

## **Cheverell Magna Parish Council**

The Council last met on 2 October, and will meet again on 6 November and 4 December – 7.30pm at The Pavilion, Witchcombe Close. All interested parties are welcome to attend.

Having published a Casual Vacancy Notice for the vacant position on the Council, no formal applications were received. This means that the Council is now free to co-opt any suitable person. If you want to join the Council, in order to help YOUR village thrive, please contact the Chair or the Clerk. It isn't an onerous task (honest !), but hopefully it's a rewarding one.

The contract for our new website has been awarded following a competitive tender exercise, and is currently under development. It's hoped to have it up and running during November. It would massively benefit from local input – business adverts., club activities and, in particular, nice photos of village features. Let's make it the go-to site for all things related to Great Cheverell ! If you have anything of use, please contact the Clerk.

As well as the consultation on the Mobile Library service (see last month's *News & Views*) Wiltshire Council has also opened a consultation exercise on car parking, details of which can be found at <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/news/articles/parking-charges-consultation-now-live>. This is open until 23 November. This will be of particular interest to people who shop in Devizes, especially at the Thursday market !

The Council continues to focus on the state and usage of our roads, in particular the crossroads on the B3098 at Pear Tree Lane, Green Lane and the High Street (C40). Regular discussions are held on these important issues with Wiltshire Council.

The position concerning Victoria Park seems much more positive, following meetings between the Ministry of Justice (MoJ), Wiltshire Council, our local MP and house owners. It is possible that necessary repairs to the roads will be funded via the sale of brownfield land for housing. Repairs to drainage and streetlights have also been promised by the MoJ. The Parish, with the active support of local house owners, may take over the maintenance of recreational green spaces.

Finally, the Council has commenced the process of calculating its budget for 2018/19, which needs to be completed by January so that it can be included in Council Tax bills. Regrettably an increase is inevitable, due mainly to increased website costs and statutory Audit charges, but the Council will work to keep any increase to a justifiable minimum.

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