, and with great sadness, I have decided to stand down from the council. I have enjoyed my role, difficult as it has often been, and it has been a privilege to serve the Chapmanslade community. I wish the council, the community and my successors, every success. Adam and I will be replaced on the parish council by John Foster and Charlie Thackway. I wish them, John Lewis, Keith Muston, Francis Morland and Phil Holihead every success as they look after all our interests in the coming years."</p> <p>7. In paying tribute to Mr. Barnard and his many years service as a councilor Mr. Jefferson presented him with a gift</p>	
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from the councilors and stated, "I've left to the very end the most important part of this report. There will be one further vacancy on the council, which will need to be filled at a later date. That's because, as you know, we are reaching the end of an era tonight with this also being Dennis's last meeting. As you saw in The Bridge, he first joined the council in 1968 and, in all, he has served 42 years as a parish councilor. That is an outstanding achievement. Dennis truly is "Mr. Chapmanslade" having been born and bred here and he has played such a huge part in the village over so many years - the chapel, he ran the post office and village shop and was, and still is, "the man to go to" within the village; his involvement with the village hall and also many years as a school Governor, including Chairman. As a parish councilor he has been a leading light in so many of the initiatives that have helped to make Chapmanslade "God's Own Country" as his Rotary colleagues have a delight in calling our village. Like Adam, he has a passion for the village and he has worked tirelessly and selflessly in all his roles to protect and improve the quality of life for all of us. Dennis, we are hugely grateful to you for all you have done over so many years. We thank you most warmly and we wish you and Gwen a long and happy retirement. A while ago we thought you might be leaving the village around now but that is not to be the case for the time being. We wish you both all the best for whatever the future holds for you."

1745 Mr. Barnard thanked his fellow councilors and also thanked his wife Gwen for all her hard work and support, which has enabled him to partake in the village as he has. He also paid tribute to Mr. Jefferson commenting that in his time the council had never had a better Chairman who paid such attention and detail in all he did.

1746 Keith Muston then paid tribute to Mr. Jefferson and his work on and for the council. He thanked him for all the work for the Parish Council and for the Village. He also paid tribute to his wife Joyce and her support for Phil. He also commented on how amazed he always was that Mr. Jefferson seemed to know everyone and that his intelligence network must be the envy of GCHQ!

1747 The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

1748 The next meeting will take place on 12th April 2018