

# CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY 4 JUNE 2018  
AT THE PAVILION, WITCHCOMBE CLOSE, GREAT CHEVERELL

Minute No.	Item	Action
100/18	<b>Councillors in Attendance:</b> A. Alexander (Chair), H. Simons, P. Cadwgan Cllr. R. Gamble (Wiltshire Council)	
101/18	<b>Co-option of new Councillor</b> Mrs. Kimi Porter, of Weavers Mead, put herself forward for the vacancy caused by the resignation of Amyas Godfrey. Council warmly welcomed her, and <i>unanimously approved</i> her co-option. Mrs. Porter signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office, and joined the Council.	
102/18	<b>Public in Attendance:</b> 3	
103/18	<b>Apologies for Absence:</b> Cllr. S. Pearce (work commitments)	
104/18	<b>Open Forum:</b> a) Mr. F. Coupe raised concerns about the accessibility of footpath CHEM1 where it crosses farmed land. A stile is broken, and the footpath has not been kept clear. There are also concerns about drainage. Council <i>agreed</i> to refer the matter to the Wiltshire Council Engineer for Rights of Way. b) With regard to the building site behind The Bell, Mr. Coupe expressed his concern that some of the Public Land had been appropriated for access. It was <i>agreed</i> to refer this to the Enforcement Officer.	Clerk  Clerk
105/18	<b>Disclosures of Interest:</b> None declared.	
106/18	<b>Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 14 May 2018:</b> <i>Agreed</i> unanimously without amendment. Signed off by the Chair for Public Display.	Clerk
107/18	<b>Actions from previous meetings:</b> All covered in submitted papers.	

108/18	<p><b>Report by Cllr. R. Gamble, Wiltshire Council:</b></p> <p>a) Cllr. Gamble referred back to his report to the Annual Parish Meeting on 24 May, and said that nothing of note had occurred since then.</p> <p>b) A discussion was held about the situation with Victoria Park. The Atkins report on necessary ground repairs was still awaited, but should be issued imminently. It was generally <i>agreed</i> that Wiltshire Council should suggest to the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) that the Parish Council be allowed to take over the mowing of grass verges and recreational areas, allowing the MoJ to concentrate on the more complex issues of street lighting, ground conditions and drainage. The only caveats to this would be that the Parish Council would need to extend its insurance cover, and that Victoria Park residents would be required to form a team to undertake the work, after suitable Health and Safety training.</p> <p>c) Cllr. Gamble <i>agreed</i> to follow up the recent drainage problems in the village after the emptying of the Pear Tree Reservoir, and the drainage problems along The Green.</p>	<p>R. Gamble</p> <p>D. Read, VPRA</p> <p>R. Gamble</p>
109/18	<p><b>Wiltshire Police:</b></p> <p>No report received. The Clerk was asked to contact the Police and remind them of the importance of keeping the Council and parishioners fully informed of local issues.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
110/18	<p><b>Clerk's Report:</b></p> <p>a) Council was updated on the Casual Vacancy, the building plot behind The Bell Inn, correspondence with the Ministry of Justice re. Victoria Park, and correspondence with the Wiltshire Council Dog Warden re. dog fouling.</p> <p>b) Specific roles were re-allocated between Councillors, following the co-option of Cllr. Porter. Further revision may be required when the remaining vacancy is filled.</p> <p>c) Council considered the results of an exercise to renew necessary insurance cover for the next 3 years. Two quotations had been received, and the Clerk had compared policy conditions to ensure that they meet all requirements. The Council <i>agreed</i> (<i>proposed Cllr. Alexander, seconded Cllr. Cadwgan, all in favour</i>) to accept the quote from WPS Insurance Brokers (Royal Sun Alliance) in the sum of £428.20, which offered a considerable saving on previous years while enhancing insurance cover, especially for events such as the Soapbox Derby and the Summer Fayre.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>



115/18	<p><b>Litter / Footpaths:</b></p> <p>a) Cllr. Simons referred to the blocked watercourse and broken fencing on CHEM7 near Weavers Mead. Cllr. Alexander <i>agreed</i> to repair the fencing. Cllr. Porter has identified the resident who is blocking the drainage with illegal dumping of garden waste – the Clerk was asked to formally write to the resident concerned.</p> <p>b) Discussions were held about enhancing the proposed Village Clean Up Day on 28 July, to include a Village Picnic. This would require proper advertising, and leafleting to every household. Further discussions would be held at the July meeting.</p>	A. Alexander  Clerk
116/18	<p><b>Victoria Park Residents Association (VPRA):</b> No report received. However, see Minute 108/18(b) above.</p>	
117/18	<p><b>Pavilion issues:</b> The Trust has not met recently, apart from its AGM on 24 May.</p>	R. Hayward H. Simons
118/18	<p><b>Playground:</b> Cllr. Simons had undertaken the monthly inspection, and reported that the grass reseeding was now taking. Repairs to the gate spring and cracked swing would be commissioned shortly.</p>	Clerk
119/18	<p><b>Revised reporting requirements</b> Cllr. Alexander referred back to the conference he recently attended, and outlined his suggestions for a revised meeting format which would allow greater time for discussions on improvement projects. The Clerk would draft a revised meeting format for consideration prior to the next meeting on 2 July.</p>	Clerk
	<p><b>The meeting closed at 9.24pm.</b></p>	

**NEXT MEETINGS:**

Monday 2 July, 7.30pm

Monday 3 September, 7.30pm

All at The Pavilion, Witchcombe Close

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