

# Cheveley Annual Parish Meeting

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2017, 7:30pm

The Community Room, Cheveley School, Park Road

## MINUTES

### Present:

A number of parish councillors were in attendance.

District Cllr Peter Cresswell.

District & County Cllr Mathew Shuter.

There were 13 members of the public in attendance.

1. From 7:30pm – Tea and biscuits
2. Welcome – the Chairman, Cllr Richard Jackson, warmly welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Cllrs Cresswell and Shuter to members of the public.
3. Apologies for Absence – apologies had been received from Mr & Mrs McCalmont, Mr Wayne Bent (Cambs Lowland Search & Rescue) and Cllrs Jane Gibson, James Hadlow & Sue Willows.
4. Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2016 – approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
5. Presentation of the McCalmont Cup – the Cup is presented each year by Cheveley Parish Council to an individual or community group in recognition of their voluntary service or positive contribution to, and/or participation in, Cheveley community life. This year's recipient was Dave Joyner, a long-standing resident of Cheveley whose many commitments to community groups and individuals are carried out in a quiet and unassuming manner. Dave has edited The Link since September 2011 and has made many improvements to the publication in that time. He has also, more recently, taken on the task of managing the church website. Dave is part of the hard-working team erecting and dismantling marquees for the church fete and was also involved in the organisation of the village fete held on the recreation ground in previous years. He takes an active interest in the Parish Council, attending meetings regularly and offering advice and information. Dave willingly helps wherever he can with no fuss or 'limelight' and is a worthy recipient of the McCalmont Cup in recognition of his many good works.  
Cllr Richard Jackson presented the Cup to Mr Joyner to a warm round of applause and congratulations from councillors and members of the public. Mr Joyner thanked everyone and photographs were taken for the Newmarket press. Peter McCalmont had also sent his congratulations and apologies that he couldn't attend the meeting and present the Cup in person.
6. Reports from groups in the community including:
  - Cheveley Parish Council – report by Cllr Richard Jackson, Chair (appendix A).
  - Cheveley Sports Club – report by Ian Jackson, Secretary (appendix B.)
  - Cambridgeshire Lowland Search & Rescue – report from Wayne Bent (appendix C).
  - District Council – Cllr Peter Cresswell read his report (appendix D). Cllr Cresswell will be Chairman of ECDC for the ensuing year. A resident commented on the excellent customer service received when dealing with ECDC and Cllr Cresswell will convey their thanks to staff when he makes a tour of the

offices. Cllr Cresswell answered a question on the Local Plan saying that it is hoped that this will be ratified in early 2018.

County Council – Cllr Mathew Shuter gave a report to the meeting as follows:

- Street lights at Broomstick Corner will be replaced by CCC in line with recent upgrades made across the county. This follows a long-standing dispute over the ownership of the lights which CCC has now accepted belong to them. Work should be completed by this summer.
- Take up of superfast broadband in Cambridgeshire has been the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest in the UK resulting in a £6m pay out from BT to CCC. Cambridgeshire now has 95% coverage and this money will be invested into getting the last 5% connected. CCC is also committed to working out programmes to improve remote wi-fi access in places where it has been particularly difficult. One idea is to have wi-fi 'hot-spots' in each village which would enable services such as the police to connect and work online whilst also being a visible presence in that village.
- Plans for devolution for Cambridgeshire & Peterborough will culminate in the election of a Mayor this May. The Mayor will have to power to drive forward infrastructure improvements for the area in regard to roads, schools, surgeries etc.
- CCC voted for a 2% increase in council tax for the 2017/18 year and this will be ring-fenced for Adult Social Care which is under enormous pressure at the moment.

Cllr Richard Jackson thanked Cllrs Cresswell and Shuter for their help and support for the PC, especially in regards to planning issues, for which parish councillors were very grateful.

Cheveley Primary School – report by Diane Kingdon, Head Teacher, and Rob Walden, Chair of Governors (appendix E).

Cheveley WI – report by Carolyn Joyner, Secretary (appendix F).

Speedwatch – report by Cllr Tracey Peel (appendix G).

Cheveley Acorns – a report was given to the meeting by the manager who explained that an EGM of the committee has been called to discuss the urgent need for new committee members and trustees. The playgroup is in danger of having to close at the end of the summer term if volunteers cannot be found. It was agreed that the Parish Council would advertise for volunteers on its website.

St Mary's Church – a report was given by Celia Bruce, Treasurer. Mrs Bruce said that the church is open every day and that it costs between £18-20k each year to keep it open. In 2016, 7 fundraising events had been held. There are currently 29 members on the register. Planning permission for an extension and toilet has been granted and work to get this underway is in progress. A 'crib' service had proved popular and 'Little Angels', a toddler group, had been started in 2016. Celia thanked volunteers for their support and said that new volunteers are needed.

Cheveley Community Association – Brent Noble said that this year's quiz night will be held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October. Cllr Richard Jackson said that this is the 20<sup>th</sup> year that Brent has run the quiz night and thanked him for his commitment to this popular evening.

Cllr Richard Jackson thanked each person who had given or sent a report, for their continued commitment to serving the community of Cheveley.

7. Accounts for the year 2016/17 – an explanation of the accounts was given and NOTED.

8. Other Business, summing up and close of the meeting:

Volunteers are needed at the church fete coming up in May; most parish councillors will be there to help. Ditches – it is the riparian duty of the landowner to maintain ditches and keep them clear.

Drains on the High Street – CCC Highways has cleared these from Holland Park to Brook Stud island. Any problems with drains/gullies should be reported to CCC via their online fault reporting system.

Duchess Park Residents Association – this will be disbanded some-time after June this year and maintenance will be taken over by the residents' management company.

Lynne Noble proposed a vote of thanks to parish councillors for all they do, voluntarily, within the parish which often goes unnoticed, and a round of applause ensued.  
Cllr Richard Jackson concluded the meeting by saying that the Parish Council is committed to working with residents to maintain and improve our lovely parish. Cllr Jackson also thanked Anne Mary Robinson and Pat Cobby who, he said, work tirelessly to help the residents of Somerset Court.  
Cllr Jackson thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting at 9:30pm.

Signed: .....  
Chairman, Cheveley Parish Council

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