

CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON Monday 7th December 2020 Online Meeting

Minute No.	Item	Action
57/20	Councillors in Attendance A. Alexander, R. Hayward; B. Morillo-Hall; S. Pearce; K. Porter; P Cadwgan;	
58/20	Public in Attendance: 3	
59/20	Apologies for Absence: Cllr. S. Pearce	
60/20	<p>Open Forum:</p> <p>A discussion was had with a number of parishioners with regards to the current tree management works at The Pavilion. The parishioner understood that there was an urgent need to manage (and in some cases, fell) the trees. They requested that local residents be allowed to have some input into the re-landscaping planning process. The Parish Council were pleased to have this interest and welcomed such input. The parishioners were positive in their comments about the improved safety and ‘attractiveness’ of the tress under management.</p> <p>The Clerk suggested that a Working Party be established to work up some options for ‘re-landscaping’ at The Pavilion with a number of parties being invited to take part. Those being some residents from Witchcombe Close and 2 drawn from other parts of the village. Additionally, two Councillors, Cllrs. Alexander and Porter, also volunteered to be part of such a Working Party.</p> <p>Council <i>resolved</i> to setup this Working Party in the New Year.</p>	Clerk, Cllrs’ Alexander & Porter
61/20	Disclosures of Interest None	
62/20	Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd November 2020 Council <i>unanimously agreed</i> the Minutes	
63/20	<p>Wiltshire Council</p> <p>Victoria Park: Cllr. Gamble again advised that no further progress had been made on this subject. The Ministry of Justice had many issues relating to Erlestoke prison that it was dealing with which probably meant that its current focus was on those. However, he was deeply disappointed that despite many years of attempting to rectify the issues experienced by the residents of VP, no progress had been made. He said that the whole subject would have to be raised again with the MoJ.</p> <p>Local Review: This had now started. The Local Plan (formerly the Core Strategy) was now under review by Wiltshire Council. It was mostly focussed on major towns, mid-towns and larger villages but small villages might also come into consideration. He advised that there was pressure to build more homes in the period to 2036. He warned that developers might eye ‘vacant’ land in small villages and he suggested that Parish Councils might wish to</p>	Cllr. Alexander

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	<p>consider how to manage such approaches in the future to ensure that ‘inappropriate’ development did not take place. This may become relevant to Great Cheverell.</p> <p>Traffic: Cllr. Gamble reminded the PC that if it wished to have any input into the discussion about potential solutions for the Black Dog crossroads that it write to Wiltshire Council. He said he thought that a decision would be made on the matter by WC in January/February next year.</p> <p>Cycle Routes: The Sustainable Devizes Group was coming up with some good ideas relating to cycle routes in and around Devizes. He said that these had a ‘families focus’ and were looking at supporting Devizes and the local community.</p> <p>Area Board: Cllr. Gamble advised that the next Area Board meeting was on 11th January 2021.</p> <p>Flooding: Cllr. Alexander advised Cllr. Gamble and the PC that there had been a serious flooding incident at an address at The Green very recently. The ditches in the area were full and had not been dug out. Cllr. Gamble asked for more information to be sent to him so that he could take the matter up with Wiltshire Council.</p> <p>Council <i>noted</i> Cllr. Gambles’ report and thanked him for his support.</p>	<p>Cllr. Morillo-Hall</p>
<p>64/20</p>	<p>Wiltshire Police</p> <p>The Clerk explained that, currently, Wiltshire Police are not able to provide a representative to attend Parish Council meetings and no report had been received.</p> <p>Councillors reported that there had been some undesirable activity within the Parish in recent days and weeks. There had been a number of households who had received ‘door knockers’ who were selling cleaning supplies. However, there was some significant doubt about their charitable legitimacy. Additionally, a bike had been stolen in the village. And, finally, it was being generally reported by the police that there had been a rise in thefts of dogs. Cllr. Porter told the meeting that people walking dogs had been approached by groups of individuals and asked questions about their animals. A suspicious individual had also been seen observing people in a popular dog-walking area near Weavers Mead. Councillors advised people to be vigilant when out and about with their animals and to let others know if they saw anything suspicious.</p> <p>Council <i>noted</i> this information.</p>	
<p>65/20</p>	<p>Clerk’s Report</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning: Chair of Planning Sub-Committee, Cllr Porter 2. Minutes of the Planning Sub Committee on 12th November 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Members of the Planning Sub-Committee <i>agreed and approved</i> the Minutes. Council <i>noted</i> the Sub-Committees Minutes. 3. 20/09489/FUL Site Location: Strawberry Bank 88 The Green Great Cheverell Wilts SN10 5UY Applicant: Juliette Noble Grid Ref: 398261 155091 Applicant Address: Strawberry Bank, 88, The Green Great Cheverell SN10 5UY Electoral Division: THE LAVINGTONS AND ERLESTOKE Proposal: Construction of rear two storey ext. 	<p>Cllr. Porter, Cllr. Cadwgan & Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">Council discussed the application and no objections were raised. Therefore, Council approved the application.</p> <p>4. Trees: The Clerk advised that the quote for the tree maintenance work at The Pavilion had been revised in terms of its' detail as had been agreed at the last Council meeting.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Council noted and approved the amended details.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Much of the discussion appertaining to the trees was had in Open Forum to allow parishioners to be included. Council resolved that an Auction could be held to raise funds from the usable wood coming from the felled trees. Any funds raised would be put towards the re-landscaping of The Pavilion area. Cllrs. Hayward and Porter were tasked with progressing the Auction.</p> <p>5. Update on filling the current Councillor Vacancy: The Clerk advised that the vacancy could now be advertised locally and that the Council would be able to co-opt a new Member from those who applied. The recruitment process would begin shortly with interested parties invited to apply with the closing date for applications being prior to the next Council meeting on 18th January 2021.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Council noted this information.</p> <p>6. Proposed new Standing Orders:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Council resolved to defer discussion on this item until the January meeting.</p> <p>7. Employment Matters: This matter was discussed in private as Employment Matters are considered to be sensitive information.</p> <p>8. WP:DP: Cllr. Cadwgan advised that work in this area was currently stopped due to the resignation of a fellow Councillor leaving a gap in experience and a heavier workload for those remaining.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Council resolved to find other avenues for support in this area since the 'load' of Data Protection had significantly increased and the new proposed Model Standing Orders from NALC included new sections relating to this topic.</p> <p>9. Census - March 2021: The Clerk commended to Council, the new Handbook for Councillors on the subject. She advised that the Census was considered to be of importance to governance and resource planning for the local, regional and national populations and Councillors were key in supporting the initiative amongst their Parishes.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Council noted this information.</p> <p>10. Dorset & Wilts Fire Service - Public Meetings: The Clerk advised there were newly published meeting dates for those who wished to attend.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Council noted this information.</p> <p>11. Proposed Full Council Meeting Dates 2021: The Clerk presented Council with suggested meeting dates for 2021.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Council noted and approved the dates as proposed.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Cllrs. Hayward & Porter</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Clerk</p>
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66/20	<p>Finance:</p> <p>1 i Council <i>noted</i> its' current financial position</p> <p>ii Council <i>noted</i> and approved the following payments due:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clerk's Salary (December 2020) 2. Clerk's Back Pay (National Salary Award by National Joint Council for Local Govt Services - 1st April - 30th November 2020) 3. £14.39 Mrs J Sargent - Refund of Expenses (Zoom video-conferencing provision) - November 4. £14.39 Mrs J Sargent - Refund of Expenses (Zoom video-conferencing provision) - June 2020 (outstanding) 5. £28.00 Ringstones Media (December) <p>iii Council <i>noted</i> the variance to the approved budgets shown in the BvA analysis.</p> <p>2. WP:Budget:</p> <p>The Clerk presented the Final Draft Budget for 2021-22 to Council. Following work by the Working Party: Budget and presentation of earlier iterations to Council of the Draft Budget, all Council requirements had been factored into this iteration for Councils' consideration and approval. Council reviewed and discussed the document which was proposing a 9% increase to the Precept.</p> <p>Council <i>resolved to accept the Final Draft Budget</i> and put this forward to Wiltshire Council for its Precept request.</p>	Clerk
67/20	<p>Standing Reports:</p> <p>Play Area, The Pavilion : Cllr. Morillo-Hall sought Council consideration on the signage required at the Play Area to potentially allow for it to be reopened. Discussion was had.</p> <p>Council <i>approved</i> expenditure to purchase signage as necessary. In the meantime, the Play Area would remain closed until the signage could be obtained and displayed.</p> <p>Drainage: As discussed earlier in the meeting, the sewers were not coping with the heavy rainfall that had been experienced and because many gullies and ditches had not been cleared; an impact was being felt in lower lying properties as the rain waters had no other place to go. Council <i>noted</i> this report and <i>resolved</i> to pursue the matter, in the first instance, via Cllr. Gamble.</p> <p>Dog Fouling: Cllr. Porter advised that she had been researching various materials for display on this subject. Council <i>noted</i> her report and <i>resolved</i> that this information could be shared amongst Councillors for an initial response.</p>	<p>Cllr. Morillo-Hall</p> <p>Cllr. Alexander & Clerk</p> <p>Cllr. Porter</p>
	The meeting closed at 9.11pm	

NEXT MEETINGS: Due to the current Coronavirus situation the rest of the years' Full Council meeting will be held online. Joining information will be published in due course on the Agenda for each meeting, copies of which will be found on the Council noticeboard; the Great Cheverell community page and the Council website.

Meeting dates:

January	18 th	2021
February		None
March	8 th	2021
April	12 th	2021

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