

MINUTES OF THE APM OF GREAT AND LITTLE CHISHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Venue:	Village Hall
Date:	8 th May 2015
Time:	8:00pm
Chairman:	Andrew Gardiner
Parish Councillors:	Clements, Dring, Harrison, Murgatroyd, Coney, Ridge
County Councillor:	CLlr van de Ven
District Councillors:	None present
Clerk / Proper Officer:	Sarah Scott
Members of the Public:	See attached list.
Start Time:	20:00

1. Apologies for Absence (and reasons)

District Councillors – Hales and Barrett due to the General Election, they were involved in the counting.

2. Approval of the Minutes of APM on 16th May 2014

The minutes were approved as an accurate account of proceedings and were duly signed by the Chairman

3. Chairmans Report

The Chairman welcomed everyone to meeting and commented on the vast improvement on the village hall since its refurbishment. Points to note were:

- The Parish Council continues to support village activities and groups.
- The car park by the bus shelter has been resurfaced
- The steps to the footpath on May Street have been re-set
- We have supported the village hall financially in the remodelling of the hall
- We ask that village groups always approach the Parish Council for financial assistance as we are proactive in assisting where we can
- There had approximately 20 planning applications this year, some contentious others straightforward. The Parish Council at all times looks at planning applications on their own merit whilst applying the planning guidelines set by SCDC. We are not interested in personal reasons (downsizing etc) for a planning application as we are looking at only the plans themselves. Of course, we are only consultees in the planning and our recommendations can be overridden by SCDC.
- We have been as assiduous as possible in pursuing some planning breaches and irregularities relating to holiday lets, these have been to Crown Court and we are awaiting the final outcome.
- Finance – at the year end, April 2015, we have a surplus of circa £33k and our precept remains unchanged for a further year.
- I would like to thank all the Councillors for their time and contributions, Sarah, for being pro-active in chasing a vast number of people and organisations to get things done and our County and District Councillors who support us.
- Finally, a very special thanks to John Murgatroyd, who has given many years of service as a Councillor and former chairman. John is standing down and does not want any fuss. He has contributed to all aspects of Parish Business, but in particular the lead in pulling together Bayer and the housing association to achieve the village new houses in Heydon Road. John has earned a long overdue retirement.
- If you have any questions, please feel free to make them or within individual reports. Thank you.

4. Financial Report

This year the precept has remained at its current level of £22,500, this is the third year it has remained unchanged. We started the year with £32,678 in the bank accounts and finished with £33,446. This figure includes Section 104 monies totaling £8,167. I will post the spreadsheet on the website. My thanks to Jeff Gill from Blanche and Co who has just completed the internal audit for the Parish Council – you are always very patient with me! This concludes the finance report.

5. Report by the District and County Councillors – Addendum 1 and 2

Cllr van de Ven read her County Council Report. The Chairman read the District Councillors report.

6. Report from Fowlmere School – Addendum 3

Mrs Heather Mephram read out the report.

7. Report on the Chishill Charity

This year 8 village residents received £20 at Christmas from the Chishill Charity. Those who received the gift were pleased to have received it.

8. Report and Election of Representatives from the Playing Fields Association – Addendum 4

9. A Report from the Village Hall Committee – Addendum 5

10. Speedwatch Report – Addendum 6

Martin Gruselle spoke on behalf of speed watch

Barley Road – 19 people doing over 35mph.

Village – 31 speeding 29% of total.

Flashing sign results sent to the police. – Came out last year, Booked 3. New Road worst offenders in terms of speeders. Slowed down a bit 38% last year 35%, One came in at 72mph one afternoon. 2018 need a volunteer. Chairman – 40mph from windmill. Meeting with Skanska. Small things we can do.

11. Windmill Report

Simon Dring. Tarpauling, securing its status, preparation read to go. 125 year lease with a peppercorn rent, health and safety. Full assessment done and a schedule of works have been drawn, Make it watertight, tressles in the next few months, water tight, turn the sales and eventually might mill some corn. Open day. Start the repairs and fundraising this year.

12. St Swithun's Fundraising – Addendum 7

Angus Gent.

13. Youth and Children's Provision – Addendum 8

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21:10.

County Councillor 2015 Annual Report: the Chishills – Addendum 1

Cross party committee system: The committee system of governance has been operating for coming up to 12 months and the general impression is that it has worked well. It is certainly resulting in a more collaborative approach to running the council. The system was made possible because the council is in no-overall control. Would it survive if a single party were to find itself with an overall majority?

Council tax and funding cuts: Government has significantly reduced its revenue grant to local authorities (28% over four years) and has capped the capacity of councils to increase tax levels. This has required the County Council to make severe reductions in its expenditure.

The result is some services being eliminated completely, and inevitable trend is for the council to confine itself to statutory services only. Increasingly, we will see charges attached to services. Parish councils are doing more and sometimes collaborating to gaining economies of scale.

The County Council has set its tax increase for 2015-16 at 1.99% (=48p per week for a Band D householder).

Although the government would have preferred the Council to freeze tax, doing so now could create even greater problems in the future. Independent consultations indicate that a majority would sooner pay a little more in tax than see much-needed services reduced.

CCC's debt is estimated to be £463.5m during the 2015-16 financial year and we've budgeted £35.5m to service it. Of that amount, £17.8m is for interest and £18.6m is for repayment of the principal. The gross non-schools budget is £549.1m so £35.5m is about 6.5%.

Education: All Cambridgeshire secondary schools except one have converted to academy status. Only 37 primaries out of 230 have become academies. The County Council retains responsibility for the 'well-being' of children in academies though it has no formal role in intervening when things go wrong. It also retains responsibility for home to school transport.

Cambridgeshire's grant to schools from central government was the lowest in the country in 2014-15. After vigorous efforts to persuade the government to revise its formula, Cambridgeshire has received a better settlement for 2015-16 amounting to about 11% more per pupil. This raises Cambridgeshire from bottom to 136th out of 151.

Government has been providing free school meals since September 2014 to all infant school pupils irrespective of financial need. Those who qualify for and claim Free School Meals also attract to the school a Pupil Premium which is

currently £935 for secondary and £1,300 for primary pupils. This is spent on 'narrowing the gap' in academic attainment between the well-off and the poor and early indications are that it is having the desired effect. A major reduction will take place in the services provided through the Children's Centres (£1.3 million reduction in a £6.5 million budget). The intention is to target resources more accurately at those who need them and make less provision of 'universal services'.

Aging population: More and more people are living longer and, in the main, healthier lives. When they do lose their independence, the cost to the Council is very considerable. The Council's aim is to enable more people to live longer at home and be supported there rather than going into sheltered accommodation. 'Reablement' is the term now being used. Self-directed budgets will give older people more choice but at a lower level of funding.

Health: The County Council has a responsibility for helping to deliver the Public Health agenda, and scrutinizing changes to health services in Cambridgeshire.

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group announced the award of a mega-contract to UnitingCare Partnership, a consortium of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust with Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. This will cover a range of older people's and other health (including mental health) and social services. UnitingCare has made lots of claims about improved service and lower costs.

Programme of economic expansion: In spite of revenue pressures and funding reductions, the county is growing and the council is involved in the creation of new infrastructure, funded by central government but delivered by the council. Superfast broadband is being implemented across the county; work will start shortly on a new rail station in Cambridge and a new by-pass for Ely. Cambridge and South Cambs benefit from a special grant from government called the 'City Deal' designed to help cope with population growth driven by the economic potential encompassed by the high tech and biomedical industry.

Roads and pavements: Hopefully, scarce resources will be spent more effectively in terms of extending the life of our roads and pavements, however both are in a terrible state of repair and we all know the potholes in our area. We will see a reduction in Highways grass cutting to just twice per year, except for visibility splays. Winter gritting has thankfully not yet seen a change, but it would appear that this is inevitable.

Subsidized transport: I'm on a committee that is working hard to bring in new ways of looking at the funding of community transport and subsidized buses. We absolutely need local car schemes and organizations like Royston and District Community Transport to survive.

Education transport: Post-16 transport assistance is discretionary and I would expect that eventually it will go. However, the student rail discount we get is far cheaper than the council-subsidized bus anyway.

Park and Ride charges – This was not well handled, resulting in higher than expected decrease in usage and bus patronage (about 12%) and an increase in gridlock congestion events around the A10 approach.

Bridgefoot Farm Fire: The EA permit is still suspended and many issues remain in flux. It is frustrating that the criminal investigation concluded with insufficient information. This event cost the public purse dearly at a time of cuts to public funding. South Cambs District Council is now coordinating the post-fire phase, as well as information dissemination.

My role at CCC: This past year I have served on the Highways and Community Infrastructure committee; Cambridgeshire Future Transport steering group which deals with transport subsidies; Economy and Transport committee dealing with new infrastructure; and Education Transport Appeals, mainly in Fenland with far more difficult economic challenges.

Supporting local groups:

The A10 Corridor Cycling Campaign has worked very hard to facilitate successful funding from the Dept for Transport. Our Annual Awareness Ride is on 17 May, and our next meeting is at AstraZeneca Melbourn Science Park on 7 July, 7 for 7:30.

The Meldreth, Shepreth and Foxton Rail User Group spends a good deal of energy cultivating and maintaining useful relationships within the rail industry. The Department for Transport has recently confirmed and approved our unique 50% student rail discount as a revenue generating scheme.

Melbourn Ward District Councillors' Report for Annual Meetings 2015 – Addendum 2

The district council's principal services are planning, housing, licensing, refuse collection and recycling. It also administers elections and collects business rates and the precepts levied by county and parish councils, police and fire services. We also offer grants up to £1,500 for small capital projects for community groups, and awards to fund further training for promising athletes.

SCDC's General fund annual budget is £16m. Council housing turnover (a separate account) is £29m. We employ about 450 people, equating to about 420 full time equivalent.

The county council is responsible for adult social services, highways, education, minerals and waste.

The council is landlord of 5,500 council houses which we strive to maintain to a very high standard. We have installed solar panels to provide free daytime electricity to over 2,500 of them.

We are responsible for tackling homelessness, helping an average of 40 struggling households per quarter remain in their own property or find an alternative home.

We have kept bed and breakfast accommodation at very low levels. 35 new council houses are already planned or under construction.

We are responsible for collecting rubbish from your house, taking it to the recycling and refuse disposal site run by AmeyCespa under contract to the county council.

Once the leaves have fallen, green waste falls overall by 50% in winter. To save money, the green bin crews have moved to annualised hours contracts, working the same number of hours as before (and the same as the black and blue bin crews), but skewed more to summer than winter. This is how your green bin came to be emptied just once a month in December, January and February. The new schedules have saved around £400,000 a year.

There has been no significant move of green waste to the black bin. We have also brought a string of successful prosecutions for fly tipping (and fraud).

The LDF is still being looked at by the inspector, Laura Graham. As yet SCDC haven't had any serious comment from Ms Graham that would likely give concern to the district Council that the plan was flawed. This is particularly good news as other district councils such as Uttlesford have just had their plan refused by inspectors due to deliverability issues.

However as has been previously mentioned by us throughout last year and beyond, all communities are very much at risk of entrepreneurial applications until the plan has been signed off by the Secretary of State.

Moving to a more local aspect of our work as councillors, In Melbourn, we have worked closely with Lightsource in order to obtain the best possible outcome for our community with regard to the two solar farms at Black Peak and Muncey's. This has seen investment in the Melbourn community in the region of £750,000 over 20 years. This will deliver a significant benefit to the community.

District Councillors Barrett and Hales

FOWLMERE PRIMARY SCHOOL – Addendum 3

Heather Mepham – Headteacher

As usual, I start with our mission statement:

'We exist to inspire children to love learning and achieve excellence in all they do within our caring village school'.
Our school motto is: 'love learning, achieve excellence'.

We continue to serve the Parishes of Fowlmere, Great Chishill, Chrishall Grange and Heydon. Those living out of catchment are from Foxton, Melbourn and Shepreth. The current roll is 102 pupils. 19 children will be leaving at the end of July to attend secondary schools at Melbourn Village College, St Bede's Inter-Church school and Sawston Village College. The intake for the Reception class in September 2014 is expected to be 13, therefore the school roll will decrease.

The end of Key Stage results for the academic year 2013/14 resulted in very good attainment at the end of EYFS (5 year olds), with outcomes exceeding Cambridgeshire and National. At KS1 (7 year olds) assessments also exceeded national data in reading, writing and mathematics. Expected attainment at the end of KS2 (11 year olds) exceeded

national in reading and writing, but fell in mathematics on the previous year. We have therefore focused on mathematics across the school, and can report that good progress is being made.

An Assistant Headteacher, Mr Philip Atkin, was appointed in September to support the Headteacher in driving forward school improvement. Mr Atkin has played an important role in developing mathematics across the school, and also ran three evening workshops for parents to enable them to gain understanding of the strategies used in school and to help them support their children with homework.

We began the school year with agency staff in Class 2, due to a teacher vacancy, but we were very pleased to appoint Mr Chris Martin to the post in November.

The children have participated in a wide variety of sporting activities and competitions, including Kwik cricket, athletics, swimming, rugby, football, netball and cross country. The Year 4/5/6 rugby team earned a place at the School Games Spring Finals tag rugby competition, competing against schools across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. They won their pool, and achieved 4th place overall. We had a number of pupils who were placed amongst the fastest runners in both the Y3/4 and the Y5/6 cross country competitions.

We have enjoyed visits to:

The West End theatre production of War Horse, St Alban's Verulamium, Ely Museum, Y5 Well-being conference, Y4 to MVC, Burwell House, Huntingdon cinema for the BBC Ten Pieces project, Y5 Arts Day at MVC, Fowlmere Friendship Club to sing Christmas carols, Fowlmere Playgroup Nativity.

...and/or visitors from:

Rev Trudie Morris, monthly assemblies (Anglican), Mrs Tess Maddin, monthly assemblies (Methodist), and the GenR8 team from Royston, and Quantum Theatre.

We have organised:

Harvest assembly, Red, White and Blue Day, Remembrance Day Assembly, Class 3 museum presentation to the community (WW2), class assemblies, treat days, Christmas craft afternoon, KS1 nativity, KS1/2 Pantomime, Children Challenging Industry project with Johnson Matthey and the University of York, Mothers' Day lunch, Fathers' Day lunch, Easter egg hunt, Cooking day, Class Christmas parties, Cycling Proficiency training for pupils in Year 6

Fundraising this year has focused on Child Cancer charities following the sad loss of Eilish to Wilm's tumour in October. Eilish had desperately wanted to start school in September, and she was able to attend whenever she was well enough. We made a coin trail in the shape of CLIC, for the CLIC Sargent cancer charity and have supported Marie Curie, Child Cancer Awareness, and in particular the Beads of Courage initiative which provides different beads for children each time they have a treatment or hospital visit. Eilish had over 1,000 beads, demonstrating her courage and bravery throughout her illness. We have also supported the Children in Need day and the Save the Children 'Wear a Christmas Jumper' day.

A team of Y5 pupils took part in the Local Authority organised Maths Challenge for Y5 pupils. This year Madame Veronique Sanders from Melbourn Village Cillege teaches French throughout the school.

We have again hosted a trainee teacher from Cambridge Universities, providing guidance and support to the training of the next generation of primary school teachers.

We are one of few primary schools that provides voluntarily-run after-school clubs. The clubs are organised by the teachers, parents and community members, and sporting governor bodies. We offer a range of sports and non-sport clubs. We also benefit from classroom support from parents, and members of the community.

Cambridgeshire Music provides piano, flute, recorder and guitar tuition to a number of children.

We are extremely fortunate to benefit from the fund-raising efforts of the PTFA. They raise an extraordinary amount to benefit the children at Fowlmere School.

Our new rising 5s will be visiting the school for messy play during this term. The teachers visit the pre-school providers and ensure a smooth transition for the children into school in September.

We are still awaiting an Ofsted Inspection, having received notification that we have sustained our Good performance, and will not be inspected before summer term 2015. We have plenty to do in the meantime, and it continues to be a privilege for me to be leading Fowlmere school.

Finally, our Annual Art Exhibition is this weekend (9/10th May). Please do come along to see the work of local artists and support the school.

Heather Mepham
Headteacher
05.05.15

PFA – APM 8th May 2015 – Addendum 4

CURRENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS WISHING TO SERVE

ALAN FERRIE CHAIR
JEFF GILL VICE CHAIR
DARRELL PLUMB TREASURER
SARAH SCOTT SECRETARY/PC REP
ANDREW DRURY COMMITTEE MEMBER
SIMON COXALL COMMITTEE MEMBER
PAUL DRURY COMMITTEE MEMBER
ALASTAIR COCKERTON CC REP
ANGUS GENT CC REP
JONATHON DRURY FOOTBALL CLUB REPS
OLLY GARDINER FOOTBALL CLUB REP

I hope that you will adopt this proposal

1. PAUL DRURY HAS DECIDED TO STAND DOWN AS CHAIR OF THE PFA. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK PAUL FOR HIS CONSIDERABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE PFA OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS. AS A RESULT OF HIS EFFORTS I AM FORTUNATE TO BE TAKING OVER BUILDINGS, EQUIPMENT AND PLAYING FIELDS AS WELL AS A BANK BALANCE WHICH ARE ALL IN AN EXCELLENT STATE
2. LAST YEAR WE REPORTED THAT WE HAD A NEW USER OF THE PAVILION. GREAT CHISHILL NURSERY USE THE PAVILION DURING WEEK DAYS AND IN TERM TIME.
THE NURSERY CAN ACCOMMODATE UP TO 13 INFANTS AGED BETWEEN 2 AND 5 YRS.
3. THIS ARRANGEMENT HAS BEEN BENEFICIAL TO BOTH PARTIES.
4. THE NURSERY HAS HAD AN INCREASE IN NUMBERS WHICH HAS BEEN PARTIALLY ATTRIBUTED TO ITS NEW LOCATION
5. THE PFA HAS GAINED IN BEING ABLE TO HIRE THIS PLAYING FIELDS FACILITY RESULTING IN A SIGNIFICANT AND REGULAR INCOME.
6. HOWEVER THE VERY SUCCESS OF THE NURSERY SCHOOL HAS MEANT THEY NOW HAVE A GREAT DEAL OF EQUIPMENT WHICH NEEDS TO BE STORED. WE ARE CURRENTLY LOOKING AT THE ADDITION OF A METAL STORAGE UNIT. THIS WILL BE PLACED ALONGSIDE THE GARAGE AT THE CORNER OF THE CAR PARK.

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR A NUMBER OF MODIFICATIONS WERE UNDERTAKEN TO ACCOMMODATE THE NURSERY AND NECESSARY MAINTENANCE WAS UNDERTAKEN AT THE SAME TIME.

7. WE CONTINUE TO HOST FOOTBALL AND CRICKET CLUBS EACH FIELDING ONE TEAM.
8. WE ARE TOLD THAT BOTH CLUBS EXPECT TO CONTINUE NEXT SEASON HOWEVER BOTH THEIR MEMBERSHIP COULD BE STRONGER. THE FOOTBALL TEAM IN PARTICULAR HAS STRUGGLED ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS TO PUT OUT A FULL TEAM. PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THEM IN ANY WAY YOU ARE ABLE.
9. PLAYING AREA CONTINUES TO BE WELL MAINTAINED
10. CUTTING EQUIPMENT HAS UNDERGONE ANNUAL MAINTENANCE AND IS IN ADEQUATE CONDITION FOR THE CUTTING SEASON.
11. WE CONTINUE TO WORK TO MANAGE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT.
12. OUR FINANCIAL POSITION REMAINS SOUND, AFTER SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS IN RECENT YEARS.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

WE ARE APPRECIATIVE OF THE GRANT AND THE REPLACEMENT OF THE CLOCK MADE BY THE PC - THANK YOU.
 EXPRESS OUR THANKS VOLUNTEERS, INC.
 SIMON COXALL, DARRELL PLUMB, JOE WRIGHT
 PFA COMMITTEE
 TIM SCOTT - EFFORT CUTTING OF THE PLAISTOW
 PETER WISEMAN

Notes from the Village Hall Committee by Andrea Hamblin – Addendum 5

Anna Coney and I joined the committee a year ago so this is our first reporting to the AGM. We are pleased to have such positive news to report.

The first phase of the refurbishment work is now complete and the improvements speak for themselves. We have spent about £23,000 with the major components being as follows:

- New floor
- Decorating
- Acoustic ceiling panels
- New lighting
- New curtains

The next phase is to improve storage in the hall by fitting a folding screen door across the alcove and cupboards in the porch. This will be done during the next couple of months. Our focus is now shifting to maintaining the hall to its current high standard and encouraging more people to use it. To this end we are looking for someone to help with cleaning duties, this is a paid position. Please contact either of us if you are interested or know someone who is.

We are delighted that Gillian Philpott has recently joined us as clerk to the committee. It would be great to have a few more new members as we are only a small team and would welcome additional input and fresh ideas. Please speak to one of us if you want to know more.

**GREAT CHISHILL SPEEDWATCH – Addendum 6
 Memorandum for Annual Parish Meeting May 2015**

Activity in 2014 using the Police Speedwatch Kit

Our use of this kit has only equalled that of 2014 - due partly to more enthusiastic use by other Villages in the area. Here is the Data (taken over 1½ hour periods each session), showing number of vehicles at 35mph and above for the last 3 years:

Eastbound at The Playing Fields Hall Lane

Vehicles At	2012 9 Sessions		2013 4 Sessions		2014 2 Sessions	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
30 - 35	108	14.18%	70	19.18%	35	16.36%
41 - 45	51	6.69%	30	8.22%	6	2.80%
46 - 50	17	2.23%	13	3.56%	0	
51 plus	8	1.05%	3	0.82%	0	
Total 35+	184	24.15%	116	31.78%	41	19.16%
Total Passing	762		365		214	
Vehicles Per Session	85		91		107	

Eastbound at The Pudgell

Vehicles At	2012 10 Sessions		2013 3 Sessions		2014 4 Sessions	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
30 - 35	114	16.17%	39	15.73%	40	9.39%
41 - 45	29	4.11%	6	2.42%	13	3.05%
46 - 50	5	0.71%	0		2	0.47%

51 plus	0		0		0	
Total 35+	148	20.99%	45	18.15%	55	12.91%
Total Passing	705		248		426	
Vehicles Per Session	71		79		106	

There was also 1 session - with the Police in attendance - at 7 New Road, checking the Incoming Vehicles. 79 vehicles passed the Sign, 25 (31.7%) exceeding 35mph of which 11 were doing 41mph+. The Police booked at least 3 vehicles, working at the New Road / Heydon Road junction.

My thanks to Albert Phillpot, Michael Melville, John Murgatroyd and Keith Goodall for their assistance.

Comments on above Data

Although the number of sessions was low, it does seem to suggest that - when we are "on-site" speeds are reduced. On 19 September the Flashing Sign and the Speedwatch kit were checking Eastbound traffic in Barley Road; 19.4% of the traffic between 17.00 and 18.00 hours passed the Sign at 35+ mph but this dropped to 7.3% by the time the vehicles reached The Pudgell. However, those travelling passed the Sign at over 40mph did not slow down prior to reaching the Pudgell!

Flashing Sign

Thanks to Albert Phillpot (who does all the work) the Flashing Sign has been operating throughout the year on a regular rotation, which means it is recording Data for each direction on all 4 roads through the Village for 2 weeks (the life of the Battery without a recharge) 3 times a year.

A schedule showing the results is provided to the Parish Council on a regular basis. From these results it is apparent that:

1. The average number of vehicles passing a location - each way - during the busy period (7am - 9pm), ranged from 56 per hour (New Road and Heydon Road) to 90 per hour (Hall Lane and Barley Road) somewhat fewer than last year.
2. The Average speed of Incoming traffic in New Road was around 33mph compared with around 30mph in all other locations.
3. The highest percentage speeding is on New Road entering the Village - 44% in 1 period - compared with Hall Lane and Barley Road (travelling eastwards) - about 22%, with Heydon Road around 14%.
4. All locations (except Heydon Road) have had vehicles passing on at least one occasion in excess of 65mph - one entering the village on New Road on Sunday 15 March 2015 around 11.00am at 72MPH!! It is possible that the device is picking up vehicles a few yards prior to the 30MPH Sign!

Volunteers required

More help required for both of these activities! Speedwatch is usually between 4.15 and 6pm on Fridays between April and September. The sign needs dealing with every other Wednesday at 9am throughout the year!

Martin Gruselle Speedwatch Co-ordinator

19 April 2015

St Swithun's Restoration Appeal ~ Parish Report 2015 – Addendum 7

Chairman ~ Angus Gent

- On 20th June, 2014 the Quinquennial Inspection Public Meeting was held, attended by some 60 villagers.
- Following the open meeting 28th August 2014 a fundraising committee was set up of those who volunteered to help save the church. Terms of reference and a mission statement were approved.
- The committee is particularly mindful of other fundraising needs and events within the village and the parish. The longer term vision of the committee is that we should all pull together as a community in order to create a greater unity and to maximise our resources.
- The committee is not a closed committee, we welcome comments and assistance! As much as possible we are trying to encourage events to be organised that will reach as broad a spectrum of people in the Parish and are inclusive of all within the community.

- The appeal tag line is that the church is ***at the crossroads in our village and is an icon of Great Chishill*** (Just as the windmill and the Pheasant are). The Church is a community asset and something we must all work to preserve for future generations of villagers, for all to enjoy.
- A target of £50k (10% of a grant, including contingencies) was set to be raised in a 24 month period. This was the amount required before a grant submission could be made to Heritage Lottery.
- The committee meets every 4-6 weeks, guests and new members are encouraged; on one occasion a fund raising expert came along to offer advice.
- A number of fundraising events are being organised; *the Bring and Sell Auction on May 17th*. 200 tickets have been sold for the *Summer Ball on June 20th*, 20 tickets are still available. *Sunday 21st a Grandparents Mad Hatters Tea Party*. Other events being organised are; a *sponsored bike ride* from St Swithun's, Winchester cathedral to St Swithun's, Great Chishill in 30 hours, an *organ recital*, a *quiz night* and *the King's Men* are making a return on *December 6th 2015*.
- The total raised so far is something in the region of £15,000; it is difficult to give a specific figure with Gift aid and standing orders. But we are heading in the right direction at a great rate of knots.
- Having heard what has been raised so far and what is in the fabric fund, we now feel that we can begin the grant bidding process. Particularly as there has been such fantastic community support for the appeal so far.
- The committee try to update the community of progress on fundraising via the Chishills Newsletter and Village Web.
- We are at present ahead of our projected target at this stage, but this is not breeding complacency.
- We would most heartily like to thank each and every person and organisation who have supported us so generously, so far. However, we must remember there is still plenty to do!
- I would like to most sincerely thank Andy Colebrooke and all of the appeal committee members for all of their fantastic support and enthusiasm during the first 6 months of the appeal.

Report for Great & Little Chishill Annual Parish Meeting 8th May 2015 – Addendum 8

Chishill Chimps Toddler Group & Playground

Chair: Emily Brown

Secretary: Laura Barnes

Treasurer: Islay Dring

Other Committee Members: Miranda Abbs, Helen Bowyer.

Chishill Chimps Toddler Group has taken on the responsibility of the Playground meaning these two committee groups are now one, although money is kept separate in sub accounts within the Great Chishill Community Account.

Chishill Chimps Toddler Group

Chishill Chimps toddler group runs every Thursday morning in the village hall. We are committed to providing a friendly environment for all local parents, grandparents and carers with their pre-school babies and children for play, chat, snacks and tea and cake. The group continues to be very popular and has sustained its welcoming and non-cliquey reputation with a good range of play equipment. With new families of young children still growing in number in Great Chishill and the surrounding villages we continue to have around 20-25 parents/carers with their children each week.

The continuing popularity of the group easily sustains our finances which are currently at £1437.43. This enables us to keep our toys and equipment updated and refreshed regularly and to provide creative activities and fun seasonal parties for our families.

We would like to congratulate the Village Hall Committee on the excellent refurbishment of the hall and for their continued generosity and support in providing all the storage space for this group.

The Village Playground

Over the last 12 months we have worked to give the playground a refurbishment including the renewal of timbers on fencing and the climbing frame, rebuilding a section of the zip wire frame, installing four new swing seats, replacing a springer ride with a new seesaw and refreshing the woodchip ground covering. Thank you John Drury for your all your hard work. Playground equipment and installation is incredibly expensive and this work alone cost us approximately £3000. Remaining in the Playground bank account is £3556.

We are committed to keeping the playground maintained to a good standard and keeping focused on its appropriateness for the user age group. With this in mind we are giving thought to installing a low climbing frame and slide for young toddlers, something that has been suggested by many families of young children who use the playground regularly. This will involve careful planning, design and fundraising but we hope to have the work completed over the coming year, if we can raise the money to cover costs.

The skate ramps are also on our 'to-do' list as they are in a very sorry state of repair and urgently need replacing. A number of young people have approached me showing great enthusiasm to fundraise and get the skate ramps

redesigned and replaced. The playground committee and youth club will be working closely make a feasible and affordable plan, hopefully with the support from the Playing Fields Committee and the Parish Council. The combined groups continue to fundraise and we are focused on hosting events to appeal to the whole community and a diversity of ages. Last November we had our second 'Poppy Lunch' which raised £420, again the money was shared between the Poppy Appeal and Children's Christmas Party. We are working with the Youth Club committee organising the annual village fun day on 30th August. We hope this will can be a fun and collaborative village fundraising event for all the community groups to enjoy and benefit from, so please do get in touch to get involved. We are continuing the tradition of the Children's Christmas party this year with the ever popular Stripey Wipey, booked already for early December.

Report for Great & Little Chishill Annual Parish Meeting 8th May 2015

Gt Chishill Youth Club

Chairperson: Vacancy (Emily Brown standing in)

Secretary: Amy Tait

Treasurer: Emily Brown

Youth Workers: Fred Smith and Dan Horne

Volunteers and other committee members: Helen Bowyer, Janet Erskine, Claire Herbert, Eleanor Mead, Katie Yates, Laura Barnes.

Great Chishill Youth Club has been running since 2007, on Tuesday evenings during term time. This continues to be a thriving youth club and offer a valuable social meeting place for the young people of our village.

Club numbers have really grown over the last year which have peaked recently at 37! The growth in numbers created an urgent need for additional adult help for which I advertised on the local Mums Facebook group page and had a brilliant response. We now have six additional voluntary helpers so we can ensure the two Youth Workers are supplemented by two additional volunteers each week. This extra help has been vital in keeping club running in a safe environment for all the young people.

We continue to provide a variety of activities including cooking, arts and crafts, discos and of course lots of outdoor sports for the lighter evenings.

Youth Workers Dan and Fred still enjoy running the club and put much valued energy and creativity into it, as well as having a wonderful relationship with all our young people. As always, in an effort to sustain funding and afford both Youth Workers, we are involved in running the village fun day this year.

The accounts comfortably tick over but currently stand at £1123. Our great thanks again go to the Parish Council for funding one of our youth workers, and to the village hall committee for their support in providing space and storage for our equipment.