

PRESS REPORT
CHEVELEY PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2019

Cheveley Parish Council and Cheveley Pavilion and Recreation Ground Charity meetings were held on Tuesday 12th February in the Community Room of Cheveley School. In the absence of the Clerk, Councillor Sheila Marvin kindly took the minutes.

It was reported that 20 bus passes had already been issued to young people of the Parish since the commencement of the present scheme.

The Annual Meeting of the Parish would be held on Tuesday 23rd April in the Community Room of the School. Local organisations and groups had been invited to submit a report of their activities over the past year for presentation at the meeting.

A significant reduction in electricity charges had been achieved since the upgrading of street lights to LED lanterns.

County and District Councillor Mathew Shuter reported that pot holes throughout Cambridgeshire were being repaired at an encouraging rate. There was also a budget for the repair of pavements which would prioritise areas which housed the elderly and also in the vicinity of schools. Libraries in the county would not be closing and the charity, Civic, was looking at the possibility of utilising the properties for a large range of additional services.

A good response had been received from the consultation process regarding the Neighbourhood Plan. There were also 5 residents who had volunteered to help develop the plan. Together with 2 Councillors this group would meet in March. It was agreed that information would be sent out regarding this in a newsletter and a draft for this would be discussed at the next meeting. Consideration was given to appointing a new planning consultant for this and future planning applications and a decision was taken to use one of those that had provided a quotation.

From suggestions for a street name for the development at 2 Oak Lane it was agreed to submit Hobbs Warren for consideration.

The draft for an information leaflet advising of the procedure for anyone interested in standing for election as a parish Councillor was adjusted and it was agreed that this would be distributed throughout the parish.

Following a request it was decided that an additional dog foul bin would be placed on Spurling Close near Somerset Court.

It was agreed to co-ordinate with Keep Britain Tidy's Great British Spring Clean which is scheduled for 22nd March to 23rd April. A budget capped at £500 would be set aside for the purchase of equipment.

Tree work as previously discussed would be carried out in the cemetery and other areas as necessary. A new tree planting plan would be produced.

At the Pavilion and Recreation Ground Charity meeting that followed it was reported that extensive necessary tree work had been undertaken in the Recreation Ground. Upon investigation by a specialist it had sadly come to light that it would be necessary to fell a large Beech tree close to the entrance. This would be replaced with a mature Beech. A tree swing would be put up on a tree identified as suitable for this purpose. A comprehensive tree planting plan would be produced for the Recreation Ground.

It was decided to register with the Fields in Trust Charity in order to safeguard the land for future generations.

It was reported that plans for the development of the pavilion had been enthusiastically received by those attending the various consultations that had been held, although actual attending numbers were low. Completed questionnaires would be examined at the next meeting.

The next meetings of Cheveley Parish Council and the Pavilion and Recreation Ground Charity will be held on Tuesday 12th March at 7.30 p.m. in the Community Room at Cheveley School.