

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF GREAT AND LITTLE CHISHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Venue:	Village Hall
Date:	24 th May 2014
Time:	7:30pm
Chairman:	Andrew Gardiner
Parish Councillors:	Harrison, Murgatroyd, Ridge, Coney
District Councillors:	Barrett and Hales
County Councillor:	Susan van de Ven
Clerk / Proper Officer:	Sarah Scott
Members of the Parish	See List attached list

1. Apologies for Absence

Simon Dring – previous a commitment

2. Approval of Previous Minutes of 2013 APM

These were approved as an accurate account of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

3. Chairman's Report

The Chairman opened the meeting with his report.

- Thanks to the Parish Council and new Cllr Dring and Coney. Cllr Coney is Vice Chairman. Apart from their unique talents our new Parish Councillors also reduced the average age of the Council (and may that long continue)
- I intend to pick out a few headlines as fuller reports follows.
- The Precept remains unchanged. At the end of the 2013/14 funds stood at £32K; so we have scope for new projects.
- During the year funds to village societies (PFA, Village Hall, Youth Club, Playground, Speedwatch) amounted to £14,000. Other funds committed to, where the village gates, support to all three churches, social events and essential expenditure such as insurance
- Planning – The Parish Council made representation to SCDC Local Plan. Our proposals were that Bull Meadow and The Playfields should be designated as Local Green Spaces, the village frontages from Barley, May Street and New Road be protected. We should remain a community of very restricted, but not zero build and those new builds should be modest in size (2-3 bedroomed) and aimed at downsizers and first time buyers. The consensus throughout South Cambs was to retain village envelopes and conservation areas. The plan was endorsed by SCDC in mid March and is now being reviewed by HM Inspectors with a view to a response by the end of 2014/15
- Over the last year, we have considered about 20 planning applications and in all cases SCDC have endorsed the view of the Parish Council, with the majority being for approval.

- We have become increasingly exercised by what seems to be a clear breach of terms of applications relating to 'Holiday Lets'. The Parish Council has pursued one particular case vigorously which has resulted in successful magistrate court action and referral to the Crown Court.
- Transport – as part of a £1.5m reduction in bus subsidies the No 31 is under threat. We have participated in a usage survey and have made proposals regarding an alternative routing / vehicle type. Cambridgeshire County Council is digesting these as part of a new proposal.
- Speedwatch – this will be reported on separately; we are now considering the introduction of a 40mph limit from the Windmill into the village and will consult the village as soon as we can.
- Fly Tipping – I mention this because it is a growing problem nationally, with the latest local example beyond May Street (now cleared). The responsibilities are worth stating: Removal is down to the landowner; enforcement is down to the City Council. Once the Council has visited the landowner, the latter has 28 days to clear the rubbish, within the terms of an enforcement notice. If it is not cleared then prosecution is immediate with a £500/day fine.

Finally, thanks to everyone who has contributed to village organisations, to our County and District Councillors and to Sarah, who is not only assiduous in the extreme, but whose local intelligence is second to none.

4. Financial Report

The year started with £29759 in combined accounts and ended with £32678. We had a spend of £27565. This year we bought the flashing sign which you can see at various points around the village. As well as annual donations to village organisations, we also made donations to the URC for wall repairs, we paid for the service and repairs to St Swithun's church clock, we also paid some repairs to St Nicholas Church.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to Jeff Gill of Blanche and Co, who acts as our internal auditor and makes sure our accounts are in order.

5. Reports by the County and District Councillors Addendum 1&2

The County and District Councillors read out their reports.

CLLr Hales asked for a show of hands of how many people were using the Hub. He thanked the Chairman and Clerk for their support.

A member of the public asked why Youth Clubs in South Cambs do not get funding and more Fenlands Youth Groups do. Individual casework opens a raft of services for younger people, but it is imperative to understand how the system works. Children in our area do also get support in other ways such as 50% reduction in train fares into Cambridge from Royston

6. Report from Fowlmere School – Addendum 3

7. Report on the Chishill Charity

Every year the The Chishill Parochial Charity gives a cash amount to pensioners in the village. This year 7 parishioners received this. I am pleased to say, from feedback, that they were happy to have received this.

8. Report and Election of Representatives to the Playing Fields Committee – Addendum 4

Presented by Paul Drury report (see below) and there were no questions

9. A Report on the Village Hall – Addendum 5

The Clerk read the report and there were no questions.

10. A Report on Speed watch – Addendum 6

Cllr Harrison read out the report (below) It was reported that the gates to villages have a minor but useful effect. The flashing sign has a modest effect and the data captured has been very useful. The Police will not devote significant resources to speeding in rural areas anymore.

11. Report on the Windmill

Jim Brearley opened by saying he was sorry it had taken so long for progress to be made. But it had allowed the Trust to move ahead positively. A 125 year lease had been signed with Cambridgeshire County Council with an agreement that the County Council pay buildings insurance. A grant which the Parish Council had facilitated would pay for Public Liability Insurance and grass cutting. The Trust had secured a £34k donation from SPAB (who have shown great interest in the Mill). Phase one of the restoration is being planned and there is a site meeting and AGM planned for 9th June. The Trust is looking for people to help. Going forward there will be a Village Meeting in the Village Hall about the windmill (early next year). The Trust will also be applying to English Heritage etc for loans to fund the work.

12. Report on the Children's Playground, Youth Club and Chishill Chimps – Addendum 7

Emily Brown presented the reports

13. Community Awards

Catherine Whyte and Brian Crouch were presented Community Awards.

14. Public Forum

Judy Saunders spoke about St Swithuns Church and the vast amount of fundraising, which needs to be achieved for essential works following the recent quinquennial report.

ADDENDUM 1 – County Councillors Report

Great and Little Chishill Parish Council, County Councillor Annual General Report 2014

The County Council is responsible for physical infrastructure and social services. This translates to roads and transport, waste disposal, trading standards, public health, schools and libraries, and social care. There are about 500 Looked-After-Children in Cambridgeshire and councillors have a statutory role as corporate parents for those children.

Unprecedented cuts and investment: paradoxical position

Cambridgeshire has been identified as an area of huge economic growth potential and as such is receiving significant investment from central government. For our area this comes in the form of the Greater Cambridge City Deal, which means about £500 million in transport infrastructure investment to accommodate 31,000 new homes across Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire between now and 2031, with a focus on supporting the high-tech and biotechnology industry. The idea is not to build new roads but to make it more realistic for people to travel sustainably where there are heavily used transport corridors – so rail, cycling, and buses – in order to avoid increases in traffic congestion.

At the same time, the council's annual budget for running public services is undergoing transformative cuts. The lion's share of what the council spends comes from grants and Cambridgeshire's government settlement is one of the lowest in the country. It cannot raise more money because Council tax is capped by government.

The council's annual budget outside of the schools grant is about £500 million; it is also £500 million in debt and 10% of its annual expenditure goes to servicing that debt. Cambridgeshire is the fastest growing county in the country, and it has a rapidly growing aging population – which brings new and significant costs. The overwhelming slice of the spending pie after schools goes to adult social care, followed by children and young people. This is helpfully set out in the booklet that comes out with our council tax bills.

Transport and roads

Most of the queries I get relate to transport and highway maintenance, two areas that make up a relatively tiny slice of the spending pie. While A, B and even some C roads are in decent condition, unclassified village roads are in a terrible state. £300 million is needed to bring the Highway network to a good standard. This includes not just roads but pavements, cycleways, bridges, traffic lights and the drainage network too.

The council has minimal control over public transport operations other than the Guided Bus, where for better or worse it owns the infrastructure. Guided Bus passenger totals have exceeded forecasts but there is as yet no evidence that it has reduced traffic on the A14. The legal battle over the responsibility for the cost overrun (£161 million rather than the £127 million expected) has been settled out of court at significant cost to the Council.

The council's revenue budget is so strapped that it can no longer afford to run subsidized transport services and while there is some budget set aside for keeping subsidized village buses running for a limited time and in a limited form, this and the grants to community transport operators have no guaranteed future. What the council can do is build infrastructure such as park and ride facilities and dedicated bus lanes that make bus routes an attractive proposition for commercial operators. In my view we need to argue the case for a minimal level of subsidized lifeline public transport, and this means setting out its role in helping to mitigate the consequences of isolation. This is obviously critical in small villages like Heydon and the Chishills. The Cambridgeshire Future Transport project has yet to demonstrate a workable transition for the 31 bus though the council continues to assure us that the 31 will remain in place until an alternative is worked out.

Health:

The council took on a new responsibility for Public Health last year. In addition it works closely with the Clinical Commissioning Group which is designing a new system for providing care for older people. This is an incredibly complicated set of bureaucracies with much change due to restructuring of the health system. Individual case work always offers a glimpse into how these systems actually work.

Education

All Cambridgeshire secondary schools except one have converted to academy status. Only 25 primaries out of 230 have done so. 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 remains responsible for home-to-school transport in academies.

There has been widespread concern that Cambridgeshire's grant to schools from central government is the lowest in the country, and vigorous efforts have been made to encourage a fairer funding formula. A recent announcement of an uplift to Cambridgeshire of some £275 per pupil is welcome though the gap remains enormous and much more work is needed to bridge it.

Running the council:

The Cabinet and Leader system has been replaced by five decision-making service committees with politically proportionate representation. This will require cooperation across all the parties to make the system work as well as possible, and so far so good. The council needs to find £150 million in savings in the coming five years so the bite of austerity cuts will continue to be a feature of these reports for a good while.

Small villages:

All in all, at a time when council budgets are depleting so rapidly, and parishes are being asked to cover more and more costs, it going to remain a difficult time for the smallest villages. Exceptional funding mechanisms for localized projects will be critical – for example, flexibility and discretion in the Minor Highways Improvement grants.

Locally we are very lucky that the Melbourn Community Hub project, paid for by Melbourn Parish Council, has secured for the wider area the future of the local library and information point service. It now offers CAB services as well.

A stronger measure of support from the County Council's Enforcement Officer means that some long-standing issues in the area are now being addressed with a better chance of resolution.

Rail and cycle campaigns: I've found that community campaigning groups are an effective way of helping to get things done and on this basis the Meldreth, Shepreth and Foxton Rail User Group and the A10 Corridor Cycling Campaign have both proven to be worthwhile endeavours. Both have offered leverage on funding schemes for improved services around local rail and cycle ways generally.

S van de Ven

District Councillors' Report 2013/14 – Addendum 2

This has been another busy year for SCDC with the Local Plan.

Jose and I spent many months in Meetings going through what was appropriate for our villages. Melbourn residents were the most vocal and a petition was raised calling for the abandonment of two areas off New Road with the prospect of a further 287 houses. We are pleased to say that we were listened to and a submission has been entered for 65 new homes on the land near Victoria Way and not the other sites included in the Local Plan. The public hearings are expected to start some time in October.

Planning

There will be a new Design and Conservation Service starting in May with a new manager. A design panel of 5 architects with a Chairman to look and advise applicants on selected schemes. SCDC plans to make the Building Control Service more robust by partnership working with Huntingdon District Council.

Environmental Services

Like all spending Departments, the Health & Environmental Services team is under pressure to save money. The changes to our waste collection service will be almost invisible to householders except in December, January and February, the green bins will be collected monthly rather than fortnightly. Full details are on the SCDC website. If you encounter difficulties with this arrangement, please contact your District Councillors and we will take all comments back to the officers.

During the worst of the wet weather this winter, we responded to requests for sandbags from those most at risk of flooding. This emergency response worked well and was very well received by those who benefitted.

Corporate and Customer Services

Withdrawing council owned IT for Members saved £40k this year and freed up officers to work on our ICT infrastructure.

Hopefully Customer Contact Centre is getting better with 86% of enquiries being dealt with at the first point of contact.

Community infrastructure Levy Draft Charging Schedule - CIL

At present, all new housing developments in South Cambridgeshire are currently required to pay for improvements to existing play areas, sports fields and village halls where development occurs, to meet the needs of the new residents. This money is paid to Parish Councils to allocate against local projects.

Larger housing developments also pay money towards other facilities such as local schools, libraries, public transport improvements, recycling centre upgrades and health facilities etc. This money is secured through a legal agreement commonly known as Section 106 agreements.

The Government has decided that the use of 106 agreements should to a large extent, be replaced by a new development tax called the Community Infrastructure Levy or CIL for short.

This means Section 106 agreements are to be scaled back to mitigate site specific impact only and can only constitute a reason for granting planning permission if it meets the following tests:

- a) necessary to make the development acceptable in planning terms.
- b) Directly related to the development.
- c) Fairly and reasonably related in scale and kind to the development.

The option to implement CIL was introduced nationally in April 2010 and has started to be adopted by councils. It is a tax payable on new market housing and building extensions greater than 100 square metres in size. Government has decided that self build developments and residential extensions will be exempt from CIL This will be levied on the gross internal floor space of new development and will take into consideration any floor space of existing buildings being replaced.

The Government's objective for CIL is to help generate more money from new development and to break the relationship between (a) the impact of development and (b) where money is spent. This will give the Councils more freedom for where the money is spent.

Roads and transport facilities

Flood defences

Schools and other educational facilities

Medical facilities

Sporting and recreational facilities

Open spaces.

The Council is required to transfer, within 6 months of receipt, 15% of CIL receipts to Parish Councils, but increasing to 25% where a Parish Council has adopted a Neighbourhood Plan.

The remaining parts of the fund will be used by The District, in co-operation with Parish Councils and The County Council to pay for other infrastructure items to support and enable development.

Impact on Parish Councils

Parish Councils have received considerable benefit from planning policies, to the extent that in the last 5 years, over £2m has been paid to Parish Councils. There is also over £1.5m in signed agreements that have not yet been paid. CIL will have a significant impact on this. Although it may be the case that the overall amount of developer contribution increases, the amount that will be paid to Parish Councils is likely to be less than under Section 106

This is especially the case given that both affordable and self-build housing will be exempt from CIL. The table below shows the effect of the based on small infill developments, the scale of which is seen in many of our villages.

e.g.

Scheme Size S106 to PC. Total CIL. CIL to PC @ 15%

1 dwelling 1 x 4 bed. £4,962.74. £12,000. £1,800 (or £0 if self build

5 dwellings 2x2 bed (affordable). £16,427.86. £30,000. £4,500

1x2bed, 1x3 bed(market)

9 dwellings 4x2 bed

Along with the Draft Charging Schedule we are also consulting on something called the Draft Regulation 123 infrastructure list. The purpose is twofold. Firstly, regulations prevent us from securing money under Section 106 for infrastructure items that are listed. This means developers will not be asked to pay twice for one piece of infrastructure.

Secondly, the list sets out our infrastructure priorities over the coming years. Parish Councils have previously expressed deep concern that their 15% proportion will result in less money being paid to them. It is therefore important that Parishes tell us their views on any particular infrastructure item, of local or strategic importance which would require investment to support additional development.

If approved, this will be submitted to the Planning Inspector for examination. This should take part in the Autumn following The Local Plan examination. If adopted, it is intended that CIL will be in place by April, 2015.

Greater Cambridge City Deal

Councillors have backed a proposed deal with the Government which could unlock one £billion of investment and more affordable housing for the Greater Cambridge area.

From 2015-19 the Deal would see £100 million released to invest in transport infrastructure, with two further rounds of £200 million each being released IF The Council along with City Deal partners, Cambridge City and Cambridgeshire County Councils, The University of Cambridge and the Greater Cambridge/Greater Peterborough Enterprise Partnership achieve agreed triggers.

As part of the City Deal, an additional one thousand additional affordable homes on sites on the edges of existing villages would also be delivered. This follows more than a year of negotiations including the details of 'GainShare' which would release later rounds of extra funding. This works by the local area keeping a share of the additional tax income that will be generated as a result of future growth. The first £100million would be provided as a grant from Government.

In addition to funding for transport and more affordable housing, the Deal would see the three Councils (City, District & County) sharing some of their funding and powers and working more closely than now.

The details of the shared authority for the City Deal will be put in place by the end of the year. The two Councils have been key players in getting the A14 upgrade back on the national Agenda.

Val Barrett

Jose Hales

May, 2014

ADDENDUM 3 FOWLMERE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Heather Mepham - Headteacher

Fowlmere Primary school mission is that:

'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, Stapleford, Little Shelford and Shepreth. The current roll is 96 pupils. We have 12 children leaving 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 20, which will increase our roll to 104.

The end of Key Stage results for the academic year 2012/13 resulted in very good attainment at the end of EYFS, with outcomes exceeding Cambridgeshire and National. At KS1 assessments showed an increase in reading, writing and mathematics on the previous year. Attainment at KS2 increased in mathematics on the previous year. Progress of pupils from the end of KS1 to the end of KS2 was good, with 88% pupils making a minimum of 2 levels progress in reading and writing, and 94% in mathematics. 35% pupils made 3 levels progress in reading.

Looking back over the last year –

The children have participated in a wide variety of sporting activities and competitions, including Kwik cricket, athletics, swimming, rugby, football, netball, hockey, tennis, gymnastics, dance, cross country

We have enjoyed visits to:

Whole school to Pantomime; Class 4 to Classical museum, Science day at Sawston Village College, MVC for storytelling bazaar; Class 1 to Toy museum at Stansted; Class 2 Castle Hedingham.

...and/or visitors from:

Rev. Linda Church, Harvest Festival, Rev Trudie Morris, monthly assemblies, (both from the Anglican Church), Mrs Tess Maddin, monthly assemblies, (Methodist), Mrs Carole Pearl, Remembrance Day (United Reformed Church), and the GenR8 team from Royston. Visitors also include Denny Abbey, 3 Authors, a storyteller, MVC band on the bus, History Off the Page, Nick Juett MVC art teacher (art project with class 4),

We have organised:

Science Fair, treat days (wheels day, cooking day, outdoor day), KS1 nativity, KS2 Christmas concert, school discos, Global reading challenge, Children Challenging Industry project with Johnson Matthey and the University of York, Mothers' Day lunch, Fathers' Day lunch, waste free lunch (eco-team), and we achieved the Eco-schools Bronze national award.

Easter egg hunt, World Book Day event, Charity events for Children in Need, East Anglia Air Ambulance, Phillipines Disaster Appeal and Magpas.

At the end of the summer term 2013, we held a special performance of the KS2 play, based on World War 2, for the older members of our school communities. We provided afternoon tea, and the audience joined the singing and flag waving during the performance.

Christmas was celebrated and enjoyed through a range of activities. The younger children performed their version of the Nativity, whilst the older children performed musical and spoken items in a concert at Fowlmere United Reformed Church.

Small teams of children have participated in Gifted and Talented events organised by Bassingbourn Primary school, in maths, writing, poetry and dance. We also took part in the Local Authority organised Maths Challenge for Y5 pupils.

We teach French throughout the school, and last summer took a small group of Y5/6 children to the Auvergne for a week. The highlights of the week were a visit to Padirac caves, we made croissants in a Boulangerie, spent a day in the primary school, visited an accordion museum and a goats cheese farm. The remainder of the class went to Eaton Vale, just outside Norwich, for an outdoor pursuits week where they canoed, climbed and abseiled and encountered a range of team problem-solving activities.

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

Our House team events include a writing day, a dance competition, a singing day, Christmas and Easter quizzes. House buddies made a giant friendship jigsaw, prepared and seeded the garden plots, planted fruit trees (Hugh Fearnley Whittingstall), and read to one another on World Book Day.

We belong to the Cluster of schools that feed into Melbourn and Bassingbourn Village Colleges. One of the cluster schools events was a storytelling project, which involved a storyteller working with children across the schools and culminating in a storytelling bazaar at MVC.

The Reception aged children have enjoyed their weekly visits to the Round Moat in Fowlmere for Forest schools. Unfortunately the strong winds in February have rendered the area unsafe, so we are temporarily using the trees at the top of the Butts as a temporary site.

I hold a termly Parent Focus Group meeting to discuss a range of topics and issues with parents. Our most recent meeting focused on homework with discussions around school, pupils and parents perspectives.

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 violin tuition to a growing 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.

September will also see the introduction of a new National curriculum in KS1 and KS2. I am pleased that we have appointed an Assistant Headteacher, Mr Philip Atkin, who will be supporting me in leading the work of the school.

We were expecting an Ofsted Inspection this year, but have recently 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 (10/11th May). Please do come along to see the work of local artists and support the school.

Addendum 4 - PFA Association Report

The current committee members wishing to serve again are:

Paul Drury - Chair

Jeff Gill - Vice Chair

Darrell Plumb - Treasurer

Alan Ferrie - Secretary

Andrew Drury - Committee Member

Simon Coxall - Committee Member

Alastair Cockerton - Cricket Club Representative

Angus Gent – Cricket Club Representative

Jonathon Drury – Football Representative

Olly Gardiner - Football Representative

Sarah Scott – Parish Council Representative

Martin Levy - committee member - Retired

Fred Smith – committee member – Retired

I hope that you will adopt this proposal.

We have a new user if the pavilion. Great Chishill Nursery approached us to use the pavilion during week days in term time. Since autumn the pavilion is used most days. The Nursery can accommodate up to 13 infants aged between 2 and 5 yrs. This hiring of the playing fields facility results in a significant and regular income.

We supported the youth club through use of the pavilion but to accommodate the nursery their migration to the village hall had to be negotiated. The youth club no longer use the pavilion on a weekly basis.

Some modifications were undertaken to accommodate the Nursery and necessary maintenance was undertaken at the same time.

We continue to host football and cricket clubs each fielding one team.

The PFA has provided financial support (in the form of donation and loan) to both clubs for acquisition of new equipment.

We are told that both clubs expect to continue next season but both their membership can be stronger. please continue to support them in any way you are able.

This year under the Playing Fields and Bull Meadow hosted the Comic Relief mile. As well as raising money for a great cause this event brings together visitors and locals, young and old, fast and slow.

Please join me in thanking Catherine Whyte for her efforts over the last ten or so years which have raised many thousands of pounds.

Playing area continues to be well maintained. Cutting equipment has undergone annual maintenance and is in adequate condition for the cutting season. We continue to work to manage costs associated with maintenance of equipment.

Our financial position remains sound, after significant investments in recent years.

We are appreciative of the grant made by the Parish Council - Thank you.

We would like to express our thanks volunteers, Simon Coxall, Darrell Plumb, Joe Wright, the PFA Committee Tim Scott for cutting The Plaistow, the Youth Club for their donation also Peter Wiseman

Addendum 5 - Village Hall Management Committee Annual report 2013-4

Following our appeal at last years AGM I am pleased to say that we have been able to recruit several new committee members. Their support is gratefully received and will hopefully allow us to progress with some of our plans for the hall. We also acknowledge the generous support from the parish council in funding Andrew Brown to tackle some of the important maintenance tasks and provide details on options for our planned capital projects .

We have however also lost several long serving members, so are still in need of some further new blood.

Following extensive consultation in the village over the past year, we have decided not to pursue the option of complete replacement of the hall, and thus this year will be releasing funds to enable a couple of significant projects. Firstly we will be building a secure storage facility (shed) adjacent to the hall, to allow us to enhance the interior by removing some of the larger items currently restricting access to the rear kitchen and the electrical cupboard. Secondly we have embarked on a project to replace the floor in the main hall. We anticipate that both projects will be complete by the end of the year. Also Andrew Brown will be undertaking additional remedial work, including servicing the heating, during the summer.

We would request that the meeting re-elect the following committee members;

Stuart Farrow
Nigel Russell
Andrew Gardiner
John Froggatt
Colin Hall

And formally elect the following;

Anna Coney, John Crawley, Andrea Hamblin, Andrew Brown
as new members and fellow trustees of the charity.

Thanks for your continued support.

Addendum 6 – Great Chishill Speedwatch

Memorandum for Annual Parish Meeting May 2014

Activity in 2012 and 2013 using the Police Speedwatch Kit

As I can find no Report by me in May 2013 on this activity - as we were concentrating on the Installation of the Flashing Sign - here it is, showing number of vehicles at 35mph and above for the last 3 years:

The Playing Fields Hall Lane

	2011 13 Sessions		2012 9 Sessions		2013 4 Sessions	
30 - 35	224	19.96%	108	14.18%	70	19.18%
41 - 45	63	5.61%	51	6.69%	30	8.22%
46 - 50	15	1.34%	17	2.23%	13	3.56%
51 plus	5	0.45%	8	1.05%	3	0.82%
Total 35+	307	27.36%	184	24.15%	116	31.78%
Total Passing	1122		762		365	
Per	86		85		91	

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	2011 13 Sessions		2012 10 Sessions		2013 3 Sessions	
30 - 35	245	19.71%	114	16.17%	39	15.73%
41 - 45	67	5.39%	29	4.11%	6	2.42%
46 - 50	14	1.13%	5	0.71%	0	
51 plus	4	0.32%	0		0	
Total 35+	330	26.55%	148	20.99%	45	18.15%
Total Passing	1243		705		248	
Per Session	96		71		79	

Comments on above Data

The Installation of the Flashing Sign in March 2013 had taken the Speedwatch Team's "Eye off the Ball" as far as carrying out these Sessions - in the expectation that it's presence would deter speeding on Hall Lane and Barley Road. However, clearly this has not been the case and we hope to carry out more Sessions in 2014 than we did last year.

Flashing Sign

This has been operating (with Remote download) since 1 July 2013 and has now been at most of our Pole locations at least 3 times.

A schedule showing the results is attached. From these results it is apparent that:

1. The average number of vehicles passing a location (both ways) during the busy periods (7am - 9pm), ranged from 55 per hour (New Road) through 65 per hour (Heydon Road) to 100 per hour (Hall Lane and Barley Road).
2. There is little difference in the Average speed of all traffic in all the locations
3. The highest percentage speeding is on New Road entering the Village - 35% in 1 period - compared with Hall Lane and Barley Road (travelling eastwards) - about 22%, with Heydon Road at the worst 13%.
4. All locations (except Heydon Road) have had vehicles passing on at least one occasion in excess of 60mph - one entering the village on Barley Road on Friday 11 October around 10.30pm at 69MPH!!

Martin Gruselle Speedwatch Co-ordinator

16 April 2014

Addendum 7 - Report for Great & Little Chishill Annual Parish Meeting 16th May 2014

Chishill Chimps Toddler Group & Playground

Chair: Emily Brown

Secretary: Helen Bowyer

Treasurer: Islay Dring

Other Committee Members: Miranda Abbs

Chishill Chimps Toddler Group

Chishill Chimps toddler group runs every Thursday morning in the village hall all year round including school holidays. We offer a friendly environment for all local children aged 0-4 with their parents, grandparents and carers for tea, chat, play, crafts and a healthy snack for all children mid-morning.

After the revamp of a new committee in 2012 the group continues to be very popular and has sustained its friendly and welcoming reputation with a good range of play equipment. With many new families and young babies in Great Chishill and the surrounding villages we continue to have around 20-25 parents/carers with their children each week. We feel this is a very strong, significant and growing community group within the village. A lovely offshoot is the Mums having Chimps Drinks in the Pheasant every few months and a group of the Dads doing the same.

The committee would again like to thank the Village Hall Committee for our generous and vital storage space which enables us to have a range of toys and play equipment for the age range of our attending children. This is regularly checked and replaced as necessary, with recent investment into new craft materials and also improving our ever increasing 'baby corner'.

The healthy number of members has made us more financially viable with the bank account currently being just over £1000. We will continue to fundraise and are keen to host events to involve the whole community. With the Playground Committee we hosted a wonderfully successful 'Poppy Lunch' last November. This raised £420 which we shared between the British Legion Poppy Appeal and Childrens Christmas Party. An event we hope to run again this autumn. We are again busy with the Youth Club organising this year's village fete on July 6th, of which we hope other community groups will get involved in to make it a fun and collaborative village event.

The Village Playground

Chishill Chimps has recently taken on responsibility of the village playground, which was handed over to us by Kathryn Farrow in March. The playground accounts hold just over £4000. We are conscious that over the winter months the playground has deteriorated to the point where we would like to see a refurbishment for the summer months. The ROSPA report has just been sent to us, so with their advice in mind and a walk round with John Drury, work will commence as soon as possible. Initial plans are to put down a new layer of bark chippings, renew rotten timbers on the climbing frame and park fencing, replace the broken Daisy Springer with similar and replace all the perished rubber swing seats. If there is time over the summer we are also keen to repaint and decorate the climbing frame. Chishill Chimps are committed to keeping the playground maintained to a good standard and keen to continue the tradition of the Childrens Christmas party every year.

Report for Great & Little Chishill Annual Parish Meeting 16th May 2014

Gt Chishill Youth Club

Chairperson: Vacancy (Emily Brown standing in)

Secretary: Janet Erskine

Treasurer: Emily Brown

Youth Workers: Fred Smith and Dan Horne

Gt Chishill Youth Club has been running since 2007, on Thursday evenings during term time. This continues to be a popular club and offer a valuable social group to the young people of our village.

Club numbers have really grown over the last few months which currently stand at around 20 regular members. We continue to provide a variety of activities including cooking, arts and crafts, karaoke, bingo and of course lots of sports for the lighter evenings. We were very pleased to move premises into the village hall in October last year. This is a wonderful space for the group, especially in the winter months when they enjoyed more indoor games and I am sure this has helped to contribute to the groups growth in popularity.

The accounts tick over but currently stand at £1450. Our great thanks again go to the Parish Council for funding one of our youth workers. Youth Workers Dan and Fred still enjoy running the Tuesday meetings and put much valued energy and creativity into the club. As always in an effort to sustain funding and afford both Youth Workers we are running the village fete again this year with Chishill Chimps toddler group and we also hope to hold a late summer concert with Fred's now very famous son Sam Smith, if we can book him up!