

# CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2019  
AT THE PAVILION, WITCHCOMBE CLOSE, GREAT CHEVERELL

Minute No.	Item	Action
13/19	<b>Councillors in Attendance:</b> A. Alexander (Chair), R. Hayward, S. Pearce, P. Cadwgan, K. Porter, N. Bland Cllr. R. Gamble (Wiltshire Council)	
14/19	<b>Public in Attendance:</b> 2	
15/19	<b>Apologies for Absence:</b> Cllr. B. Morillo-Hall (family matter) PCSO G. Dodds (Wiltshire Police), Mr. D. Read (VPRA)	
16/19	<b>Open Forum:</b> A member of the public (not a Parishioner) requested an update on issues about the Village Shop, and expressed concern that, in the absence of detailed information, rumours were spreading. These rumours were discussed, and strongly refuted. The Council maintains its watching brief, but the transfer of services between the current Shop and The Bell Inn are subject to legal and planning issues, none of which are believed to be contentious. The transfer is still expected in March / April but, in the mean time, the Village Shop remains open for business. Council saw no merit in raising the issue in the <i>Gazette and Herald</i> , but instead urged concerned users and Parishioners to raise any questions directly with the proprietors of the Village Shop and The Bell Inn.	
17/19	<b>Disclosures of Interest:</b> None declared.	
18/19	<b>Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 January 2019:</b> <i>Agreed</i> unanimously without amendment. Signed off by the Chair for Public Display.	Clerk

19/19	<p><b>Report by Cllr. R. Gamble, Wiltshire Council:</b></p> <p>a) Further roadworks have been timetabled for 12 February, which will close the A360 between the Black Dog crossroads and Potterne. This could cause some traffic problems for the Parish but, in the light of little apparent disruption caused by the previous road closure on 28 January, this was not seen as an issue.</p> <p>b) Cllr. Gamble is in conversation with Cllr. Wickham (<i>the Wiltshire Councillor for neighbouring Ethandune</i>) concerning improvements along the B3098 towards Westbury.</p> <p>c) The next meeting of the Area Board is on 18 March.</p>	
20/19	<p><b>Wiltshire Police:</b> No report received.</p>	
21/19	<p><b>Clerk's Report:</b></p> <p>a) <i>Asset transfers by Wiltshire Council:</i> Council <b>noted</b> that an application has been registered concerning the parking area outside The Bell Inn. Council <b>agreed</b> that it had no interest in taking over the wide verges along the B3098. After some discussion about the possibility of the Holy Trinity School playing field being sold for development at some time in the future but <b>noting</b> the status of Great Cheverell as a Small Village allowing for infill only, Council <b>agreed</b> that it had no interest in acquiring this land. With regard to the two plots of green space at Weavers Mead, Council <b>agreed</b> to consult with local residents before considering a possible application.</p> <p>b) <i>Traffic diversions through Great Cheverell:</i> see Minute 19/19(a) above.</p> <p>c) <i>Village drainage:</i> Council requested a follow-up on discussions with Wiltshire Council.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
22/19	<p><b>Finance:</b></p> <p>a) Council <b>noted</b> the current balances and projected 2018/19 outturn. The following payments were <b>approved:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clerk's Salary (February 2019);</li> <li>• £28.00 – Ringstones Media re. Website management (February 2019)</li> </ul> <p>(NB. both of these payments are made by Standing Order)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £50.00 – Alzheimer's Support Wiltshire re. Grant (<i>see Minute 9/19(c)</i>)</li> <li>• £47.85 – Mr. C. Hall re. Clerk's Expenses</li> <li>• £40.00 – Pavilion Trust re. hire for meetings</li> <li>• £424.75 – Mr. R. Hayward re. grounds maintenance costs (<i>Bartletts and mower petrol</i>)</li> </ul>	

	b) The Clerk informed Council that a VAT refund of £267.53 had been received and banked.	
23/19	<p><b>Standing Reports:</b></p> <p>a) <i>Victoria Park Residents Association (VPRA):</i> Council <b>noted</b> a report from Mr. D. Read in his absence, but welcomed Mr. M. James in his stead. The request for road salt was <b>noted</b>, but could not be complied with as Wiltshire Council has not issued any this winter. However, Council <b>requested</b> that it be informed of any vulnerable residents throughout the village, so that their needs to be recognised in the Emergency Plan. Progress on street lighting, and the new Pumping Station, was <b>noted</b>.</p> <p>b) <i>Litter:</i> Council <b>noted</b> a report from Cllr. Bland concerning the National Spring Clean from 22 March to 23 April, and <b>agreed</b> to support this. It was <b>agreed</b> to make a special effort on Saturday 23 March, with a possible follow-up in mid-April. A plan would be drawn up to spread volunteers around the village, to put up advertising posters, and to provide refreshments for volunteers at the Pavilion. This would need to be a key feature in the forthcoming newsletter to all households.</p> <p>c) <i>Traffic:</i> It was <b>agreed</b> that costed proposals for speed signs should be produced for consideration. With regard to Footpaths, their proper use was to be encouraged, with an observation that to stray off them on to private land could constitute trespass.</p> <p>d) Council <b>noted</b> the positions on Planning applications (Cllr. Porter), backup of Council data (Cllr. Bland), and outstanding actions on the footpath map (Cllr. Alexander) and tasks for the Parish Steward (Cllr. Pearce).</p>	<p>Mr. D. Read All Councillors</p> <p>All Councillors</p> <p>A. Alexander</p> <p>P. Cadwgan</p>
24/19	<p><b>Strategic Developments</b></p> <p>a) <i>Playpark extension:</i> Council <b>noted</b> a report submitted by Cllr. Morillo-Hall. A number of meetings have been held with interested contractors, which will determine a likely budget. Funding sources, including the National Lottery, can then be approached. It was agreed that this proposal should be included in a newsletter to all Parishioners to gain further input (<i>see Minute 23/19(b) above</i>).</p> <p>b) <i>Comments from Parishioners:</i> The Chair updated Council on a single complaint that had been received from a Parishioner, that the existing playpark is poorly used and attracts unwanted visitors from outside the Parish. Council <b>rejected</b> this complaint, noting that visitors who enjoy village facilities are more likely to benefit the village economy. The complainant has been responded to in a respectful manner, including an invitation to attend a meeting in person which had not been taken up.</p>	<p>A. Alexander</p>

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	c) The Chair put forward a proposal to invite a Contractor to erect and maintain hanging baskets along the High Street, to provide colour. Council was sympathetic to this idea, subject to considering a detailed quotation.	A. Alexander
	<b>The meeting closed at 9.12pm.</b>	

**NEXT MEETINGS:** Monday 18 March 2019, 7.30pm  
Monday 1 April 2019, 7.30pm  
Thursday 25 April 2019, 7.00pm (Annual Parish Meeting)  
Monday 13 May 2019, 7.30pm (Annual General Meeting)  
At The Pavilion, Witchcombe Close

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