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MINUTES

of the **Annual Parish Meeting** on
Wednesday 20 May 2015 at 7.30pm
at the Community Room, Cheveley Primary School, Park Lane

Residents present: Rowena Berridge, Celia Bruce, Peter Cresswell, Barbara Di Vita, Claire Elbrow, Rosemary Foreman, Marilyn Jackson, Richard Jackson, Carol Jenkins, Dave Joyner, Diane Kingdon, Sheila Marvin, Lynne Noble, Brent Noble, Tracey Peel, Terry Sheehan, Craig Smith, Sallie Thomas, Sarah Tucker

Residents started arriving around 7.30pm and helped themselves to tea and biscuits and chatted with their neighbours. There was a final attendance of 19 people. Since this is not a parish council meeting, it is usual for any councillors attending to sit with other residents but, since the parish councillors have changed after the recent election, it was thought it might be helpful to residents if the present councillors sat at a table at the front of the meeting and introduced themselves, so that residents could see and learn the names of their new representatives.

Photocopies of the agenda and all written reports received from various community groups were available for residents to take. Copies of written reports and these minutes are also available on the parish website at www.cheveley.org under News & Events/Community Notices/ Annual Parish Meeting 2015. These written reports are:

- Parish Council Annual Report
- Parish Council Annual Accounts for 2014-15
 - Written reports from community groups
 - Cheveley CofE Primary School
 - Parochial Church Council Report
 - Brownies
 - WEA
 - Newmarket URC Tennis Club
 - Women's Institute
 - Cheveley Sports Club, with programme

The meeting started at 8.00pm.

Chair – Richard Jackson

Minute-taker – Sheila Marvin

1 Chair - In the absence of the newly-elected parish council chair Ian Jackson, who had a previous commitment, Brent Noble chair of the Community Association proposed that Richard Jackson should chair the meeting. There were no other nominations and no objections, so Richard Jackson took the chair.

2 Minutes of previous APM Meeting - due to the absence of minutes from the last meeting in 2014 the chairman asked if anyone present could recall or had any points or observations that had not been recognised or dealt with meantime. The answer was none.

3 Presentation of the McCalmont Cup. This Cup, originally donated by Mrs Harry McCalmont in 1908, is presented each year by the Cheveley Parish Council to the resident who has received the most nominations for their voluntary contributions to the community, often over a number of years. The winner may then keep the Cup for the year until a new winner is nominated. This year's winner was Rosemary Foreman, who arrived in Cheveley about 50 years' ago from the wilds of Newmarket, and has consistently added to the well-being of this community by founding the Cheveley Guild for Crafts, singing in the choir for many years, and being on the rota for flower arranging at the church. Rosemary is also the Secretary of the Workers' Education Association, and organises the lecture programme for up to 50 attendees at each meeting. Our warmest congratulations to Rosemary, and our thanks for all she has contributed to the community over many years.

4 Report from the Parish Council – the Chair asked if any residents had any queries or comments on the report. There was none. Many thanks to Claire Elbrow for writing such a clear and comprehensive report.

5 Reports from groups in the community:

- Women's Institute – report (and on website) by Marilyn Jackson
- Cheveley CofE Primary School – report (and on website) by Diane Kingdon, Head.
- Royal British Legion Club – report by Carol Jenkins – hall being refurbished; currently about 80 members, more members always welcome; run entirely by volunteers; events such as music nights, horse racing nights, an upcoming event is a magician (for 12+ with parent); hall can be hired but only by members (RBL rules).
- Cheveley Football Club – report by Craig Smith – is setting up an adults' football club which will play at Cheveley Rec on Sunday mornings from about 10.30am. Recently the CFC has been accepted by the Bury & District Sunday League for the 2015/16 season.
- Newmarket URC Tennis Club – report (and on website) by Barbara di Vita – three grass, two hard courts, family orientated, those interested in learning more are welcome to enjoy free tennis on Saturday 13 June, 11.00-17.00. Suggest visitors to the event park on Duchess Drive. Website at www.newmarketurctennis.co.uk
- WEA – report (and on website) by Rosemary Foreman.
- Community Association – report by Brent Noble – runs the Community Room, and is used by most of the community groups in Cheveley. Runs various fund-raising events and is

financially sound. Was approached by Cambs County Council about the school expanding into the Community Room, but alternative arrangements have now been made.

- District Council – report by Peter Cresswell (District Councillor) – the ECDC element of council tax has been frozen for a second year, pledge to freeze again in 2015/16. Savings of £500K annually have been made. Plans to reduce the number of DCs from 39 to 27. Ely Southern Bypass due for completion by end of 2017. Introduction of wheelie bins has increased recycling rate from 33% to 54%, with a target of 60%. ECDC continues to actively attract new business to the area, promote apprenticeships and improve transport links. New district-wide sport centre in being built near Ely.
- County Council Report – by Mathew Shuter (District Councillor and County Councillor) – cutting expenditure is necessary and CCC has to make decisions which will affect everybody. Winter gritting may be reduced to ensure each area has one gritted way in and way out. Superfast broadband is already available in north end of Cheveley, should be available in south end by June/July. The Park and Rides around Cambridge cost £1 million per year to run. The recently introduced £1 parking charge had initial problems, but now running more smoothly.
- Parochial Church Council – report on parish website.
- Brownies – report on parish website.
- Cheveley Sports Club – report and programme on parish website.

6 Possible future projects - suggestions from residents for projects which the Parish Council can consider undertaking in the coming year:

- Complete repairs to Rec/car park entrance
- Hire a caretaker
- Maintenance of pavements – in consultation with CCC, whose responsibility this is
- Speed reduction on Ashley Road, Newmarket end

Further suggestions may also arise when the responses to the Community Plan Survey have been tabulated.

7 A vote of thanks to all the people who volunteer their time to organise and run so many events throughout the year which the residents can enjoy and benefit from, and whose contribution is not acknowledged often enough!

Richard Jackson proposed a vote of thanks to David Keith, past chairman of the Parish Council for several years.

Sheila Marvin proposed a vote of thanks to Richard Jackson, for so smoothly chairing the Annual Parish Meeting at such short notice.

Meeting closed at approximately 10.00pm.