

# CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY 18 MARCH 2019  
AT THE PAVILION, WITCHCOMBE CLOSE, GREAT CHEVERELL

Minute No.	Item	Action
25/19	<b>Councillors in Attendance:</b> A. Alexander (Chair), R. Hayward, S. Pearce, P. Cadwgan, K. Porter, N. Bland, B. Morillo-Hall	
26/19	<b>Public in Attendance:</b> 7	
27/19	<b>Apologies for Absence:</b> Cllr. R. Gamble (Wiltshire Council), Mr. D. Read (VPRA) Mr. T. Knight (Governor, Erlestoke Prison)	
28/19	<b>Open Forum:</b> a) A Parishioner asked if Council had considered installing a Defibrillator in the village. The Chair responded that this had been considered on many occasions, but rejected on grounds of cost. However, the Parishioner was asked to discuss his ideas with the Chair so that views could be included in the Emergency Plan. b) Excess noise caused by a recent party near Weavers Mead was discussed. It was <i>noted</i> that this was a private event, which did not require any licensing, so the Police could not get involved. However, two Councillors had spoken to the organiser during the event and asked that the volume level be reduced, and would maintain contact should the event occur again.	A. Alexander
29/19	<b>Disclosures of Interest:</b> None declared.	
30/19	<b>Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 February 2019:</b> <i>Agreed</i> unanimously without amendment. Signed off by the Chair for Public Display.	Clerk
31/19	<b>Report by Cllr. R. Gamble, Wiltshire Council:</b> No report received, due to clash with the Devizes Area Board.	
32/19	<b>Wiltshire Police:</b> Report for February received and placed on the website. While no crimes were noted in Great Cheverell, there have been recent thefts in neighbouring villages and within the village itself. The continuing issue of people throwing things into Erlestoke Prison was <i>noted</i> .	

<p>33/19</p>	<p><b>Clerk's Report:</b></p> <p>a) <i>Great Cheverell Stores and Post Office</i>: no new information received. However, it was <b>noted</b> that the handover is due to take place on 31 March.</p> <p>b) <i>Asset transfers by Wiltshire Council</i>: To date, 8 responses have been received from Weavers Mead residents, with 7 in support. Council <b>confirmed</b> its ongoing intention to retain the areas of green space in their current state. Therefore, Council <b>unanimously agreed</b> that an application in principle to take over the ownership of these parcels of land should be made to Wiltshire Council. It was <b>noted</b> that, to date, no response had been received from Wiltshire Council to the application in principle to take over ownership of the parking area outside the Bell Inn.</p> <p>c) <i>Playground Inspections</i>: Cllr. Morillo-Hall informed Council that she had now undertaken formal RoSPA training, and would be undertaking weekly inspections.</p> <p>d) <i>Village drainage</i>: The Chair would be meeting with Wiltshire Council officers soon to discuss blocked drains throughout the village, and the inadequate Pumping Station for The Green.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>A. Alexander</p>
<p>34/19</p>	<p><b>Finance:</b></p> <p>a) Council <b>noted</b> the current balances and projected 2018/19 outturn. The following payments were <b>approved</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clerk's Salary (March 2019);</li> <li>• £28.00 – Ringstones Media re. Website management (March 2019)</li> </ul> <p>(NB. both of these payments are made by Standing Order)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £294.00 – RoSPA Playsafety re. safety training (incl. £49.00 recoverable VAT)</li> <li>• £22.95 – Cllr. B. Morillo-Hall re. Councillors Expenses.</li> </ul> <p>b) Council <b>noted</b> the £1,500 transfer between Bank Accounts, to maintain solvency.</p> <p>c) Council <b>noted</b> that Cllr. Porter had undertaken a check of the financial records on 5 February, in accordance with Financial Regulation 5.5(c).</p> <p>d) Council <b>approved</b> a Supplementary Budget of £162.50, to be taken from Reserves, to cover the overspend on the Training Budget.</p> <p>e) Council <b>noted</b> that a case of maladministration against HSBC (the Council's former Bankers) had been concluded by the Financial Ombudsman. A payment of £100 had been offered and accepted.</p>	

35/19	<p><b>Standing Reports:</b></p> <p>a) <i>Victoria Park Residents Association (VPRA):</i> Council <b>noted</b> the concerns of Mr. D. Read that previous Minutes concerning grounds maintenance volunteers and the reporting of noise from Erlestoke Prison were incorrect, but <b>agreed</b> that the Minutes fairly reflected the expectations of Council, which had been regularly reported to the VPRA. It was emphasised that the Parish Council <b>must</b> be kept informed of the concerns of Parishioners if Council is properly to represent their interests, and that any issues are promptly dealt with. The Chair also commented that the position of VPRA issues on the agenda reflected its importance as a Standing Item, as part of the Council’s development strategy rather than the Statutory issues.</p> <p>b) <i>Litter:</i> Plans have been concluded for the event on 23 March. If successful, this would be repeated in late April.</p> <p>c) <i>Traffic:</i> Cllr. Cadwgan presented some draft posters, which Council <b>approved</b>. Costings would be obtained.</p> <p>d) <i>Playground Extension:</i> Cllr. Morillo-Hall circulated 3 proposals. These would be sent to all Councillors for more detailed scrutiny, and displayed at suitable venues for Parishioners to comment, most notably the forthcoming Annual Parish Meeting. Funding sources, other than the National Lottery Fund, were still to be sought.</p> <p>e) Council <b>noted</b> the positions on Planning applications (Cllr. Porter), and outstanding actions on the footpath map, hanging baskets and a village newsletter (Cllr. Alexander) and tasks for the Parish Steward (Cllr. Pearce).</p>	<p>N. Bland</p> <p>P. Cadwgan</p> <p>B. Morillo-Hall</p> <p>A. Alexander</p>
36/19	<p><b>Emergency Planning:</b></p> <p>A meeting has been set up with Scottish and Southern Electricity (SSE), who can provide funding for the safety of vulnerable people in emergency situations. SSE would also be making a presentation at the forthcoming Annual Parish Meeting.</p>	<p>A. Alexander</p>
	<p><b>The meeting closed at 8.57pm.</b></p>	

**NEXT MEETINGS:** Monday 1 April 2019, 7.30pm  
 Thursday 25 April 2019, 7.00pm (Annual Parish Meeting)  
 Monday 13 May 2019, 7.30pm (Annual General Meeting)  
 At The Pavilion, Witchcombe Close

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