



CHEVENING PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Zoom Council Meeting of Chevening Parish Council, held at
7.30pm on Monday 20th July 2020**

Present:	Mr A Clark	Chairman – video
	Mr J Branton	Vice-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
	Members of the Public	4
Apologies	Mr J Firmager	Councillor

127. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Firmager and duly accepted by the Chairman

128. Questions from the Public

The members of the Public confirmed they were present to hear the various debates but did not have any specific questions to raise. The Chairman confirmed to the members of the public that this meeting was an exceptional one to discuss issues arising from the current pandemic and the anti social behaviour seen around the parish

129. Update on the Current Situation

Vulnerable and Volunteers

There are no issues

Anti Social Behaviour

the Chairman began by giving an update that on the whole things seem to be becoming calmer around the Lake and the village in general. There have been many mixed comments both by email and in social media about the parish Councils response to the situation. It is fair to say that trying to reconcile the different aims and desires of the Sailing Club the Angling Club and the Tri Swimmers is proving impossible and it is not the Parish Councils remit to tell them what to do. The provision of security guards has worked well and the

Sailing Club Triclub the District Council and Parish Council between them have all paid towards it. The Angling Club do not want to take part in paying for the security guards. Councillor Branton (who is also a member of the Angling Club) confirmed that in the Club's view their bailiffs were doing a better job than the security guards and therefore in the Angling Clubs view it was a waste of money. It may prove that with the lessening of restrictions the problem falls away of its own accord. The Sailing Club presence will increase from the 1st August when much more sailing takes place and they feel that they will be able to police the area themselves from then on. The security guard contract will be therefore end at the end of July.

The Anglers have received a quote off £40K to fence the North Shore. Councillor Weavers stated that as far as the Parish Council is concerned the priority must be to keep parishioners as safe as possible but the Council recognises that there is little that they can do when all activity takes place on private land

Use of Chipstead Green by the Bricklayers Arms

The Landlord of the Bricklayers Arms joined the meeting to confirm that he had had no adverse reaction from his neighbours concerning using the Green. The tables are taken in and stacked at night and last orders for drinks and food is at 9:00 pm so that everybody leaves by 10. The obvious concern for him is that come October no one will want to be outside and therefore effectively this is going to be the best time for the pub to accrue income to keep them going through the winter months. At the present time they will only serve to people on the tables and therefore they are turning business away from people who wish to just sit on the green. The concern with people sitting on the green and drinking is that it potentially could cause difficulties if there are lots of people descending on the green and causing anti social behaviour. It is far easier to remove people from tables than those who are using the Green, and there should be an area of the Green for people who want to be able to sit there, not exclusively for the use of the pub. The Landlord confirmed he had three more tables currently being stored at the allotments and those three tables would make a huge difference. The Chairman confirmed that as far as the Council was concerned this would be a temporary measure and if the extra tables caused issues in terms of any disturbance or complaints from the neighbours they would have to be withdrawn immediately. This was clearly understood and agreed. The Council then resolved unanimously to allow the extra tables on the green on the condition that this was now the maximum number of permitted tables and there would be no more than 15

The Clerk confirmed that she had applied for the Bricklayers Arms to become a community asset. The Council resolved to do the same for the other 4 pubs in the Parish – although there is no guarantee the status would be granted

130. Proposed Street Party 31st August

The Chairman had discussed the proposed Street party with the Landlord of the Bricklayers Arms. They have agreed that to have a street party there would not be feasible in the current circumstances. From the perspective of the pub, people would want to use their facilities without giving them any business and the whole of the takings for the day would be eliminated as they could not use the Green on that day. The Council then debated using the recreation ground. The Clerk confirmed that the footballers have a one way system when they use the pavilion for the toilets and this works very well. There is the option for the pub to set up a beer tent which would mean they would not lose their business on the

Green and have a potential for extra earnings. Cllr Williams confirmed there will be no issue in moving the marquee from the green to the recreation ground

131. AOB

Chevening Mailer

The Council debated the somewhat inflammatory comments seen in the latest copy of the Chevening Mailer. The Council confirmed they regret that the editor of the Mailer who has done fantastic things for the village seems to be increasingly using the Mailer for his own views and not for impartial information sharing. The Council asked the Clerk to confirm on social media that all official Council correspondence is available only from the website and not replicated by anyone anywhere else.

August meeting

Cllr Weavers expressed her concern over the Chevening Parkland development and requested a full council meeting in August with the Parkland scheme on the agenda. This would give the public opportunities to ask questions of the Estate concerning the scheme. The Clerk confirmed to Councillor Weavers that as she had a pecuniary interest in the development she would not be able to speak at that time. Councillor Weavers confirmed she was aware of that constraint. The Chairman requested Councillors to inform the Clerk whether they felt a full August meeting was appropriate and Clerk will create the agenda accordingly.

The meeting closed at 8:45 PM