

MINUTES OF A MEETING

GREAT AND LITTLE CHISHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Venue: Village Hall
Date: 6th February 2014
Time: 7:30pm
Chairman: Andrew Gardiner
Parish Councillors: Harrison, Ridge, Coney, Murgatroyd, Dring, Eskine
District Councillor: Hales, Barrett
Clerk / Proper Officer: Sarah Scott

Actual start time: 7:30

1. Apologies for Absence (and reasons)

Cllr van de Ven – Previous meeting

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

There were none declared.

3. Approval of the Minutes of 8th January 2014 (already circulated)

It was resolved that these were a true account of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

4. Public Participation.

There were no members of the public in attendance.

5. Finance Report

The Clerk had received the bank statements this morning, so had had not time to fully update them. She verbally took the meeting through the finances.

Cllr Ridge asked if the Parish Council might pay or make a contribution to repairs to Little Chishill Church. It was unanimously resolved that the invoice was paid in full.

The Parish Council will look at doing some works to the lock-up. Cllrs Coney and Dring to have a look inside and make recommendations.

6. Village Hall Update

The Chairman gave an overview of the meeting held with Mssrs Russell and Farrow, the Clerk and himself. It was a satisfactory meeting, new members of the Village Hall Committee are on board, maintenance is taking place, the accounts are to be made available to the Parish Council, there will be an online booking system put in place, there will be a meeting on 10th February. They are happy with the works that Andrew Brown has been doing and will commission him to do further electrical works – for the time being, the Clerk will liaise with both parties. The Village Hall Committee to report back to the Parish Council after the meeting.

7. Bus Consultation Meeting - Cambridgeshire Future Transport (CFT)

The Chairman and Clerk had attended the consultation meeting in the village hall put on by CFT. The Clerk had asked for any data resulting from the questionnaires to be sent to the Parish Council. This data will not be available to after the end of the consultation (end of February). The Clerk had also asked if anyone from CFT had traveled on the 31, apparently they had in November 2013. The 31 bus receives a subsidy of £87k and is primarily used to transport children to attend sixth form education in Cambridge. The income on this service is £20k. The Parish Council had suggested to the consultation meeting that a shuttle bus could run from Barley, Great Chishill, Heydon, Chrishall, Elmdon and Chrishall Grange to Trumpington Park and Ride. The Chair had spoken to a local bus contractor who could offer this type of service for £45k per annum. The Parish Council will continue to liaise with CFT for updates / information.

8. Planning

The Council reviewed the two planning applications for New Road:-

- S/0010/14, Poultry Farm, Bridgefoot Farm Kennels – the Parish Council had concerns about overdevelopment and also the height of the barn. The Clerk and Chairman to have a meeting to prepare the narrative for the Parish Council's response. It has been brought to the Parish Council's attention that accommodation which was converted to provided essential manager's accommodation, was now on the open rental market. Enforcement are aware and are looking into it.
- S/2478/13, 67 Barley Road – there were no comments from the Parish Council and this was approved. The static caravans in the garden on 67 Barley Road had been looked into by enforcement and they are satisfied of their use as accommodation, if and when the alternations to the house take place.
- North Hall Farm – The Parish Council had received a letter from Jean Hunter who will be personally overseeing progress of enforcement at North Hall Farm. Post meeting note – a resolution should be in place by the end of February.
- Fly tipping update – to Clerk had sent a message to Chris Bailey. He is aware of the fly tipping in the village. Post meeting note – the Clerk had spoken to him again and sent an email to the Parish Council to explain the procedure for fly tipping.

9. A Report on Speed Watch Activities

Cllr Harrison is to attend the next Police Panel Meeting. She also brought the Parish Council's attention to the piece in the Newsletter from Marianne Yallop.

Members of the Parish Council had notice the Police Enforcement Notices in Barley – the Clerk to investigate how to get these.

The Clerk had attended a meeting in Highways to pitch for Gates in New Road (similar to the ones by the windmill).

Mike Cooper has been formally approached to move the 30mph from its current position in Barley Road to the Windmill.

10. A Report on the status of the lease agreement Windmill by the Windmill Charity

Nick Sweeny has returned from his sabbatical. He was horrified to hear that the lease has yet to be signed on the windmill and has chased this up. There is now insurance in place. The Parish Council is also very disappointed by the amount of time it has taken to get the lease signed, meanwhile the windmill has been exposed to some extreme conditions and will have deteriorated even more. Cllr Murgatroyd is to convey this to the trustees. Cllrs Dring and Coney are both very keen to be involved in this project and Cllr Murgatroyd is to take this to the trustees. The Parish Council would now like to see a timetable of actions for obtaining grants and phases of restoration.

11. Written Reports from the County and District Councillors

- Chris Maylon, head of Finance from CCC will attend the Parish Council meeting on 10th March at 7:00. Cllr Erskine to put something in the newsletter.
- Cllr Hales spoke about his disquiet in the fact that adoption of the LDF goes to vote on 11th March and he thinks some councilors may not vote as because of disquiet about the developments at Bourn Airfield and Waterbeach – even though these are not a surprise and have been included from the beginning. It was also noted that District Councillors voting are not whipped.
- See County Councillors report at the end of the formal minutes.

12. To Accept Notices & Matters for the next Agenda

There were none.

13. Confirmation of the Date of the Next Meeting (already scheduled)

10th March 2014 7:00

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.02

Chishill Parish Council February 2014 County Councillor Report

Budget cuts: Having made £74m worth of cuts over the past two years there is a further £149m to come over the next five years. The County will not be taking Mr Pickle's Council Tax freeze of 1% but will be increasing the rate by 1.99%. The council is now looking at (1) their property portfolio including the Shire Hall site in Cambridge where Castle Court is on the market 2) charging for more or less everything that's currently free and (3) cutting back services including Children's Centres, youth work, community transport, buses, winter maintenance, Home to School transport and so on. More from Chris Malyon next month.

Other proposals: All the political groups go through the exercise of putting together alternative budget proposals. As I think I've mentioned, my group has submitted a proposal for the sale of Shire Hall and most of the County Farms estate in order to reduce interest payments on borrowing and free up revenue spending for road repairs and a number of other urgent areas. We have also proposed amalgamating the various local authorities of Cambridgeshire into unitaries to make efficiencies. The budget meeting on February 18.

Pupil Premium: The problems outlined above with funding are mirrored in education where Cambridgeshire receives the lowest per pupil government grant in the country with roughly a £5000 per head difference between us and the highest funded education authority. This year the Pupil Premium is worth £1,300 for primary pupils and £935 for secondary school children. The award is available for seven years of primary school and five years of secondary. But around 2,000 eligible pupils in Cambridgeshire are not claiming their free school meals. However the Pupil Premium is tied into this figure – so the more FSM the more Pupil Premium.

Park and Ride: There is now a public consultation on charging to park at the Cambridge Park and Rides. This runs to February 14th – and was advertised first on January 24th, meaning that every South Cambs parish newsletter missed the deadline. The proposal is free for one hour, £1 for 1 – 12 hours and thereafter huge amounts.

Connecting Cambridgeshire: In addition to the Superfast Broadband roll-out, this programme involves a variety of measures to help small and medium sized businesses become better

connected, with advice and grants through EU and government funding. This is to be publicized in mid-February.

Police Panel Feb 11: You will know that our 'neighbourhood' has been amalgamated into the 'Cambourne' Neighbourhood. The next one is in Bassingbourn.