



CHEVENING PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the telephone Council Meeting of Chevening Parish Council, held at 7.30pm on Monday 27th April 2020

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| Present: | Mr A Clark | Chairman – video |
| | Ms R Burgess | Councillor – video |
| | Mr N Clark | Councillor – video |
| | Mr A de Turberville | Councillor -video |
| | Mr J Eastwood | Councillor – video |
| | Mr J Firmager | Councillor |
| | 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 |

73. Update on the Current Situation

We still have over twice the number of volunteers to vulnerable reported and therefore are in a comfortable position the most recent requests have been for fulfilment of prescriptions only and no other help wasn't needed

74. VE Day Commemorations

in accordance with the guidance provided by the VE Day celebration website the council resolved that they would recommend the toast at 3:00 PM on 8th May as the only form of recognition of the day. The Chairman confirmed the Council do not want to be in a position of encouraging mass gatherings on the pavement as might happen with the suggested Stay at Home Street Party but it is important to recognise that people want to mark the passing of this day in some way. The Chairman is going to update the Parish on the current situation, to be circulated by social media and he will include links to the VE Day website within that communication so that people can access it easily and see what is planned. Hopefully the lockdown will have ended before the 14th August as that is VJ day and that would be an appropriate time to have a proper commemoration

Signed as a true record

75. Request for a plot in the Burial Ground

This is the third request received from this member of the public concerning a plot in the burial ground. Her husband was allowed a space because of the work he had previously done in the Parish and on previous occasions the Council had determined that only he should be allowed a plot. In theory his wife could be buried in the same plot but as his ashes had been sprinkled as she wishes to be buried that has not proved to be a feasible option. The Council confirmed that on this occasion as she had helped her husband in his business and therefore been instrumental in work for the Parish, they would allow her to purchase her own plot. However it must be made clear that no further plots may be purchased by members of her family in the burial ground it was recognised however that should any of her family wish to be interred in either her husband's or her own grave that was permitted

76. SDC – supporting 4 local charities and requesting Parishes do the same

The parish Council recognised that we are in exceptional times and therefore supporting the four charities that the District Council had highlighted was an appropriate action for the Council however the donation of £400 (£100 for each charity) is done in recognition of the exceptional circumstances and will not be part of an ongoing contribution to those charities going forward

77. Chevening Estates Parkland Development

The Chairman has spoken to the Managing Agents who have confirmed that they will not submit a planning application for this development in the next few months. However their application has a time limited ecological survey in it which means that they need to submit planning in September at the latest. Hopefully before then the lockdown will be eased which will enable Chevening Estates to arrange a day for Parishioners to view the plans and comment accordingly. The Parish Council will maintain a watch over the situation in case the lockdown has not been lifted before the Estate needs to submit their planning.

The Chairman also mentioned that within the next few weeks the Estate hopes to have completed the purchase of the land which contains the lagoon which creates the most flood risk for Chipstead. After that purchase goes ahead the Council can work with Chevening Estates to come up with a permanent solution

78. Grass verges.

The Clerk had received a complaint from a member of the public concerning the state of the grass verge on the eyebrow. Wild Flowers and hedgerow had been cut back which the parishioner felt was inappropriate given that they were a haven for wildlife. The communication was sent via another parishioner who produces a newsletter rather than directly to the parish council and was phrased in such a way that implied the newsletter and its editor were the voice and key spokesman for the Parish Council. The Clerk had also received communication from another Parishioner who stated they hoped the Council appreciated "the neat appearance of the grass verge now that I have dug out and cut back the brambles and other vegetation". It was resolved the Clerk should write the Parishioner complaining stating that the official communication route to the Council is not via the newsletter and advising the actions of a misguided but well meaning Parishioner appear to be to blame. The Chairman will write to the other party confirming the land is owned by KCC and that other Parishioners had been offended and appalled by his actions

79. War Memorial.

Cllr Weavers requested the listing of the War Memorial be an agenda item for the next meeting

The meeting closed at 20.30

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