

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF GREAT AND LITTLE CHISHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Venue: Village Hall
Date: 21st January 2015
Time: 7:31pm
Chairman: Andrew Gardiner
Parish Councillors: Murgatroyd, Ridge, Clements, Dring, Harrison
County Councillor: Cllr Hales, Cllr Barrett
Clerk / Proper Officer: Sarah Scott
Start Time: 19:30

1. Apologies for Absence (and reasons)

Cllr van de Ven – annual leave
Cllr Coney – personal

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

There none declared.

3. Approval of the Minutes of 29th October 2014.

The Council agreed that these were a true and accurate account of proceedings and the Chairman signed them.

4. Public Participation.

There were no members of the public present.

5. Finance Report

- The council approved payment of £720 for the church clock service and the mending of the pavilion clock.
- The finance sheets were approved and there will be a healthy surplus at the year end
- The council discussed the setting of the precept for 2015/16. After discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Dring and seconded by Cllr Ridge to keep the precept at its same level of £22,500.

6. Village Hall Update

There is very positive news from the Village Hall committee. The floor is being refitted, the acoustic tiles are going to be fitted and the building will be decorated. The facility will shut on 15th February for 5 weeks. A significant amount of money will be used to pay for these refurbishments. It was asked if there was going to be an event to showcase the improvements. The clerk to find out.

7. Planning

S/2994/14/FL - Rear conservatory and alterations, Rowan House, 25 Barley Road, Great and Little Chishill, Royston, Cambridgeshire, SG8 8SB

The application was unanimously recommended for approval.

The application for 22 Barley Road had today been withdrawn.

North Hall Farm – this is still ongoing with various court appearances taking place, but it appears to be drawing to a conclusion.

The planning application for a dwelling the garden at 8 Maltings Lane, in its present form will be recommended for refusal.

Bridgefoot Quarry – the site is shut at the moment and there had been an enforcement order placed on getting the site cleared by mid-February.

8. A Report on Speed Watch Activities

The latest statistics have been circulated. There had been a slight improvement in speed reductions, however one vehicle had been recorded entering the village on Barley Road at 66mph.

The question, however still remains, what is the next step. Cllr Hales suggested that the Parish a Council contact the highways official contractor Skanska and talk through options with them. The Clerk to organise

9. Movement of National Speed Limited to 40mph from Windmill to Village

The Parish a Council had been successful in obtain a grant for half of the cost for creating a buffer zone from the windmill. She read out an email from the police with their response to the proposal. The clerk had told the police that we could self enforce speeding by placing the flashing sign by the windmill. Two out of the three bus companies had to, supported the proposal. The clerk to chase the other. *Post meeting note, the final bus company had also agreed to the proposal. Everything is now in the hands of highways.*

10. A Report on the Windmill by the Windmill Charity

A new tarpaulin is waiting to be put up. The Parish Council still has a concern over the lack of progress. The clerk / chairman to pass on fundraisers names to Cllr adding who has now taken on the role of obtaining grants. Cllr Clements have offered to assist Cllr Dring. Cllr Hales spoke about how Melbourn paid for works using a community loan (PWLB) and it is calculated on the Band D Council tax calculations.

11. Village Lock-up

Cllr Coney sent this report.

“Regarding the village lock up I have spoken to the people doing our garage who do a lot of work with listed buildings and their brick layer is going to have a look at it next week too give me an indication on possible cost”.

12. Written Reports from the County and District Councillors

Chishill Parish Council, January 2013, County Councillor report

Winter gritting update

The Council's Highways and Community Infrastructure Committee has worked together to find ways of preventing cuts to the gritting service, in spite of a 59% cut to the committee's non-ring-fenced budget. 'Route optimization' including higher quality and differentiated weather forecasts, and fine-tuned spreading mechanisms, mean that a very large budget saving will be made without compromising the actual service – though next year the task will be even more difficult, as the council faces several more years of further severe cut backs. It is felt that there are no more savings to be made on route optimization, so more cuts would impact actual service.

Bridgefoot Farm Quarry fire

1. I am advocating in the strongest possible terms support for the Environment Agency's enforcement role and recent suspension of the permit required to operate the site. Meanwhile, as I've said in my newsletter, the County Council has received a comparatively low volume of letters of concern about the issue so if you would like to make your views known, please contact andrew.greenwood@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

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3. The management of the current phase has now been taken over by South Cambs District Council in its Environmental Health role, and it has created a webpage with current information: <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/bridgefoot-quarry-fire>.

Community Transport

A proposal to think in a more joined-up way about County Council Community Transport funding was agreed unanimously at last month's County Council meeting. We know that Health and Social Care budgets are greatly assisted by the existence of active community transport schemes, and yet there is no strategy to bring the NHS into funding schemes. I proposed the motion and will be helping to monitor progress.

31 Bus replacement and liaison with Herts County Council: The proposed replacement service for the 31 bus will terminate at Barley. I have queried the fact that no liaison has yet taken place with Hertfordshire County Council, who failed to consult Cambs with regard to subsidy withdrawal on the 43.

50% Student Rail discount approved by Dept for Transport: As previously reported, under Great Northern's 'Management Contract' all local schemes negotiated through the Rail User Group need to be reviewed by the Department for Transport to confirm that they are good for revenue generation. The 50% 16-18 student discount scheme has now been re-approved and so will carry on for 2015-16.

City Deal funding for A10 Corridor: A decision is expected imminently, and a full update will be given to the next meeting of the campaign group on 29 January, 7 for 7:30, at Sagentia, Harston Mill – an agenda to be posted in advance at a10corridorcycle.com.

13. To Accept Notices & Matters for the next Agenda

Cllr Barrett would like to look at the beir in the lock-up. Clerk to supply contacts.

There is more fly tipping in May Street – the Clerk to chase.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.10