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**Minutes of the Council Meeting of Chevening Parish Council, held at 7.30pm  
on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019  
at the Recreation Ground Pavilion, Chevening Road, Chipstead TN13 2SA**

Present:	Mr A Clark	Chairman
	Mr J Branton	Vice-Chairman
	Ms R Burgess	Councillor
	Mr N Clark	Councillor
	Mr A de Turberville	Councillor
	Mr J Eastwood	Councillor
	Mr N Williams	Councillor
In Attendance:	Mrs J Hayton	Clerk
	Mr J London	SDC
	Members of the Public	1
Apologies	Mr H Dilley	Councillor
	Mrs L Weavers	Councillor

**45. Apologies and Absences**

- apologies for absence were received from Cllr Dilley & Cllr Weavers

**46. Declarations of interest or lobbying**

– There were no declarations of interest or lobbying regarding items on this agenda

**47. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

- the minutes of the meeting on 11-3-19 were signed by the Chairman

**48. Questions from the Public**

– there were no questions from the public in attendance

**49. Open Spaces**

a) **Open Space Inspection**

Nothing to report

b) **Playground Inspection**

Nothing to report

**50. Annual Governance Statement**

The Annual Governance Statement for 2018/9 was resolved by the Council and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk (as RFO)

**51. Accounting Statements for 2018/9**

The Accounting Statements for 2018/9 was resolved by the Council and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk (as RFO)

## **52. Membership of KALC**

The Council had received a generic letter from KALC requesting the Parish Council rejoins (at a cost of £1,106.95). The Clerk confirmed she had expressed surprise to KALC members (twice over the past two years) that no-one came to the Council to talk about the benefits of KALC (especially to new Council members as by May, 4 of the 9 Councillors will have been in place less than 3 years and had never been members of KALC) – each time the same generic letter and leaflet on the benefits of NALC/KALC had been sent to the Clerk. No-one on the Council could identify the benefits of membership from the information provided. The Chairman asked the Clerk if there were any identifiable benefits from KALC which she missed and the Clerk was unable to identify any. The Council resolved unanimously not to rejoin KALC.

## **53. Update on potentially extending the 20mph limit past Chevening School**

Following KCC's advice that in order to extend the 20 mph limit to the School a minimum of four or five traffic calming features would be required a meeting has been arranged with KCC, Nick Chard, the chairman and Clerk to discuss the issue on 15<sup>th</sup> April to enable the Chairman to update at the Annual Assembly. Any Councillors wishing to attend were also invited.

## **54. Insurance & Asset Register.**

The Asset Register for the start of the year 2019-20 was reviewed. The War Memorial is currently uninsured under our current arrangements. It was felt that it was prudent to insure the Memorial given that the Council had spent £5k having it cleaned and refurbished. Clerk to obtain indicative values for other war memorials and submit to Insurance Brokers. Insurance renewal quotes will be presented for resolution at the next meeting

## **55. Update on Election**

The Parish Council is not required to have an election on 2<sup>nd</sup> May. The 8 Councillors who completed their applications have been returned unopposed.

## **56. Annual Assembly**

A number of Councillors will be speaking on various topics; Cllr Eastwood on Buses; Cllr Burgess on the Questionnaire; Cllr Williams on a suggestion to have a crossing on A25 at Bessels Green; Cllr de Turberville on whether the PC should look to support Riverhead Library to ensure it remains open. Each will use the opportunity to receive feedback from the Parishioners present by show of hands as to their views. The Chairman will produce a display of the Hydro-electric proposal and what it may look like to reassure any concerns from Parishioners. A table for Chevening News, Mailer and the Police will be available for each to engage with Parishioners at the event. It was resolved to allocate a maximum of £150 to refreshments on the evening.

## **57. Correspondence Received and General Issues**

### **a) [Heathrow Expansion.](#)**

The Chairman has written to both Sir Michael Fallon and the Heathrow Expansion consultation to express the Council's concerns. The member of the public present shared statistics he had recorded last summer showing planes, their flightpaths and heights taken for 1 hour each day. His research showed around 10 planes per hour but few below 10,000 feet. He offered to repeat the exercise and the Chairman agreed with thanks. It was also recognised that if Biggin Hill was expanded the situation would be substantially worse in terms of noise pollution. The Council felt that it was appropriate to keep a watch on the situation as it progresses but take no further action immediately

### **b) [Annual Ground Maintenance Review](#)**

This will be arranged before the next meeting. The Chairman asked if there was a drawing of the Burial Ground to give Councillors clear indication of what was being discussed. The Clerk has no such diagram. Cllr de Turberville offered a contact who has a drone and may be able to take photographs to give the Council such records.

## **58. General Information and proposals for Future Agenda Items**

### **a) Planters on Sailing Club Road**

The Chairman mentioned the success of the planters in terms of stopping people parking right on the road. They have also been recently planted with daffodils but no-one knows who put the bulbs in. The soil has now compacted and the planters need topping up and replanting, then ongoing maintenance. The Council suggested approaching the Allotment Society to see if they would take it on and give a cost for materials to be debated at the next meeting.

## **59. Finance**

### **a) Income Received and Cheques Payable –**

the payments for March were resolved and the Payments and Receipts for February reviewed

### **b) Annual Financial Report**

Cllr Eastwood presented his Annual Financial Report to the Council which showed the robust condition of the Parish reserves (allocated to a number of specific potential future projects). The precept has been reduced in 2019-20 to £70k. The Chairman congratulated and thanked Cllr Eastwood for all his ongoing hard work

## **60. Planning Applications**

### **a) Notices received**

– no planning notices were received in time to be reviewed at the meeting

### **b) Applications Granted or Refused**

– Circulated for information and Chairman to report. The Council discussed the merits of taking planning decisions to DCC as we are always overruled by the planners and the committee.

The Chairman asked for a list of applications over the past 12 months to demonstrate the issue at the Annual Assembly.

The meeting closed at 21.45.

Payments Resolved at March Meeting (Appendix A)

**Santander Payments**

440	MDH Horticultural Services	Monthly Open Spaces Maintenance	£1,170.37	234.07	£1,404.44
441	HMRC	Tax & NI	£79.62		£98.23
442	J Hayton	Salary	£1,047.88		£1,053.04
443	MDH Horticultural Services	Monthly Gang Mowing	£240.33	£48.07	£288.40
444	J Hayton	Expenses - phone and purchase of sign	£11.08		£11.08
445	SDC	Rates - Burial Ground Hut	£167.92		£167.92
446	SDC	Rates - Football Hut	£358.43		£358.43
447	SDC	Lucy Stanhope Flyers	£66.00		£66.00
			£3,141.63	£282.14	£3,447.54

<b>SDC Decision on Previous Planning Applications</b>					
18/03256/HOUSE	20 Chipstead Park Sevenoaks KENT TN13 2SN	Proposed double storey side extension, to replace existing garage including the removal of existing chimney; proposed single storey front extension with balcony above to replace existing entrance porch with balcony above. Proposed bay window to replace existing bay window to the front. Proposed first floor side extension above utility room. Proposed single storey rear extension, addition of two dormers to the existing bedrooms to the rear. Proposed garden wall with gate to the side. Associated fenestration, roof windows and sun tunnels. Additional driveway access from existing dropped kerb with additional parking. Patio and landscaping works,	We object to the proposal on the scale of the development which will lead to the appearance of terracing. We are unhappy that the extension will bring the property to less than 1 metre from the neighbouring property.	Allan	<b>Granted</b>
18/03441/FUL	Turvins Farm, Sundridge Road, Dunton Green, Sevenoaks TN14 6HB	Change of use from agriculture to B1 light industrial/office of a redundant traditional of farm buildings	No objection	Andy	<b>Granted</b>