

MINUTES OF A MEETING

GREAT AND LITTLE CHISHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Venue: Village Hall
Date: 16th April 2013
Time: 7:30pm

In Attendance:

Chairman: Andrew Gardiner
Parish Councillors: Harrison, Murgatroyd, Cartwright, Ridge
County Councillors: Cllr van de Ven
Clerk / Proper Officer: Sarah Scott

1. Apologies for Absence (and reasons)

Cllr Hales - Previous engagement
Cllr Barret - annual leave
Cllr Dring – previous engagement
Cllr Erskine – family commitment

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

There were none received.

3. Approved the Minutes of 14th March 2013 (already circulated)

It was agreed that this were an accurate summary of the meeting and were duly signed by the chairman.

4. Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

5. Planning

S/0437/13/FL – the Clerk and Chairman had visited the property. The Parish Council recommended approval of this application.

S/0674/13/FL – after discussion, the Parish Council recommended approval of this application.

The Clerk informed the meeting that planning for 2 extra car parking spaces in Waller Close had been formally approved.

6. Speed Watch

The Clerk explained progress to date. She is meeting the engineers on Thursday who are installing the NAL Sockets (either that day or another depending on highways permissions). The rest of the installation will then follow and be complete hopefully by early May. She is also checking to see if Section 106 monies can be used for this.

7. Windmill

Cllr Murgatroyd reported that the Trust are negotiating with CCC to lease on 125 year lease and contribute 350 a year for insurance. This is because the value of the windmill was put at £1,000,000 and made it uninsurable for the Trust. The Trust will report to the Parish Council Meeting when the lease is drawn up. When this is complete, then the Trust will apply for grants to start the refurbishment. It was decided that this seemed a viable and sensible solution.

8. Village Hall

The Chairman and Clerk are meeting with Stuart Farrow in the 25th April. Cllr Murgatroyd wished to also attend. The Clerk to advise on timings.

9. Track behind Wallers Close

It looks like the track will be formally signed over Mr Colling but with restrictive coverments attached to it. The Clerk is to attend a Rabbit Sanctuary meeting where the outstanding planning will be discussed. The Parish Council have nothing to add to their original comments.

10. Finance

The Clerk had forward the year end figures. The internal audit will be undertaken by Blanche and Co.

The most recent S106 for Bridgefoot Farm Kennels was signed by the Chairman and Vice Chairman. The Clerk has left a message for the S106 implementation officer for some clarification on a couple of issues – she will chase this up.

11. District and County Councillors Reports

Cllr van de Ven reported although £90 million had been borrowed for highways improvements this had been divided up in an 'odd' way. For example, South Cambs had been allocated £100,00.00 for 102 Parishes and Fenland £1,700,000.00. This seemed unjust and the Chairman said worthy of Scrutiny. Cllr van den Ven said that all of her Parishes have roads that are in a poor state of repair. The Clerk said that the Parish Council had a very good working relationship with Mike Cooper and he always works hard for us and we are very lucky to have him. Little Chishill will be getting some road dressing works done. The Parish Council to write to Nick Clark about the distribution of road money.

Number 31 bus – the team running the sourcing of alternative transport for school children to Cambridge when the subsidy is withdrawn have now all left. The County Council has promised to get children to school and the bus cannot stop running until an alternative has been found. The Consultation on this is supposed to start in June. Cllr van den Ven will keep us informed of progress.

Finally she added, that whatever happens in the forthcoming elections, she has really enjoyed working with this Parish Council as it is well run and hard working. The Chairman thanked her for words and for all that she had done for the Parish Council.

12. To Accept Notices & Matters for the next Agenda

Litter Picking – the Clerk informed the Parish Council that she had received correspondence from a parishioner about the amount of litter on the B1039 between Barley and Flint Cross and wondered if a litter pick should be organised. The Clerk contacted highways to ask if this area is cleaned. She heard back after the meeting that SCDC clean this road and if we were to organise a litter picking session we would need £500,000,000 PL insurance, signposting, highways permission and an undertaken that all wear hi-vis jackets. The Clerk to find out from SCDC when this will be tidied up.

The Clerk had forwarded the reply relating to the roll out of high speed broadband to the Parish Council.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.17.