

PRESS REPORT
CHEVELEY PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY 12TH MARCH 2019

Cheveley Parish Council and Cheveley Pavilion and Recreation Ground Charity meetings were held on Tuesday 12th March in the Community Room of Cheveley School.

The Clerk reported that the redundant post on the High Street outside the school has now been removed. Local Council Election leaflets had been distributed to residents on 23rd February.

District Councillor Peter Cresswell reported that there would be a reduction in the number of Councillors at East Cambridgeshire District Council following the election from 39 to 28, and that Cheveley will fall under Woodditton Ward which will incorporate seven parishes. The Local Plan from 2015 would be used for the time being rather than the new one. A decision regarding a future Local Plan would be made after the election.

The Council had noted that there were misleading inaccuracies in the minutes of East Cambridgeshire District Council Planning Committee and would ask the Planning Consultant used by the Parish Council to formulate a letter regarding this to be sent to them.

The Cheveley Neighbourhood Plan Launch Survey had produced an excellent response. Next steps were outlined, including meeting with the resident volunteers. It was decided to consider making a short presentation about this at the Annual Parish Meeting.

It was felt necessary to change the date of the Annual Parish Meeting because of its proximity to the Election. Dates considered were either 21st or 28th May and a final decision would be made at the next meeting and would depend on the availability of the Community Room for the function.

It was agreed to instigate CPR and AED Training Sessions for anyone interested and it was decided to contact neighbouring Parishes to find out if they would like to consider this as a joint venture.

A Deed of Easement was approved and signed regarding the recreation ground boundary with adjacent stud land. Further concerns were noted, including that a golf ball and a broken drone had been found on the land. Golf is prohibited on the recreation ground and notices to this effect are in place.

The annual Spring clean-up at the cemetery will be held on Saturday 23rd March. Anyone interested in helping should turn up with gardening tools from 10 a.m. The area designated for the sowing of wild flower seeds would be cut and harrowed shortly before the day. The latest tree works at the cemetery had been completed.

As part of the Keep Britain Tidy Great British Spring Clean a litter pick was arranged for Saturday 30th March. Anyone interested in joining in with this should come to the Recreation Ground or the bottom of Centre Drive at 10 a.m. It was expected that this would last for about two hours.

Tree works at the recreation ground had been completed. A large Beech tree had to be felled because of safety concerns as large damaged areas in it caused it to be unstable and unsuitable for remedial work. Logs from it had been distributed but the trunk portions had been kept.

Following the settlement for the claim for repair of the wall on the High Street boundary a contractor had been appointed to complete the work. It was also agreed that rebuilding of the damaged barbeques should be completed well before the summer.

Reluctantly earth mounds made by children will have to be removed because leaving them would invalidate insurance cover. It was hoped that a more permanent solution could be found and that local children would be involved in the procedure. It had been hoped to install a tree swing and various companies had been approached regarding this. Unfortunately none of them were prepared to take on the work because of liability concerns. It was hoped that a way forward could be found and the matter would be revisited in the future. A request to leave goal nets up throughout the summer also had to be rejected on safety grounds.

A meeting with Fields in Trust Charity is due to be held on 19th March. It was decided that just the recreation ground would be included and not the pavilion and car park.

Following the consultation exercise that had taken place at different venues in the Parish regarding redevelopment of the pavilion the next stage would be to arrange a meeting with interested community groups. A date will be advertised after the election on 2nd May.

The next meeting of Cheveley Parish Council and Cheveley Pavilion & Recreation Ground Charity will be held on Tuesday 9th April at 7.30 p.m. in the Community Room at Cheveley School.