

## AGM GREAT AND LITTLE CHISHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Venue:	Net Meeting
Date:	16 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
Time:	6:30pm
Chairman:	Cllr Dring
Parish Councillors:	Harrison, Wiseman, Clements, Hatt, Pine
Clerk / Proper Officer:	Sarah Scott
County Councillors:	None present
District Councillor:	None present
Members of the Public:	One member of the public
Start Time:	7:30pm

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### 1. The resignation of the Chairman and election of a Chairman to the Parish Council

It was proposed by Cllr Pine and Seconded by Cllr Clements that Cllr Dring be elected Chairman  
It was proposed by Cllr Ridge and seconded by Cllr Clements that Cllr Pine be elected as Vice Chairman.

### 2. Members of the Parish Council – Acceptance of Office and Declaration of Business

These to be signed at a later date.

### 3. Apologies for Absence

There were none.

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

There were none as they had already been declared previously.

### 5. Approval of the Minutes of April 2020

It was agreed that these were a true and accurate account of proceedings.

### 6. Public Participation.

There were no members of the public online.

### 7. Covid 19 Update

All seems to be going well and there have been no major issues. Sam and Alex are still doing a great job for the village, also assisted by many others.

Cllr Hatt asked about loose change. It was suggested that he spoke to Barley shop to see if they might assist.

The Parish Council is receiving regular updates which are shared on the website and social media and is being supported by their patch managers.

There is a hardship fund, but no one has come forward or appears to need this at present.

### 8. Finance

Annual Grants

Annual Grants Seniors Tea Party - £200

St Swithuns - £300

St Nicholas - £300

PFA - £2500

PFA - £750 – Grass cutting

Children's Christmas Party - £200

Great Chishill Youth Group - £1000

Childrens Playground - £1000

Great Chishill Village Hall - £3000

These were approved but it was agreed to hold the Children's Christmas party funds back.

Cllr Hatt asked if the Windmill could go on the grants list and it was suggested that a letter was written to the Parish Council formally asked for a grant, giving an indication of the amounts.

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Audit – the audit paperwork will be ready to sign at the next meeting in July, prior to submission to PK Littlejohn (the external auditors).

### 9. Review the Policy Document

The Clerk had updated the policy document and the Parish Council will now use CPALC as its DPA. There were no objections to the review.

### 10. District and County Councillors Written Report

Cllr McDonalds report is attached. He took the Council through his report. He reported that the recycling centre at Thriplow is open and not busy, he spoke about the mental health toolkit, which is available. The main issues that the Parish Council have is still the lack of action from highways. The Clerk and Cllr Ridge met with highways nearly a year ago and still there is little or no progress. The Clerk asked about the spreadsheet that Cllr McDonald had produced with highways and he is to follow this up. The Clerk thanked Cllr Ridge for clearing overhanging branches and debris of the roads in the Little Chishill.

Cllr Roberts reported that SCDC have been very good with their communication which include daily meetings and committee meetings online. She commented that she was impressed with all the villages and how they pulled together to offer services and help in the community.

Cllr Roberts has great concerns about the forthcoming debate and vote on the planning process. She urged the Parish Council to write raising our concerns regarding planning process. It is proposed that the joint director of planning will have the final word and not the chairman in applications which have gone to delegation. Cllr Ridge feels that PC are not truly listened to by SCDC and it is about time we are listened. Cllr Roberts is answerable and the officers are not. The Clerk mentioned the 'live' briefing that took place in which someone asked if Parish Councils views and comments relating to planning were taken seriously in the planning process and the answer was absolutely (this meeting was recorded). Meeting for debate is 21<sup>st</sup> May. Agenda and content are on the website. The Parish Council to write again.

## **11. Planning**

20/02001/LBC – 1 May Street the council are fully in favour of the wall being rebuilt to match the neighbouring walls but are concerned that the brick detail supplied are not acceptable and all the materials should be, wherever possible, reclaimed from the existing wall which has been removed. In an ideal world the trees should be preserved as flint walls and lime trees are a feature of this area. However, if the trees have to go, they should be replaced with the same. It is noted that this is a listed building and the front steps have been removed,

20/02307/PRI03Q – The Barn, Bridgefoot Farm Kennels

It was noted that the drawings were of very poor quality. As it is, there have been many changes of use from buildings to living accommodation in this site. There is no infrastructure and this is an unsustainable area. The accommodation is very close to the A505 and so noise would be an issue. Added to that the main barn is used as a farm shop and tearoom and the accommodation would face intrusion from the comings and goings of this concern. The Parish Council recommends refusal.

20/01688/HFUL – Bridgefoot Farm Cottage.

It is noted that personal circumstances can change daily which is why they cannot be used as justification in a planning application. Cllr Roberts is going to look at the policies and report back, but it is felt that this must also be recommended as a refusal.

## **12. To Accept Notices & Matters for the next Agenda**

The cricket has asked if we might be prepared to receive a grant from Sport England, as we hold the deeds to the playing fields and not the cricket club. The Parish Council agreed to so this, as long as there were no other commitments / obligations from the Parish Council.

There was no other notifiable business so the chairman closed the meeting at 7:45.

## **Cambridgeshire County Council Monthly Report for Parishes: May 2020**

The changes to County services during C19 are all to be found here:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/coronavirus/disruption-to-council-services>

As a result of the Councils budget situation, there have been changes to the Adult Social Care policy with charges for the new financial year and these were published in April. <file:///C:/Temp/ab098/Downloads/adult-social-care-charging-policy-april-----.pdf>.

### **Council Meetings**

Now that the virtual meetings protocol is in place the County has started conducting meetings on line generally via Zoom. Refer to the meetings calendar:

[https://cambridgeshire.cmis.uk.com/ccs\\_live/Meetings.aspx](https://cambridgeshire.cmis.uk.com/ccs_live/Meetings.aspx)

### **Household Waster Re-cycling Centres**

Plans are being prepared to re-open these and will be published here:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/waste-and-recycling/household-recycling-centres>

### **Well-being Campaign & ToolKit**

#### **Now We're Talking - coming together in isolation**

Organisations across the county have joined forces to launch a wellbeing campaign and additional mental health support for people during the coronavirus outbreak.

'Now We're Talking', encourages people to get talking to combat loneliness whilst self-isolating, and to seek help if they are struggling with their mental health.

The campaign, led by the local authority, NHS and third sector also directs people to increased mental health support available including:

- **Lifeline Plus** - a mental health and wellbeing helpline for people aged 18 and over living in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, is available **Monday-Friday between 9am and 2pm** via freephone 0808 808 2121. The line will support people to manage their wellbeing, provide self-help advice or signpost to other organisations for particular concerns.
- **Lifeline - 7 days a week, between 2pm and 11pm** the same number is Lifeline, managed by Lifecraft who provide support for those in mental health distress: 0808 808 2121.
- **Qwell** - an online wellbeing support, including educational and self-help articles and peer-to-peer support via forums. Adults are also able to receive help from qualified counsellors via drop-in or scheduled online chat sessions. [www.qwell.io](http://www.qwell.io)
- **Keep Your Head** – this website brings together all the mental health support available across the county - [www.keep-your-head.com/now](http://www.keep-your-head.com/now)

#### **'Now We're Talking' comms toolkit to use for your own updates:**

Following the launch of our Now We're Talking campaign this week, please [find here](#) a toolkit so you can share the details with your town or parish council colleagues.

### **Caring for Carers - Looking after the county's carers**

A project to support people across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough who are carers to friends and family has seen hundreds of people contacted to enquire whether they need support.

Family carers are currently delivering unprecedented levels of essential care and support to people with care needs in the community who are impacted by the pandemic.

In response Cambridgeshire County and Peterborough City Council have re-deployed more than 30 staff who are unable to fulfil their usual role due to the Covid-19 outbreak, to contact those family carers currently known to adult social care, check that they are coping, provide preventative advice and connect them to sources of support where this is needed.

**In Cambridgeshire 1,557 carers were identified and are being contacted. Of those contacted so far 56% or 429 carers have told staff that they are coping.**

Feedback from staff making the calls is that carers have been extremely grateful to be contacted and have taken contact details in order to access support should this be needed in the future. One carer told us "I enjoyed chatting to you and both my husband and I are impressed with the initiative set up by the council. Thank you."

So far 57 carers contacted by the redeployed staff have been referred for support as a result of the calls, examples include accessing help with shopping and medication collection, both for themselves and the adult that they support, and amendments to the care and support being provided to the cared for person due to changes in their circumstances.

The staff making the calls have had information regarding a wide range of preventative services and have also been able to connect carers to support from services like occupational therapy and the technology enabled care team, as well as raising awareness of help available through Caring Together, previously known as Carers Trust.

**If you are a carer and you would like to talk to us about the support on offer, please call the countywide hub on 0345 045 5219.**

### **Cambs County Hub**

Requests for help and support coming into the countywide hub have continued to rise over the past fortnight.

The hub has received a total of 2,101 telephone enquiries over the past four weeks. The team has resolved a total of 5,856 individual requests for help and support, which include delivering urgent food supplies to 832 people. A further 129 people have been provided with more specialist food, for example that is suitable for people who are seriously ill.

There are now almost 15,000 people on the registered shielded list across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and around a third of this group have told us that they have no support in place and will need our assistance.

Around 5,000 shielded people across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough are receiving a national food delivery over the course of this week.

### **Keeping everyone connected**

The Covid-19 outbreak has made us all more reliant on phone networks and internet services to keep in touch, which is why they are designated as 'critical' services by the Government. It's vital that people can keep connected especially at a time when we are being asked to stay at home and practise social distancing.

Mobile phones or landlines are particularly essential for vulnerable people who are self-isolating, and those without internet access, to get food, medicines and other support they need. Many people are also facing financial uncertainty and the more vulnerable members of our communities may need a bit of extra help.

The UK's major mobile and internet service providers have responded to this by offering a range of support for all their customers, including concessions for NHS frontline workers, the most vulnerable and people in financial hardship due to the Covid-19 situation.

Connecting Cambridgeshire, the digital connectivity programme led by Cambridgeshire County Council, is working with telecoms operators to improve broadband and mobile coverage across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, and has put together a [Quick Guide to help available from the mobile networks](#) which is summarised below.

Help for everyone to stay connected:

- All phone users can get free access to all NHS UK online websites with data allowances unaffected, and free calls to NHS 111 and the Non-Emergency 101 service to the Police
- NHS frontline staff, who are existing customers, can get mobile data access, voice calls and texts at no extra cost when using their personal mobiles for work
- Vulnerable patients can get generous data allowances to use their mobile phones for video consultations with doctors and health staff
- People finding it difficult to pay their phone bill as a result of Covid-19 can get support if they inform their provider
- Vulnerable people – such as those who are Shielded - can get generous mobile and landline packages to ensure they remain connected, including data boosts at low prices and free calls from their landline or mobile, whether on contract or 'pay as you go'.
- All providers will remove all data allowance caps on all current fixed broadband services.
- Vulnerable customers or those self-isolating will receive alternative methods of communication where possible if priority repairs to fixed broadband and landlines cannot be carried out.

Visit the Connecting Cambridgeshire [Getting Superfast](#) webpage to check if you can get superfast broadband, and follow the steps to upgrade, or find out about the options

### **Safeguarding Reminder**

#### **Children's Safeguarding**

If you are concerned that a child may be suffering physical, sexual or emotional abuse or neglect or is at risk of significant harm you should

contact Children's Services using one of the following: • Cambridgeshire children: 0345 045 5203  
ReferralCentre.children@cambridgeshire.gov.uk • Peterborough children: 01733 864180 • Out of Hours Emergency Duty Team (EDT): 01733  
234724 If you are a professional you can report a safeguarding concern using the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Safeguarding Referral Form.  
All telephone referrals will need to be followed up in writing within 24 hours by the referring professional.

### **Adult Safeguarding**

If you have concerns for an Adult, you should contact Adult Services using one of the following: Cambridgeshire County Council • Telephone:  
0345 045 5202 • Email: referral.centre-adults@cambridgeshire.gov.uk Peterborough City Council • Telephone: 01733 747474 • Email:  
adultsocialcare@peterborough.gov.uk Between Monday to Thursday 5pm to 8am and Friday 4pm to Monday 8am, adult safeguarding  
concerns can be directed to the Emergency Duty Team (EDT) – 01733 234724