



CHEVENING PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held by zoom on 14th April 2020 at 7.30 pm

Present:	Mr A Clark	Chairman – phone
	Ms R Burgess	Councillor – video
	Mr N Clark	Councillor – video
	Mr A de Turberville	Councillor -video
	Mr J Eastwood	Councillor – video
	Mrs L Weavers	Councillor – video
	Mr N Williams	Councillor - video
	Mrs J Hayton	Clerk - video
	Mr J London	SDC - video
Apologies	Mr J Branton	Vice-Chairman
	Mr J Firmager	Councillor

60. Update on the Current Situation Volunteers and Vulnerable -

Within the Parish there are 39 identified as vulnerable and 94 volunteers. The Chairman asked about the situation with Food Parcels. SDC are now providing them for people who have no other way of getting food supplies and as all our vulnerable people have someone to shop for them if necessary. The Clerk mentioned an initiative to provide (for example) gardening supplies for those who are self isolating to improve mental health. Cllr de Turbeville mentioned that Newlands Nursery had a “click and collect” scheme whereby they would leave pre purchased goods in their yard for collection. The Chairman confirmed he had volunteered to collect some supplies for people self isolating. Cllr London asked whether the vulnerable identified by the Parish had also been provided to SDC as he believed SDC were holding effectively the Master list of vulnerable in the District. The Clerk will pass the additional 30 names to SDC.

61. Fishermen

Following reports on the Chipstead Facebook page of Fishermen being out fishing at night (& overnight) the Chairman had written to the Fishing Club concerning the activity. Given that the land is private it is outside the Councils control and we in no way looked to be confrontational but were passing on residents concerns. The Anglers are very concerned with poachers and potentially anyone fishing at night may well be stealing and not a bone fide member of the Club.

62. Churchyard and Burial Ground

Following the notices posted to request no-one tends graves, a complaint had been received concerning the mental health impacts of prohibiting people from tending graves. The Clerk confirmed we had requested people not tend graves and that the Burial Ground and Churchyard were still open. The Chairman will write to the member

of the public thanking him for his concern and confirming the Council was in no way seeking to be prescriptive and looked to apply Government Guidance with common sense

63. Park Enhancement Scheme

The Chairman had shared his letter to the Colonel concerning the Park Enhancement Scheme prior to the meeting. It was unanimously agreed to send the letter requesting the Estate defers submitting a full planning application until after lockdown to allow full consideration of the application by both the Parish Council and residents.

64. Dunbrik & Sevenoaks Post Office Closed

Cllr Williams raised the subject of Dunbrik Household Waste and Recycling Centre being closed and the impact on fly tipping. As this is a KCC operation Cllr Williams will write to Nick Chard asking for an explanation. Cllr Eastwood mentioned that the main Post Office in Sevenoaks is also closed. This is the only accessible Post Office for anyone using public transport as others are not on a direct bus route. The Chairman agreed to email the Post Office for comment

65. Takeaway Food from Local Pubs.

Cllr de Turbeville raised an article in the Chronicle regarding a pub with takeaway food service and wondered whether it was feasible that local pubs would start this and whether volunteers could distribute food. Concerns before lockdown were on the ability to maintain social distancing, both in terms of anyone working in the kitchen and those collecting food. Cllr Weavers had previously offered to cook for those in need, but the vulnerable identified were more than content to cook for themselves. It was not considered a good use of the volunteer force to deliver a commercial operations food out to anyone requesting it.

66. Continued Lockdown

As an extension to the lockdown looks likely to be announced in the next few days the Chairman will draft a message to be distributed via social media to remind people of the importance of heeding the Government advice and to contact the PC if in need.

67. Planning Application called to Committee

The Chairman requested Cllr London obtained a likely timeline for the Planning Application which we had asked to go to Committee (42 Chipstead Park) as we do not want to be in the situation of it going to committee with only a few days notice and not being able to gather sufficient representation from both the neighbours and the Council

The meeting closed at 20.24

The next meeting will be Monday 20th April at 7.30 pm. Cllr Burgess will send out Zoom invitation