

CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2018
AT THE PAVILION, WITCHCOMBE CLOSE, GREAT CHEVERELL

| Minute No. | Item | Action |
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| 158/18 | Councillors in Attendance: A. Alexander (Chair), R. Hayward, S. Pearce, P. Cadwgan, K. Porter, B. Morillo-Hall Cllr. R. Gamble (Wiltshire Council) | |
| 159/18 | Public in Attendance: 9 | |
| 160/18 | Apologies for Absence: Mr. T. Knight (Governor, Erlestoke Prison) | |
| 161/18 | Application for Councillor vacancy: Council <i>welcomed</i> Mr Nick Bland to the meeting, and <i>unanimously appointed</i> him to fill the vacant position. Councillor Bland signed his Acceptance of Office, and joined the Council. | |
| 162/18 | Open Forum: The Chair read a Statement to the meeting which had been received from the owners of the Great Cheverell Stores and Post Office (“the shop”), confirming their intention to close. However, Council <i>welcomed</i> the news that the owner of the Bell Inn, Mr. Mike Williams, was working with the current owners to take over the shop functions and relocate them to The Bell. Planning Permission to convert storage areas was in hand, and an application would be made to Royal Mail to take over the Post Office. It is hoped that a seamless transition would take place around March 2019. Mr. Williams <i>agreed</i> to keep the Council informed of progress, and the Council pledged its full support. In answer to comments made by Mr. John Hannavy, Council <i>noted</i> that, in Minute 136/18(a) of the meeting on 3 September 2018, only two of the listed proposals came from Mrs. Hannavy, the rest coming from other attendees. | |
| 163/18 | Disclosures of Interest: None declared. | |

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| 164/18 | <p>Minutes of the Meeting held on 1 October 2018: <i>Agreed</i> unanimously without amendment. Signed off by the Chair for Public Display.</p> | Clerk |
| 165/18 | <p>Report by Cllr. R. Gamble, Wiltshire Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) With regard to Victoria Park, it was <i>noted with disappointment</i> that there had been no further action by the Ministry of Justice (MoJ). b) Council were informed of the dates of local WW1 Commemorations, a ‘Big Conversation’ in Devizes Town Hall on 12 November, and the meeting of the Devizes Area Board on 19 November. | |
| 166/18 | <p>Wiltshire Police:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) A report for October 2018 has been received, which is on the website and has been forwarded to all Councillors. Council noted with concern the large number of instances of people throwing packages into Erlestoke Prison, which could be facilitated by the poor street lighting in Victoria Park (<i>see Minute 169/18(a) below</i>). b) There was considerable discussion about the illegal rave on Pear Tree Hill on 27/28 October, which caused major disruption along the B3098 and large amounts of rubbish (some hazardous) and damage. The Clerk was in conversation with the Police, continuing discussions that had been commenced in 2014. Cllr. Gamble <i>agreed</i> to forward the issue to the Wiltshire Council Public Protection team. | Clerk R. Gamble |
| 167/18 | <p>Clerk’s Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) <i>Councillor Lead roles:</i> Council <i>agreed</i> the allocated roles, with the addition of Cllr. Porter (Financial Oversight), Cllr. Bland (Litter), Cllr. Pearce (Pavilion Trust, <i>ex officio</i>), and Cllr. Morillo-Hall (Playground Health & Safety). b) <i>Tree Survey:</i> insufficient quotations had been received for the necessary tree works. The Clerk would pursue the issue with other contractors. c) <i>Lavington and District WW1 Commemoration Group:</i> Council <i>agreed</i> (proposed Cllr. Cadwgan, all in favour), to make a grant of £100 towards the cost of a proposed permanent WW1 memorial on Salisbury Plain, which would commemorate the actions of the Fallen of Great Cheverell, both Army and Navy. d) <i>2019 Meeting Dates:</i> Council <i>agreed</i> the proposed schedule. e) <i>Footpath map:</i> Cllr. Alexander had received offers of some funding from local businesses, but would also pursue a local build for the display board. | Clerk A. Alexander |

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| <p>167/18 (contd.)</p> | <p>f) <i>Playground repairs (RoSPA report)</i>: Cllr. Hayward reported that he has repaired the swing fixings and the gates, and would be checking the zipwire soon. It was noted that the bolts holding the swing seats to the chains should be inspected more frequently, and probably replaced every 4 years.</p> <p>g) <i>Hedging at Bartletts</i>: Cllr. Hayward informed Council that this would be cut back shortly, as it had now grown to a depth where it was appropriate to do so.</p> | <p>R. Hayward</p> |
| <p>168/18</p> | <p>Finance:</p> <p>a) Council noted the current balances and projected outturn. The following payments were approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk's Salary (November 2018); • £28.00 – Ringstones Media re. Website management (November 2018) <p>(NB. both of these payments are made by Standing Order)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £240.00 – PKF Littlejohn re. 2017/18 External Review 2017/18 (incl. £40.00 recoverable VAT) • £110.14 – Cllr. R. Hayward re. Playground repairs (RoSPA report) (incl. £18.36 recoverable VAT) • £42.00 – WALC re. training for Cllr. Porter (incl. £7.00 recoverable VAT) • £30.00 – B.K. Nisbeck re. hedge trimming @ The Pavilion <p>b) With regard to the Playground budget, a Supplementary budget of £92.80, to cover the overspend due to the required repairs notified by RoSPA, was approved.</p> <p>c) Council noted the closure of the 2017/18 Accounts, which demonstrated that the Council was now in full compliance with Public Sector financial requirements.</p> <p>d) Council noted and approved the actions to change the Council's Bankers from HSBC to Unity Trust Bank.</p> <p>e) Council considered the draft 2019/20 Budget, which would become a Standing Item up to the January 2019 meeting when the Precept would be set. An increase of 2% to the 2018/19 Precept was unanimously approved.</p> | |

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| 169/18 | <p>Standing Reports:</p> <p>a) <i>Victoria Park Residents Association (VPRA):</i> Council noted that the issue of poor street lighting and road conditions in Victoria Park had now been reported to the Health & Safety Executive by the Clerk. Council noted that Mr. D. Read (VPRA) had met recently with the Governor of Erlestoke prison, and a good working relationship had been re-established.</p> <p>b) <i>Dog fouling:</i> Cllr. Alexander reported that CCTV cameras had been purchased at a cost of around £120 (which would be reimbursed by the Council) and are being tested prior to placement. Appropriate signage would be designed.</p> <p>c) <i>Traffic:</i> Council considered purchasing a Speed Indication Device (SID), but concluded that £1,700 was not cost-effective. It was agreed that no further action should be taken on this issue. Council noted the efforts of the Village Community Speedwatch Team, and requested that the Team Leader be invited to address the Council on the level of speeding through the village, and the deterrent effect of the team.</p> | <p>A. Alexander</p> <p>Clerk</p> |
| 170/18 | <p>Strategic Developments</p> <p><i>Playpark extension:</i> Cllr. Morillo-Hall would be meeting with a range of providers to consider proposals. She had also spoken with a number of local Primary and Secondary School teachers for their ideas.</p> | <p>B. Morillo-Hall</p> |
| | <p>The meeting closed at 9.15pm.</p> | |

NEXT MEETINGS:

Monday 3 December 2018, 7.30pm
Monday 7 January 2019, 7.30pm
Monday 4 February 2019, 7.30pm
Monday 18 March 2019, 7.30pm
At The Pavilion, Witchcombe Close

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