

A Meeting of GREAT AND LITTLE CHISHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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| Venue: | Net Meeting |
| Date: | 16 th July 2020 |
| Time: | 7:30pm |
| Chairman: | Cllr Dring |
| Parish Councillors: | Harrison, Wiseman, Clements, Hatt, Pine |
| Clerk / Proper Officer: | Sarah Scott |
| County Councillors: | Cllr MacDonald |
| District Councillor: | None present |
| Members of the Public: | Two members of the public |
| Start Time: | 7:30pm |

1. Apologies for Absence (and reasons) – 2 Minutes

There were none received.

2. To receive any declaration of Pecuniary and non-Pecuniary Interest of Councillors – 2 Minutes

There were none declared.

3. Public Participation.

There were two members of the public in the meeting. Carolyn Stokes and Mark Wickens. Neither wished to speak in the public participation but were interested in specific items on the agenda.

4. Approval of the Draft AGM Minutes (already circulated) – 5 Minutes

There were no comments or amendments and these were approved by the Council. The minutes will be signed at a later date.

5. Covid Update – 5 Minutes

The Clerk gave an overview of progress to date. The newspaper delivery service has now stopped and a company has taken this over. There are still some people who require the dispensary service from the Granta Practice. It was felt that Chishill Care and all the volunteers had done a really good job during this period. Cllr Pine raised the point that it is worth being aware that some people's circumstances might have changed because of Covid 19 and the crisis.

Mrs Stokes mentioned that her daughter had worked very hard to supply to eggs to shops. They have 5000 chickens. She also said that if there were vulnerable or OAP's in the village who might like eggs, she could get them to them. Other services had been the Fruit and Vegetable delivery which had been well received. It was commented that there were many people who had worked hard during the past months to help people.

6. Finance - 10 Minutes

Conclusion of internal Audit

The clerk read out the audit statements and the Council approved these. The Council approved all the figures and the Clerk will get the forms signed by the Chairman at the weekend and then send off to the external auditor.

Review and Approval of Finance Sheets.

There were approved by the council. They will be signed at a later date. The Clerk is now creating monthly accounts bundles, with a spread sheet, bank statement and receipts.

Payment to Andrew Brown for his annual retainer was approved and the clerk to pay.

To discuss a regular windmill grant.

It was approved to award a grant of £2.5k this year and this will be reviewed annually. The Clerk asked if we could wait for the next tranche of the precept before it is paid. This was agreed. She also said that if needed the Precept could be increased next year to accommodate this additional grant.

7. Planning – 20 Minutes

Planning consultation for S/0020/20/FL – Conversation of a mixture of buildings in offices. There is no decision yet and it is envisaged that they will not make a decision quickly as the proposals are very different from what was initially planned. The Clerk and Chairman are waiting for a video call with Julie Ayre and Cllr Roberts. There were also concerns about open trenches on the site.

Replacement wall – 1 May Street. The Clerk had sent an email from SCDC to the Council. The decision should be made by the end of the week. Cllr Hatt said he was at a loss as to why it had taken so long to be determined. The Clerk said that it had not been a straight forward planning application.

Update on Colts Croft enforcement issue. There was no update from SCDC, but it was reported that to date, no effort had been made to create the driveway. The Clerk to ask Cllr Roberts for an update.

8. Highways – 10 Minutes

A visit had taken place from highways and Cllr MacDonald, Cllr Ridge, the Chairman and Clerk. They explained and showed to highways the many outstanding (for several years now) issues we have. Cllr MacDonald said that things are slowly now being done. Cllr Ridge was unhappy that once again, nothing appeared to be happening and there was no progress to date. Cllr Ridge reported on the overgrown verges in Little Chishill and said how dangerous the roads are because of this. Cllr MacDonald said he would go and see highways and find out what is going on and obtain a timescale. The drainage work order has been raised. Cllr Hatt asked if the delay was because the work is being outsourced and Cllr MacDonald said it was a bit of both. The Council will await an update.

9. The Pheasant Public House – 10 Minutes

Mark Wickens gave an overview of what is happening. He said that pub will be going on the market at the end of the month. He said he held off putting it on because of Covid. He said that the agents had said that ACV on the pub is a positive thing. The Chairman asked about informing SDCDC when it goes on the market and Mr Wickens said he had a letter ready to go. The Chairman asked if there was anything the Parish Council could do to help and he will have a think and comeback to the Chairman if there is anything. Mr Wickens said the agents were confident they could find a buyer. The Clerk mentioned sending out a simple questionnaire from the Pub is the Hub group asking the parishioners for their thoughts of a potential sale. The Council were supportive of this.

10. Bins in the Village

The Clerk had made progress on the bins in the village. She is trying to do a trade-off to have a dog poo bin at the entrance to the playing fields and have the bin by Colts Croft removed. The broken bin by the pavilion will be replaced. The council will be charge just under £500 for a dog poo bin on May Street and the Parish Council approved this.

11. To Accept Notices & Matters for the next Agenda – 5 mins

The sale of Wrights Meadow, Bull Meadow and the fields next to Colts Croft for development. Cllr Hatt asked if we can have a physical meeting in September. The Clerk to take guidance on this.

There being no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:47

County Councillors Report

Councillor Peter McDonald Duxford Division & Ward:
District Councillor for Parishes of Duxford, Hinxton, Ickleton, Babraham, Pampisford.
County Councillor also for Foxton, Fowlmere, Shepreth, Thriplow, Heydon, Chishills, Whittlesford

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C19 Local Outbreak Control Plan

The Government announced in May that part of its national strategy to manage and control the pandemic is for every area in England to develop a Local Outbreak Control Plan for COVID-19 by the end of June 2020. In Cambridgeshire and Peterborough our OCP builds on existing outbreak plans and relies on working closely with our local communities to reduce the risk of transmission of the infection, establish systems to identify new cases and reduce outbreaks. Where clusters of new COVID-19 cases arise we will identify them swiftly, and working with Public Health England Health Protection Team, will put measures in place to control them, so we can support the continued lifting of lockdown restrictions and the gradual return to normal life. The link to the plan is here:

<file:///C:/Temp/ab098/Downloads/cambridgeshire-and-peterborough-local-outbreak-control-plan-v--.pdf>

New Fostering Campaign

Cambridgeshire County Council wants to hear from anyone who is considering fostering in order to provide support, love and stability to children and young people.

To emphasise the importance of a stable home children from both Neale Wade academy in March and the Thomas Deacon Academy in Peterborough schools have recorded a special 'Home' poem on video, which highlights which bits of home are important to them. The video delivers a powerful message that no child should be without a home and the stability of a family environment.

Every day over 300 foster carers from across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough give over 1,000 fostered children and young people a safe and loving home.

Cambridgeshire County Council wants to encourage people to find out more about how they can inspire children and young people to reach their full potential. During Covid-19 both local authorities have been progressing enquiries over the telephone and by video call, but many more foster carers are needed to help support children over 10, teenagers and sibling groups.

If you are over 21 and have a spare bedroom in your home then you should not rule yourself out based on age, disability, ethnicity, gender identification, religion or sexual orientation. Carers can be single or in a relationship, own or rent their own home, have their own children or be child-free.

Carers receive payments and allowances to help cover their time and expenses, as well as advice and guidance so they are supported every step of the way.

Cambridgeshire County Council encourages you to find out more about fostering, visit the Cambridgeshire website. Alternatively, email fostering@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or call 0800 052 0078.

BAME Issues

Cambridgeshire County Council has spoken out about its commitment to tackling