

CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 2 OCTOBER 2017 AT
THE PAVILION, WITCHCOMBE CLOSE, GREAT CHEVERELL

Minute No.	Item	Action
156/17	Councillors in Attendance: S. Davies (Chair), R. Hayward (Vice Chair), S. Pearce, A. Godfrey, A. Alexander R. Gamble (Wiltshire Council)	
157/17	Public in Attendance: 4	
158/17	Apologies for Absence: Cllr. H. Simons (on holiday)	
159/17	Open Forum: No issues raised.	
160/17	Disclosures of Interest: None declared.	
161/17	Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 September 2017: <i>Agreed</i> unanimously without amendment. Signed off by the Chair for Public Display.	Clerk
162/17	Actions from previous meetings: Council <i>agreed</i> that all issues were either resolved, or for further discussion at this meeting.	
163/17	Report by Cllr. R. Gamble, Wiltshire Council: a) Victoria Park: (included in Minute 171/17 below); b) Traffic issues along the B3098: a meeting would be held in Edington on 3 October to discuss such issues, which Cllr. Davies would be attending. Cllr. Gamble suggested that the C40 through Great Cheverell (the HGV diversion route) should also be discussed at this meeting, which was <i>agreed</i> ; c) the Devizes Community Hub would be officially opened at the Library on 10 October; d) a Parking Consultation had been commenced, which could lead to increased charges, especially on the Devizes Market Square. The Clerk confirmed that details of this had already been distributed to Councillors; e) Changes were underway to Recycling collections, including a short closure of the Devizes site in late November.	S. Davies All Councillors
164/17	Wiltshire Police: No report received.	

165/17	<p>Clerk's Report:</p> <p>a) Casual Vacancy: Following the resignation of Mrs. T. Alexander, a Casual Vacancy Notice had been published which would close on 5 October, after which Council would be free to co-opt a suitable person;</p> <p>b) New website: Cllr. Davies and the Clerk had met with the new website manager, who had submitted an interactive draft on which Councillors were asked to <i>comment</i>. The Clerk would write to local groups asking them to update their website entries. Cllr. Davies would hand over the domain name details to the new website manager. It was hoped that the new website could go live from 1 November;</p> <p>c) Mobile Library consultation: Council <i>noted</i> that this had been notified to residents on the website and in <i>News and Views</i>, and therefore no further action was required.</p>	All Councillors Clerk S. Davies
166/17	<p>Finance:</p> <p>a) Previous Financial Years: Council <i>noted</i> that the Final Certificate for 2016/17 was still awaited, along with the Statutory Charge of £100;</p> <p>b) Current Financial Year: Council <i>noted</i> the current balances and projected outturn. The following payments were <i>approved</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk's Salary (October 2017) • £65.00 – Wiltshire Council Tax on playing field (prior-approved Direct Debit) • £1,148.70 – Grant Thornton re. 2015/16 External Audit (includes £191.45 recoverable VAT) • £113.40 – RoSPA Playsafety Ltd. re. 2017 playground inspection (includes £18.90 recoverable VAT) • £162.13 – Mr. R. Hayward re. Grounds maintenance costs (includes £0.48 recoverable VAT) <p>The Council <i>approved</i>, with regret, the budget overspend relating to the 2015/16 External Audit, <i>noting</i> the unsuccessful representations they had made to the External Auditor.</p> <p>c) Draft 2018/19 Budget: Council noted that this would inform the Annual Precept, and would need to be agreed at the January 2018 meeting. It would therefore become a Standing Item up to that time.</p>	
167/17	<p>Traffic issues:</p> <p>a) Junction of C40 / B3098 at Pear Tree Lane: the Working Group had met, and was pursuing Wiltshire Council to determine exactly who was responsible for verge trimming, levelling the verge to improve sightlines, and improving signage;</p>	Working Group

171/17 (contd.)	<p>Turning the existing grass verges, which were widely used for car parking, into parking bays was also discussed.</p> <p>Based on the above, Council <i>agreed in principle</i> (proposed Cllr. Davies, seconded Cllr. Godfrey, all in favour) to <i>accept</i> an Asset Transfer of recreational green spaces within Victoria Park. This would require volunteers coming forward to use a gang mower which had already had funds allocated by the Council and the Area Board. This would not include verges outside houses, which would require maintenance from a specialist contractor (which could be funded from the Community Infrastructure Levy, or specific contributions from residents).</p> <p>In conclusion, Council <i>welcomed</i> the much more positive position.</p>	
172/17	<p>Pavilion issues:</p> <p>a) No report received.</p> <p>a) Based on recent experience Council <i>agreed</i> that, should a suitable prior application be made for an approved event, users (including Holy Trinity parents) would be permitted to park on the Witchcombe Close grass area (NOT the playing field), if weather conditions were appropriate and parking was controlled by Stewards. No overnight parking would be allowed.</p>	
173/17	<p>Playground:</p> <p>a) Details of the September inspection by Cllr. Simons are awaited;</p> <p>b) Council <i>considered</i> the recent RoSPA report. It was generally felt that no new issues had been uncovered, and only general maintenance (including deeper woodchip for the play areas, some reseeding, and concreting-in the goalposts) was required;</p> <p>c) proposals for enhancing the play area are awaited.</p>	<p>H. Simons</p> <p>R. Hayward / S. Pearce</p> <p>A. Godfrey</p>
174/17	<p>Emergency Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Alexander has now completed a draft of this exercise, which would shortly be circulated to Council for comment. • First Aid training would be arranged for late October. A suitable venue would be required. 	<p>A. Alexander</p> <p>A. Alexander</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 9.12pm.</p>	

NEXT MEETINGS: Monday 6 November 2017, 7.30pm
Monday 4 December 2017, 7.30pm
All at The Pavilion, Witchcombe Close

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