

Cheverell Magna Parish Council

The Council met in early February. Considerable discussion was had around traffic issues, as follows:

- the Council received a presentation from a Devizes resident about the dangerous crossroads at Pear Tree Lane, which is widely used for residential and recreational purposes given its direct access to Salisbury Plain. Given the speed of traffic along the B3098, especially heading west from The Lavingtons, exiting the lane is a perilous undertaking. The Council fully supports the concern, and is pursuing suitable signage changes and speed enforcement with Wiltshire Council and Wiltshire Police;
- another traffic issue, concerning crossing from Holy Trinity School to Witchcombe Close at peak traffic times when children are arriving, was also considered but further information is awaited from the School;
- the Council remains concerned about the continuing use of Great Cheverell as an approved HGV diversion route. This is contrary to the village's Conservation Area status, and also breaches a number of Wiltshire Council Core Strategies. Damage has recently been caused to Listed Buildings. This long-running issue will, again, be taken up with Wiltshire Council.

The Council is arranging First Aid training for parishioners. Some volunteers have come forward since the last report, but there's still room for more ! Please contact me if you're interested.

The next meeting of the Council will be on 13 March. As well as all the usual Standing Issues, work is starting on getting the paperwork and policies in good shape for the forthcoming end-of-year audits. Unexciting, but essential, and it's important to provide a good level of assurance to Parishioners on the correct use of **your** money. More details will be given at the Annual Parish Meeting, which is scheduled for 20 April. More on that in the next issue.

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