



CHEVENING PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the telephone/video link Council Meeting of Chevening Parish Council, held at
7.30pm
on Monday 30th March 2020**

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

49. Open Spaces

The Contractors are concerned that if we do not keep the Rec and the Common (at least) cut they will be unusable for many weeks once the situation returns to normal. The grass will have to be strimmed because it will be so long and will not recover to how it looks now quickly (potentially ruining the whole cricket season). Given the advice to exercise the Council debated the safety of having long grass on the open spaces where parishioners are using them more for their daily exercise

It was resolved to continue to mow our open spaces unless Govt advice changes to the contrary and as long as the Contractors are happy with their personal safety whilst mowing

50. Planning Applications

Given the difficulty of debating via conference call it was resolved to agree all planning applications by email until the current restriction are lifted

51. Distribution of Helper Details to the Vulnerable

The Clerk explained that one resident, Charlotte Divall had done amazing work identifying people offering services on Facebook, but the challenge we face is how to reach out to people who do not use Social media but may still need our help. The Council debated the best way to effectively contact everyone in the Parish. **It was resolved that the only effective way is to leaflet everyone and that the message should come from the Council. Hopefully SDC's print room will be able to produce these for us, the clerk will investigate and advise. The Parish Councillors will distribute the**

notices as they do the Annual Report distribution. The Clerk will amend the wording of the letter and put Parish Council branding on.

52. Food Parcels

The District council are offering emergency food parcels for anyone in need. The collection point will be Sevenoaks Leisure Centre but it may be necessary to use a local drop off point for parcels for delivery around the Parish. The Council debated between the Pavilion and the Parish Hall. Concern was raised about how many people had keys for the Pavilion which would pose a risk of items going missing without knowing who had accessed the building. The Clerk mentioned there is now a lock between the changing rooms and the main hall for which only she has the key. The Council felt the better solution would be the Parish Hall (with the Church Warden's permission) as that door has a key code and therefore could be regularly changed. **Cllr de Turbeville would request the use of the Parish Hall if possible, and if not the Pavilion could be used. In reality it was felt the other measures in place should render the need for food parcels redundant and if the numbers were low they could easily be collected and distributed by one person rather than using a storage point.**

53. Posts on Chipstead Common

Cllr Clark mentioned 2 posts were out on Chipstead Common. The clerk will ask the open spaces contractors to repair them if it is safe to do so

54. Notice – Stay Home and Stay Safe

Cllr Burgess was going to produce a notice for the noticeboards and annual distribution reminding people of the need to stay indoors. **The Council felt this message was now so well broadcast any more messages would be unnecessary**

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 6th April at 7.30pm