

Cheverell Magna Parish Council

At its March meeting, the Council agreed lots of updated policies and procedures that will put it in good stead for the year-end procedures, both democratic and financial. Remember that the Council is accountable to **you**, the Electors. With that in mind, you should think about the following:

Parish and Wiltshire Council Elections, 4 May

Your local Councillors are again up for election. This is your opportunity, through the Ballot Box, to say whether you think they're doing a good job. Great Cheverell has 7 Councillors, and Wiltshire Council's Lavingtons and Erlestoke Division has 1 Councillor. You will receive the usual voting card from Wiltshire Council in due course. But why not think of becoming a Councillor yourself ? It's not an onerous task, but it does allow you to steer the village in the best interests of its residents. "Ask not what your village can do for you " as somebody once almost said. If you want to stand, you need to submit your application by **4pm on 4 April**, so timing is tight. More information, and an application form, can be found at:

<http://elections.wiltshire.gov.uk/Home/Division/2472> (for Cheverell Magna), and
<http://elections.wiltshire.gov.uk/Home/Division/2377> (for The Lavingtons and Erlestoke).

Even after the Election there may be a chance to be a Parish Councillor by co-option if all the seats aren't filled – I'll write further on that, if necessary, in the next edition.

Annual Parish Meeting

This is a special meeting, outside of the normal run, where Parishioners can find out what the Council has done over the last year and ask any questions they want. There will also be reports from many of the organisations and clubs operating in the village. The Pavilion Trust will also be presenting its Annual Report. So come along and learn about all the things that happen in Great Cheverell ! It's from **7pm on Thursday 20 April** at the New Pavilion, Witchcombe Close. And there'll even be a few nibblies at the end

One last thing. The Council has decided that the **Village Clean-up Day** will be on **Saturday, 22 April, starting at 10am at the New Pavilion**. We will try and obtain some equipment, but it would be very helpful if you could bring strong gloves and perhaps a litter picker. And this would be a good moment to mention the 'dog poo' issue, especially down Green Lane and around the Pavilion. It's unpleasant, anti-social and **illegal** not to clear it up. So please 'bag it and bin it' – there are lots of bins around. Your village will thank you !

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