CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2017 AT THE PAVILION, WITCHCOMBE CLOSE, GREAT CHEVERELL

Minute No.	Item	Action
136/17	Councillors in Attendance: S. Davies (Chair), R. Hayward (Vice Chair), H. Simons, S. Pearce, A. Godfrey, A. Alexander, T. Alexander R. Gamble (Wiltshire Council)	
137/17	Public in Attendance: 1	
138/17	Apologies for Absence: Mr. D. Read (VPRA), PC T. Herbert (Wiltshire Police)	
139/17	Open Forum: No issues raised.	
140/17	Disclosures of Interest: Cllr. Davies declared a continuing interest in the possibility of commissioning a new website (<i>see Minute 145/17(c)</i>).	
141/17	Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 July 2017: Agreed unanimously without amendment. Signed off by the Chair for Public Display.	Clerk
142/17	Actions from previous meetings: Council <i>agreed</i> that all issues were either resolved, or for further discussion at this meeting.	
143/17	Report by Cllr. R. Gamble, Wiltshire Council: a) Victoria Park: Claire Perry MP is giving this a high priority. Pressure is being put on the Ministry of Justice (MoJ), with particular regard to previous surveys and failing streetlights. There was also a possibility that Brownfield areas could be redeveloped in order to provide funding, which Council fully supported. Council also agreed in principle (proposed Cllr. Simons, seconded Cllr. A. Alexander, unanimously approved) to be prepared to make a financial contribution to a further survey if required. It was also noted that, should land subsequently be sold for redevelopment, monies should be received from the Community Infrastructure Levy (see also Minute 151/17 below);	

143/17 (contd.)	b) Forthcoming Wiltshire Council meetings: Devizes Area Board (18 September), Community Engagement re. Spending priorities (26 September), Housing Supply in Devizes (with Claire Perry MP) (28 September). Wiltshire Police: A written report had been received, which has been posted on the Council's website.	
145/17	Clerk's Report: a) Correspondence: Council noted the issues arising and actions taken over the summer recess. In particular, Council declared its support for the forthcoming Poppy Appeal; b) WALC Transparency Fund: Council noted that funds were not available to improve an existing website, and that IT	
	grants would provide less than 50% of the cost of a laptop and software for the Clerk. Therefore it was <i>agreed</i> that no application would be made. However, with regard to Business Continuity, the Clerk was asked to periodically download all electronic documents and pass them to the Chair for safe keeping; c) New website (Commercial in confidence) (NB. Cllr. Davies relinquished the Chair for this item, which was taken by Cllr. Hayward, and took no part in the decision): the Council considered the Clerk's evaluation of tenders received, and agreed that the Clerk should commence negotiations with Ringstones Media of Salisbury. Once a workable website had been established it would be demonstrated to Council and, with their agreement, a contract would be entered into.	Clerk
146/17	Finance: a) Previous Financial Years: Council noted that the External Auditor had finally signed off the 2015/16 Accounts without qualification, and that the Final Certificate was now publicly available on the Council's website. With regard to 2016/17, the period for the Exercise of Public Rights had passed with no enquiries, so the Final Certificate is awaited, along with the Statutory Charges; b) Current Financial Year: Council noted the current balances and projected outturn. The following payments were approved: • Clerk's Salary (September 2017) • £51.13 – Clerk's Expenses (postage and printer inks).	

147/17	Traffic issues:	
	a) <i>Junction of C40 / B3098 at Pear Tree Lane</i> – Wiltshire Council (CATG) are being pursued to take necessary action. Given that the Clerk has a personal interest in this matter, it was <i>agreed</i> that a Working Group of Cllrs. Davies, Hayward, Simons and A. Alexander would be established to take the matter further;	Working Group
	 b) Local Highways Projects: Council considered Wiltshire Council's Briefing Note 328, but felt that the selection criteria were too restrictive. The Council would continue to report necessary works to CATG. In particular: the condition of the C40 through the village was felt to be poor, with many potholes and crumbling edges noted. These should be given a high priority with regard to the HGV diversion route; the pavement near the Village Hall was in very poor condition, and had already resulted in a bad fall to a user. c) Speed Indication Devices (SID's) – details are awaited from Cllr. Jonik of Erlestoke Parish Council. 	H. Simons
148/17	Planning: a) 17/06873/LBC – The Bell: replacement windows b) 17/07412/FUL - 37 Victoria Park: 2 storey rear extension c) 17/08406/TCA – 28 High Street: felling of Scots Pine Council <i>noted</i> these applications, but made no comment upon them.	
149/17	 Parish Steward: a) Council <i>noted with appreciation</i> the work undertaken by Wiltshire Council on The Green to cut back growth along the railway bridge, which could result in a charge on the homeowner; b) Council <i>noted with appreciation</i> the work undertaken by Mr. S. Gregory and Mr. S. Ryalls to clear a fallen tree from the footpath between Weavers Mead and Green Lane, and asked the Clerk to send letters of thanks; c) Cllr. Pearce reported that he was still working closely with the current Parish Steward scheme, with particular regard to improving vehicular access along Green Lane. The Clerk was asked to write to a local resident asking them to reduce overhanging tree branches; d) Council <i>noted</i> the poor condition of the roadway along Garston, which should be reported to the Parish Steward via MyWiltshire. 	Clerk Clerk S. Pearce

150/17	Litter / Footpaths:	
	 Dog fouling: Cllr. Godfrey would determine the cost of marking paint, for consideration at the October meeting; Signage along the B3098: it was agreed that this would no longer be pursued, in favour of considering appropriate anti- 	A. Godfrey A. Godfrey
	litter messages within the village itself.	
151/17	 Victoria Park Residents Association (VPRA): Jackie Bradbury attended the meeting, representing the VPRA. The Council <i>noted</i> the report from Des Read, in particular that a meeting had been held with Claire Perry MP on 1 September, and a further meeting would be held with her, Cllr. Gamble and the MoJ in London on 6 September. Cllr. Gamble reported that Wiltshire Council officers were investigating the value of possible building land at Victoria Park, with a view to using this to defray necessary repair costs. This could enable Wiltshire Council to take the issue over from the MoJ. 	
152/17	Pavilion issues: No report received, given that the Pavilion Trust had not met.	
153/17	 Playground: Council <i>noted</i> that the August inspection had been undertaken by Cllr. Simons. Some re-seeding was required in October, and the woodchip levels needed to be increased; Council <i>noted</i> that the annual RoSPA inspection would take place during September; Ivy should be cut back from the Poplar trees on the Witchcombe green area. 	R. Hayward / S. Pearce R. Hayward
	Proposals for enhancing the play area were discussed. It was agreed that additional facilities should be considered for older children (aged 8-12), such as a climbing frame or basketball area. Extra seating should also be provided for parents, which could be manufactured in the village. Cllr. Godfrey would determine likely costs.	A. Godfrey
154/17	 Emergency Plan: Cllr. Alexander has now completed a draft of this exercise, which would shortly be circulated to Council for comment. First Aid training would be arranged for early October. Cllr. Alexander would provide details to the Clerk for inclusion in the next 'News and Views' report. 	A. Alexander A. Alexander / Clerk

155/17	Resignation of Cllr. T. Alexander:	
	 The Council <i>accepted</i>, with regret, the resignation of Cllr. Alexander, and thanked her for her work on the Council and her service to the village. Cllr. Simons <i>agreed</i> to take over the Traffic Portfolio, and Cllr. A. Alexander <i>agreed</i> to continue the periodic independent financial checks in accordance with Financial 	
	Regulation 2.2. • The Clerk would arrange with Wiltshire Council to publish a Casual Vacancy.	Clerk
	The meeting closed at 9.35pm.	

NEXT MEETINGS: Monday 2 October 2017, 7.30pm

Monday 6 November 2017, 7.30pm Monday 4 December 2017, 7.30pm All at The Pavilion, Witchcombe Close

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