

CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 5 JUNE 2017 AT
THE PAVILION, WITCHCOMBE CLOSE, GREAT CHEVERELL

Minute No.	Item	Action
97/17	Councillors in Attendance: S. Davies (Chair), R. Hayward (Vice Chair), S. Pearce, A. Godfrey	
98/17	Public in Attendance: 3	
99/17	Apologies for Absence: Cllrs. H. Simons (illness), A. Alexander (home reconstruction), T. Alexander (home reconstruction). R. Gamble, Wiltshire Council (clash with Area Board meeting)	
100/17	Open Forum: No issues raised.	
101/17	Disclosures of Interest: Cllr. Davies declared an interest in Agenda item 115/17 (website). The Clerk <i>approved</i> a Dispensation allowing her to speak on the issue, but not to take any part in Council's consideration, decision, or subsequent action.	Clerk
102/17	Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 May 2017: <i>Agreed</i> unanimously without amendment. Signed off by the Chair for Public Display.	Clerk
103/17	Actions from previous meetings a) 86/17 (<i>Roadworks on the C40</i>): Council expressed its grave concern over this ongoing hazard, and required an early resolution.	Cllr. Gamble, Wiltshire Council
104/17	Report by Cllr. R. Gamble, Wiltshire Council: No report received.	
105/17	Wiltshire Police: Council welcomed PC Teresa Herbert of the Devizes Community Policing Team. She highlighted those issues that directly affect Great Cheverell, such as a recent burglary, support for Community Speedwatch (Council was concerned to hear that, during a recent speed check by uniformed Police, a number of villagers were given 'words of advice' for excessive speed in the 20mph area), and maintaining vigilance with regard to possible 'raves' on Pear Tree Hill and suspicious activity around Erlestoke Prison, which should be phoned in as soon as possible on 999 or 101. With regard to rural crime, Cllr. Pearce asked for an update on illegal animal trapping and skinning in Cheverell Woods, which PC Herbert <i>agreed</i> to report back on.	PC Herbert

<p>107/17 (contd.)</p>	<p>d) 2017/18 Financial position:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council noted the current balances and budget position. In order to maximise interest earnings, the Council approved a delegated authority to the Clerk to transfer funds between bank accounts in accordance with Financial Regulation 5.5(c); • The following payments were approved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Clerk's Salary (June 2017) ○ £44.64 – Mrs. S. Davies (litter pickers) ○ £72.90 – Mr. C. Hall (Clerk's expenses) ○ £1,129.86 – Community First (2017/18 Insurance) ○ £168.00 – Auditing Solutions Ltd. (Internal Audit) ○ £50.00 – Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust (Grant – <i>see Minute 106/17(c) above</i>) <p>e) Insurance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council noted the 2017/18 Insurance renewal, which had been amended to cover all the Council's current assets. The Clerk informed Council that this was the last year of a Long-Term Agreement, and it was his intention to put the 2018/19 renewal to competitive tender; • Council noted the comments of the Internal Auditor with regard to Employee Dishonesty cover, but agreed to accept the small risk represented by the minor difference in calculated cover. 	
<p>108/17</p>	<p>Traffic issues:</p> <p>a) Junction of C40 / B3098 at Pear Tree Lane – this issue was likely to be considered by CATG at its June meeting, at which Cllr. Simons and the Clerk would be in attendance;</p> <p>b) Speed Indication Devices (SID's) – comments from the Erlestoke organiser are still awaited.</p>	<p>Cllr. T. Alexander</p>
<p>109/17</p>	<p>Planning:</p> <p><i>Outline application 17/04743/OUT - Proposed dwelling and detached garage, Lower Green Farm, 46 The Green</i></p> <p>Council recalled the presentation by the Project Architect at the March meeting (<i>Minute 41/17</i>). Following consideration, the Council noted that limited infill was in accordance with Great Cheverell's Small Village status under the Wiltshire Core Strategy, but made no other comment.</p>	
<p>110/17</p>	<p>Parish Steward:</p> <p>Cllr. Pearce reported on a Highways meeting he attended on 24 May 2017. This highlighted significant concerns about control over the Parish Steward scheme, and a lack of feedback to users. He will continue to report village requirements.</p>	

111/17	<p>Litter Campaign: Cllr. Godfrey is considering a plan for placing anti-litter signs along the B3098, in accordance with Wiltshire Highways requirements. However, his key concern is the amount of dog faeces on popular walks in the village, especially Green Lane. Council <i>agreed</i> that this was a serious problem, and every effort should be made to ‘name and shame’ people not clearing up after their dogs.</p>	Cllr. Godfrey
112/17	<p>Victoria Park Residents Association (VPRA): Mr. & Mrs Read of the VPRA were welcomed to the meeting. They informed Council that no further information had been received from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) due to the forthcoming General Election. An AGM was scheduled for 29 June, to which the Chair would be invited. Mr. Read would present a history of events leading to the current situation, and it was <i>agreed</i> that this would be a good opportunity for the Parish Council to restate its support for residents. Particular issues were seen as insurance over work on public spaces, and the need for the MoJ to issue a list of defined outputs / tasks in support of service charges.</p>	
113/17	<p>Pavilion issues: No significant issues to report.</p>	
114/17	<p>Playground: Council <i>noted</i> that the May inspection had been undertaken by Cllr. Simons. Repairs to the zipline, and future plans, had already been considered under Minute 106/17(d) above.</p>	
115/17	<p>Website: Cllr. Davies outlined the desirability of creating a new website to replace the current one which was struggling to meet growing needs. A new website should be able to meet the needs of the whole community (not just the Council), for instance by producing invoices for the Pavilion Trust, amalgamating various Club events into a dynamic ‘What’s on’ list, and hosting other organisations such as Cheverell Parva Parish Council. There would undoubtedly be an increased cost for such a website. It was <i>agreed</i> that the Clerk would draw up a specification to be tendered to suitable web design companies over the summer.</p>	Clerk
116/17	<p>Emergency Plan: Due to the absence of Cllrs. A. and T. Alexander, this item was <i>deferred</i> until the July meeting.</p>	Cllrs. A. and T. Alexander
	<p>The meeting closed at 9.35pm.</p>	

NEXT MEETINGS:

Monday 3 July 2017, 7.30pm

Monday 4 September 2017, 7.30pm

All at The Pavilion, Witchcombe Close

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