

# CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

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

Minute No.	Item	Action
171/18	<b>Councillors in Attendance:</b> A. Alexander (Chair), R. Hayward, S. Pearce, N. Bland Cllr. R. Gamble (Wiltshire Council)	
172/18	<b>Public in Attendance:</b> 6	
173/18	<b>Apologies for Absence:</b> Councillors P. Cadwgan (family matter), B. Morillo-Hall (work commitments), and K. Porter (family matter). Mr. T. Knight (Governor, Erlestoke Prison), PCSO G. Dodds (Wiltshire Police)	
174/18	<b>Open Forum:</b> No issues were raised.	
175/18	<b>Disclosures of Interest:</b> None declared.	
176/18	<b>Minutes of the Meeting held on 5 November 2018:</b> <i>Agreed</i> unanimously without amendment. Signed off by the Chair for Public Display.	Clerk
177/18	<b>Report by Cllr. R. Gamble, Wiltshire Council:</b> a) There was considerable debate on the subject of Victoria Park ( <i>see Minute 181/18(a) below</i> ). b) Wiltshire Council is pursuing a programme of small Asset Transfers to Parish Councils, usually at no cost but with an ongoing maintenance commitment. Council <i>agreed</i> that this should be considered with regard to the area of Highways land outside The Bell Inn.	Clerk
178/18	<b>Wiltshire Police:</b> a) The Police report for November, which is now on the website, was <i>noted</i> . b) The Clerk, and Cllr. Gamble, updated Council on discussions with the Police concerning the illegal rave on Pear Tree Hill on 27/28 October. A meeting has been set up between the Clerk and the Area Inspector on 13 December.	Clerk

<p>178/18 (contd.)</p>	<p>c) It was <b>generally agreed</b> that Police activity needed to be more visible, in order to reassure and safeguard the Public, although it was accepted that the Police could not safely close down such events once they had started. In particular, the number of arrests, and subsequent conviction, of organisers, vendors, and drunk / drugged drivers should be widely publicised in order to help deter any recurrence of such unwelcome events.</p>	
<p>179/18</p>	<p><b>Clerk's Report:</b></p> <p>a) <i>Tree Survey</i>: Council <b>agreed</b> to defer the work to cut down the four Poplar trees on Witchcombe Green until Spring 2019, in light of the winter weather and limited response from contractors.</p> <p>b) <i>Risk Register</i>: Council <b>noted</b> the inclusion of <b>Victoria Park</b> and <b>Illegal Rave</b> issues outside the Council's control. In order to mitigate the risk of losing records, Cllr. Bland <b>agreed</b> to research Cloud storage issues. Cllr. Alexander <b>agreed</b> to undertake the Annual Review of the Clerk shortly.</p> <p>c) <i>Great Cheverell Stores and Post Office</i>: Council <b>noted</b> recent correspondence from Wiltshire Council concerning the difficulty of registering only part of a property as an Asset of Community Value, but still believed that this was worth pursuing.</p> <p>d) <i>Devizes and District Link</i>: Council <b>unanimously agreed</b> to make a grant of £50 to this organisation, recognising the benefit to disadvantaged village residents. With regard to grants in general, the Clerk was asked to produce a list of grants made over the last few years, for review at the next meeting.</p> <p>e) <i>WWI Remembrance Events</i>: Council <b>noted</b> with pleasure the significant sum raised in this village for the Centenary, and the heightened interest shown. Council will <b>favourably consider</b> funding improvements to the village War Memorial in St. Peter's Church at an appropriate time.</p> <p>f) <i>Community Speedwatch</i>: Council <b>noted</b> that Mr. Andy Jenkinson, the Team Leader, would be making a presentation to them at the January meeting.</p> <p>g) <i>Playground repairs (RoSPA report)</i>: Council <b>noted</b> that all the findings of the RoSPA report had now been addressed. A check on the bolts in the zipwire has shown that they are stainless steel, and show no sign of corrosion (photographic evidence of this will be retained). Council <b>thanked</b> Cllr. Hayward for his work on this issue.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>N. Bland A. Alexander</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>A. Alexander</p>

<p>180/18</p>	<p><b>Finance:</b></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"> <li>• Clerk’s Salary (December 2018);</li> <li>• £28.00 – Ringstones Media re. Website management (December 2018)</li> </ul> <p>(NB. both of these payments are made by Standing Order)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £80.00 – Cheverell New Pavilion Trust re. meeting hire April – November 2018</li> <li>• £100.00 – Lavington &amp; District WW1 Commemoration Group re. Toposcope project (<i>see Minute 167/18(c)</i>)</li> <li>• £50.00 – Devizes &amp; District Link re. Grant (<i>see Minute 179/18(d) above</i>)</li> </ul> <p>b) The Clerk informed Council that a VAT reclaim for £267.53 has been submitted to HMRC.</p> <p>c) Council <i>noted</i> that the transfer of the Council’s bank accounts from HSBC to Unity Trust Bank is now substantially complete, although the Clerk would be registering a charge of maladministration against HSBC with the Finance Ombudsman.</p> <p>d) Council <i>considered</i> the draft 2019/20 Budget, which would become a Standing Item up to the January 2019 meeting when the Precept would be set. It was <i>unanimously agreed</i> to add an annual budget of £25 to buy a Remembrance Wreath in November on behalf of the village.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>181/18</p>	<p><b>Standing Reports:</b></p> <p>a) <i>Victoria Park Residents Association (VPRA)</i>: It was reported by Mr. D. Read that the VPRA has received a letter from the local MP indicating that necessary repair works will be undertaken, and fully funded, by the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) during the 2019/20 financial year. This news was warmly welcomed. Cllr. Gamble observed that this would then allow a legal transfer of land, and maintenance responsibilities, from the MoJ to Wiltshire Council. The MoJ also are keen to develop the garage area for around 8-10 additional houses as a separate project. This could generate around £5,000 for the Parish under the Community Infrastructure Levy. There is no further news on the possibility of transferring the ‘soft landscaping’ (ie. verges and other green areas) to the Parish Council, although it was <i>again noted</i> that this would require volunteers from Victoria Park to undertake the work.</p>	

181/18 (contd.)	b) Council <b>noted</b> the positions on the footpath map (Cllr. Alexander), Planning applications (Cllr. Porter), litter clearance (Cllr. Bland), and replacing the broken grit bin opposite The Bell Inn (Cllr. Pearce). It was <b>agreed</b> that a leaflet to all households should be prepared highlighting current issues, particularly the development of the playpark, plans for a Village Clean-Up Day in the Spring, and the ongoing Dog Poo issue.	A. Alexander
182/18	<b>Strategic Developments</b> <i>Playpark extension:</i> Council <b>noted</b> the report from Cllr. Morillo-Hall. As well as Grant funding from the National Lottery, Hills Group and the Devizes Area Board should also be approached when a design and costings are finalised. As well as Cllr. Morillo-Hall, Council <b>agreed</b> that the Clerk should act as the second named contact for any grant applications.	B. Morillo-Hall
	<b>The meeting closed at 9.00pm.</b>	

**NEXT MEETINGS:**

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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