

# Minutes of a meeting of GREAT AND LITTLE CHISHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Venue:	Village Hall
Date:	11 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
Time:	7:30pm
Chairman:	Clr Dring
Parish Councillors:	Clements, Ridge, Wiseman, Hatt, Pine
Clerk / Proper Officer:	Sarah Scott
County Councillors:	Clr Topping
District Councillor:	Clr Roberts
Members of the Public:	3 Members of the public
Start Time:	7:30

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## 1. Apologies for Absence (and reasons)

Clr Harrison – Previous engagement

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

There were none received.

## 3. Approval of the Minutes from the meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019

It was agreed that these were a true account of proceedings and were duly signed by the Chairman.

## 4. Public Participation.

Mr and Mrs Dibblee gave an overview of the chalk and their ideas to give it a tidy up. Mr Dibblee has spoken to the tenant farmer of Lynchetts Farm as, in essence it is part of his leased farm land, and he has no problem in principle to giving the chalk pit a tidy-up. The question of insurance was raised, and the clerk said she would need to check with the Parish Council's insurers as the Parish Council do not own the land that the work is being carried out on. She would report back as soon as this has been done. Mr Dibblee went on a spoke about his experiences in France and how communal projects were undertaken. Clr Robert commented that in Fowlmere they were trying to obtain ownership of a piece of land. This is not something that the Parish Council wish to pursue at this time. It was agreed that the Parish Council agree to this project and look forward to hearing the latest update from Mr and Mrs Dibblee. Mr and Mrs Dibblee then left the meeting.

## 5. Finance – 10 Minutes

The Clerk took the Council through the finance sheets and year-end figures which had been circulated before the meeting. The Chairman signed and dated them. She reminded the Council to be mindful of the expected expenditure relating to the windmill going forward.

The audit papers had been submitted to our internal auditor.

## 6. Planning – 10 Minutes

- S/0810/19/FL – 5 Colts Croft. The Parish Council reviewed the plans and unanimously agreed to support the application.
- The drop curb new driveway in Heydon Road had been refused.
- Colts Croft the changes to materials relating to this new building were upheld and so the slate roof will remain. Members of the Parish Council were upset with this decision as it makes a mockery of design / heritage statements and the planning process. Clr Roberts suggested writing to SCDC planning personnel (John Koch and Pippa Heylings). The chairman to draft a letter and circulate it to the Council before sending
- Heydon Grange – The call for sites for the new LDF is in and closed and the landowner has put in for 3 choices: 7,000, 5,000 or 3,000 houses. In Autumn the sites become public after they have been whittled down and will be put out for consultation. Clrs Topping and Roberts are also to ask about the Hall Lane site and any others near us.
- East / West Route – It looks like Bassingbourn is the preferred route at the moment not Cambourne. However, according to Clr Topping there are still 3 Councils in favour of Cambourne route, so there is more to come on this.
- North Hall Farm. Clr Roberts to speak to Julie Ayre to ask her to prece where we are at with North Hall Farm.

## 7. Highways

Clr Topping spoke about the outstanding works to date:

The Hall Lane path had been patched badly and it was felt that this was not a job done well at all.

Outstanding white lines to Hall Lane / Heydon Road / May Street / Barley Road crossroads have all but disappeared, plus other areas in the village as well as dragons teeth – these all need addressing

The Clerk ask Clr Wiseman to speak about the drains on the B1039 heading out of the village on Hall Lane towards Essex, which she duly did.

Clr Topping thanked the Parish Council for photographs showing flooding on New Road and he is to get this investigated.

Clr Topping will come out with highways and also meet with members of the PC to show the problems.

The bottom of New Road is breaking up and there is a build-up shingle which is dangerous.

Clr Hatt spoke about overhanging hedgerow on May Street and Clr Topping said that the best person to talk to is John O Brien at highways.

Clr Topping spoke about minor highways grants for the some of these works. This is where the Parish Council bid for some works and if successful, Highways will part fund the work, the remainder has to come from the Parish Council. The Clerk pointed out that we had

been successful in the past in several bids, but the problems listed above should be done as a duty to the village, as we, in all, purpose do not get much for our money in terms of services in Great and Little Chishill. The projects we have one bids for were for things like to gates to the village, the 40mph buffer zone, the initial dragons teeth and the speed camera etc. The Parish funded, out of the precept, and corrected a major flooding issue on New Road 3 years ago, when after a meeting with highways in morning with a promise to sort out the problem, they withdrew their support the same afternoon citing an unforeseen cut in funding.

- Possible replacement of Speed Sign  
Cllr Clements is looking into this and will be added to the next agenda.

**8. Light Next to bus shelter**

The clerk has chased up Balfour Beattie twice and has heard nothing back. She will continue to follow this up.

**9. Chalk Pit**

See above.

**10. Security Committee**

Cllr Ridge reported that the group are meeting up to discuss the latest insert to go into the newsletter.

The clerk spoke about a recent incident and was appalled by lack of police presence. It was recommended that the Parish Council should contact the Police Commissioner about this. The Clerk to follow-up.

**11. Village Hall**

Cllr Pine reported that the drains are all sorted now, along with new manhole covers, and a new step to the kitchen, the committee are putting in new risk assessments for each organisation. They had also been approached by the PFA committee volunteers relating to the grounds around the Village Hall.

**12. Windmill Committee**

Cllr Hatt had meet with John O Brien regarding the line of the new fence. Next Monday the blades are being put back on the windmill. A new cross member has been fitted and works are continuing on the rear fan tail. The grand opening is on 8<sup>th</sup> June. An approach had been made to Barley and Heydon for small grants.

Cllr Roberts and Cllr Topping suggested the Community Chest, approaching Thriplow Daffodil Weekend, the organisers of Cereals and also KWS at Fowlemere. Clerk to find out the Cereals contact.

**13. Lock-up**

The Clerk and Chairman to get together on this.

**14. Correspondence**

All appropriate and relevant correspondence has been circulated.

**15. District and County Councillors Written Reports**

Cllr Topping sent a report which the Clerk will circulate.

There was a comment from the District Councillor that a new CEO has come to County and in the past the County has been prudent and careful with money and now the Council is borrowing money for speculative items. Cllr Topping had said they had bought into science park properties.

**16. To Accept Notices & Matters for the next Agenda**

The next meetings are the AGM and the AMP on 17<sup>th</sup> May. Unless, there are any planning applications of important business, the PC does not then normally meet in June. It was agreed that no invitation to the Parishioners would be sent out this year, as it appears on the website, in the newsletter on the Facebook Page and other social media. The clerk will request written reports from village organisations and needs e-copies 10 days in advance of the meeting. She will arrange refreshments as normal.

There being no further business to transact, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:45.