

CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2018
AT THE PAVILION, WITCHCOMBE CLOSE, GREAT CHEVERELL

Minute No.	Item	Action
132/18	Councillors in Attendance: A. Alexander (Chair), R. Hayward, S. Pearce, P. Cadwgan, K. Porter Cllr. R. Gamble (Wiltshire Council)	
133/18	Public in Attendance: 17	
134/18	Apologies for Absence: Mr. T. Knight (Governor, Erlestoke Prison) PCSO G. Dodd (Wiltshire Police)	
135/18	Applications for Councillor vacancy: None received. Council <i>noted</i> , with regret, the resignation of Cllr. Hazel Simons.	
136/18	Open Forum: a) A number of parishioners and visitors from outside the Parish expressed concerns about the possible closure of the Great Cheverell Stores and Post Office (“the shop”). Mrs. K. Hannavy read out a prepared statement, asking the Council to consider the following proposals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • registering a planning application with Wiltshire Council to declare the shop as an Asset of Community Value; • considering relocating the shop; • requiring the existing shop premises to be rented out to new management; • exploring options for Mobile Banking / Post Office services; • calling a Special Meeting to solely discuss this issue; • undertaking a survey to determine what users wanted the shop to sell. b) The Chair informed the meeting that, since the issue was last discussed at the March meeting (<i>Minute 43/18</i>) the Council had been exploring many of the above concerns, in discussion with the shop. However, the shop is still a going concern, and a privately-owned business, and no action could be taken that would prejudice that position. The owners are still awaiting firm financial information before they make a final decision, which is likely to be at the end of September.	

<p>136/18 (contd.)</p>	<p>c) Further to the discussion at the March meeting, the shop owners have reported that they have received no suggestions for carrying new / different lines of stock and, despite the ‘use it or lose it’ message, footfall / customer spend had not significantly changed.</p> <p>d) Council did not consider that the call for a Special Meeting was warranted, given the small proportion of visitors who had attended this meeting. Further reports would be considered at future Council meetings.</p> <p>e) Council discussed this matter further after the majority of parishioners and visitors had chosen to leave. It was resolved (<i>proposed Cllr. Hayward, seconded Cllr. Porter, all in favour</i>) to apply to Wiltshire Council to have the shop registered as an Asset of Community Value.</p> <p>f) Mr. F. Coupe asked about progress on footpath issues (<i>Minute 104/18(a)</i>), and was informed that the issue had been registered via MyWiltshire, which was the only way to guarantee a response, although footpath work was regarded as a low priority by Wiltshire Council. Cllr. Gamble agreed to take this further.</p> <p>g) With regard to extended parking on Council land (Pavilion) and public land (outside the Pub), vehicles in an illegal or unroadworthy condition would be reported to the Police. Cllr. Gamble agreed to confirm ownership of the parking area outside the Pub with Wiltshire Highways.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr. Gamble</p> <p>Clerk Cllr. Gamble</p>
<p>137/18</p>	<p>Disclosures of Interest: None declared.</p>	
<p>138/18</p>	<p>Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 July 2018: Agreed unanimously without amendment. Signed off by the Chair for Public Display.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>139/18</p>	<p>Report by Cllr. R. Gamble, Wiltshire Council:</p> <p>a) Wiltshire Council has reported that the main drain through the village is now clear. However, the Parish Council remains concerned that a lot of the roadside drains, especially at the higher (southern) end of the village, remain blocked and therefore are still likely to cause flooding. Cllr. Gamble agreed to arrange a site visit with Wiltshire Council engineers.</p> <p>b) With regard to Victoria Park, it was noted that the Atkins Report was still outstanding, largely due to the August holidays. All parties were maintaining pressure on this.</p> <p>c) The next meeting of the Devizes Area Board is on 10 September. There is unlikely to be any change to parking arrangements in Devizes until at least May 2019.</p>	<p>Cllr. Gamble</p>

140/18	<p>Wiltshire Police: A written report has been received, which is on the website.</p>	
141/18	<p>Clerk's Report:</p> <p>a) The Clerk reported on the large number of events and actions that had occurred over the Summer Recess. The following actions were <i>agreed</i>:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. to take action on the two Council vacancies; ii. to <i>approve</i> the recent five-yearly tree survey, and seek quotations for undertaking the identified safety work; iii. to <i>approve</i> the purchase of two new gate springs for the playpark, at a cost of £106.52 + recoverable VAT; iv. further to Minute 60/17, to take no further action on the provision of a disabled swing seat at this time, due to excessive cost and lack of demand; v. to <i>approve</i> the purchase of a new weight limit sign for the zipwire, and a new sign requesting users of the playing field to clean up after their dogs; vi. to <i>confirm</i> the delegation to Cllr. Hayward to authorise marquees and camping on the playing field as a part of Pavilion hire; vii. to <i>postpone</i> the Village Clean-Up until Spring 2019, and to consider further exercises in the light of how that event is supported by Parishioners; viii. to <i>approve</i> a grant of £100 to Citizens Advice Wiltshire; ix. to <i>approve</i> the purchase CCTV equipment to monitor dog fouling along Green Lane, and report findings to the Wiltshire Council Dog Warden for potential prosecution; x. to <i>defer</i> discussion on hedging between Witchcombe Lane and the playing field to the October meeting; xi. to <i>investigate</i> the cost of a display stand for the footpath map, and to seek local sponsorship. <p>b) The Clerk was asked to summarise the recent consultation exercise by the Boundary Commission, regarding possible changes to Wiltshire Council Divisions.</p> <p>c) Further to the resignation of Cllr. Simons, Cllr. Porter <i>agreed</i> to take on the portfolio of monthly playground inspections. Suitable training would be explored.</p>	<p>A. Alexander Clerk Clerk Clerk A. Alexander R. Hayward Clerk Clerk K. Porter Clerk</p>
142/18	<p>Finance:</p> <p>a) 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 (September 2018); • £28.00 – Ringstones Media re. Website management (September 2018) 	

142/18 (contd.)	<p>(NB. both of these payments are made by Standing Order)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £5.96 – Mrs H. Simons re. grass seed for playground • £100.79 – Clerk’s expenses re. AGAR postage, backpay in accordance with the 2017/18 Internal Audit Report, and playground signage • £175.00 – Mark Sharples re. tree survey • £350.00 – Bernard Willington re. footpath map • £83.78 – Cllr. R. Hayward re. weedkiller (incl. £13.96 recoverable VAT) • £100 – Citizens Advice Wiltshire re. Grant (<i>see Minute 141/18 (a) (viii)</i>) <p>b) Cllr. Cadwgan updated Council on a recent check he had undertaken on the accounting records, in accordance with Financial Regulation 2.2.</p> <p>c) Following the resignation of Cllr. Simons, the appointment of Cllr. Cadwgan as an authorised signatory was approved. A supplementary estimate of £30 to the Chair’s Allowance was approved to provide an appropriate leaving gift to Mrs Simons to recognise her long service to the village.</p> <p>d) The 2017/18 Final Accounts report is still awaited from the Auditors. The Clerk informed Council that no requests to review the Accounts had been received during the period for the Exercise of Public Rights, which ended on 27 July.</p>	
143/18	<p>Standing Reports:</p> <p>a) A verbal update was received from Mr. D. Read concerning the Victoria Park Residents Association (VPRA).</p> <p>b) Cllr. Cadwgan reported on the cost of buying a Speed Indication Device (SID), which would be in the region of £1700. Council requested that a trial, using the Erlestoke SID, be undertaken first, to see if it has any effect in Great Cheverell.</p>	P. Cadwgan
144/18	<p>Strategic Developments</p> <p>Cllr. Alexander will be seeking proposals for the playground extension from 3 companies, for consideration by Council. Funding sources have been identified. There is still a need to determine the needs and requirements of village children.</p>	A. Alexander K. Porter
	<p>The meeting closed at 9.56pm.</p>	

NEXT MEETING: Monday 1 October, 7.30pm
At The Pavilion, Witchcombe Close

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