

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GREAT AND LITTLE CHISHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Venue: Village Hall
Date: 17th January 2018
Time: 7:30pm
Chairman: Cllr Coney
Parish Councillors: Pine, Clements, Loukes, Harrison
Clerk / Proper Officer: Sarah Scott
County Councillors: Peter Topping
District Councillors: Cllr Hales, Cllr Barrett
Members of the Public: Deborah Roberts, Barbara Kettell,
Start Time: 7:30pm

1. Apologies for Absence (and reasons)

John Ridge – Prior appointment
Simon Dring – Prior appointment
These were accepted by the Council

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

Cllr Harrison, non-pecuniary – 57 Heydon Road planning application.

3. Approval of the Minutes from November 2017

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

4. Public Participation.

There was nothing discussed in the public participation.

5. Finance

Setting of the Precept for 2018/19

The Clerk took the meeting through the finance to date and which groups had received grants from the Parish Council this year and how much. Currently the Precept stands at £22,500 it was unanimously agreed to keep it at its current rate. However, in the summer, the Parish Council are to look at the finances and contact all village organisations to see if they will be looking for additional funding in the future. Any grants to groups must be proportionate.

The Clerk had paid the bill for snow clearance and it was unanimously agreed that this had worked well, and the costs were reasonable.

The Clerk had received a bill from Mr Brown relating to his fees for jobs around the village and the opening and closing of the gate to the playing fields. The Clerk to pay this.

The Clerk / Chairman to look into an umbrella insurance scheme for the various village groups.

6. Planning

S/4457/17 – Side extension and interior alternations, 57 Heydon Road

Cllr Harrison had a declaration of non-pecuniary interest being a neighbour. After discussion the council recommended approval.

S/4350/17/OL – North Hall Farm – outline planning

The council had major concerns about this outline planning application and will asked for an extension, as they may seek legal advice, as advised by Cllr Hales.

S/4597/17/PA – Hay Barn, Rectory Farm, Change of Use

There has been an ongoing issue with leaking sewage from the site, and it is outside the village envelopment, plus there will the loss of agricultural use in a rural area. The Chairman to draft and circulate a suitable response.

Bloomhill

There had been a request by a member of public to receive the headline figures from the recent questionnaire. The Clerk to contact Bloomhill (as it was their consultation) if we can share this information.

7. A report from the Windmill Trust

It was reported that work was continuing with the sails and works were progressing well.

8. Lock-up

The Chairman is working on the design on windows. He will contact Lucas Ling to redo the bars.

9. Security Sub Committee

The Clerk has offered a page on the Parish Council website and has yet to hear back, she also suggested that someone from this committee attends the Police Panel Meetings.

10. Highways

A member of the public has been very proactive chasing the problems on Barley Road. New Road is in a mess after the sugar beet harvest, the Clerk to report verge damage on the highways reporting page and also has Cllr Topping for his assistance.

11. Defibrillator Update

The PFA have granted permission for it to be installed on the pavilion. We are waiting for the installer to contact us in order to progress. The Chairman / Cllr Clements to follow-up.

12. Members of Committees Confirmation

Cllr Loukes to be the Playing Fields Rep
Cllr Pine to be Village Hall rep

13. County and District Councils Written Reports

There were no written reports but Cllr Hales spoke about the LDF. We are now in the consultation period. He said that whole process had taken too long as the incorrect method had been used to calculate housing stock in South Cambs. This had seen a rise in land grab by developers.

14. To Accept Notices & Matters for the next Agenda – 5 mins

Please note that no decisions can lawfully be made under this item. LGA 1972 s12 10(2) (b) states that business must be specified; therefore, the Council cannot lawfully raise matters for discussion.

Insurance is to be put on the agenda.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21:09