

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

Venue:	Village Hall
Date:	9 <sup>th</sup> January 2020
Time:	7:30pm
Chairman:	Cllr Dring
Parish Councillors:	Harrison, Wiseman, Clements, Hatt, Pine
Clerk / Proper Officer:	Sarah Scott
County Councillors:	Presently no County Councillor
District Councillor:	Cllr Roberts
Members of the Public:	There were three members of the public present.
Start Time:	7:30

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### 1. Apologies for Absence (and reasons)

Cllr Dring will be a few minutes late and so Cllr Pine will initially chair the meeting  
Retrospective apology from Cllr Ridge.

Meeting Note: We had received notification from Cllr Topping that he was moving away and we had invited him to the meeting. On arrival at the meeting, we found out that he had already moved away.

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

There were none declared.

### 3. Approval of the Minutes from the 14<sup>th</sup> November

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

### 4. Public Participation.

### 5. Correspondence Received

Email from a SCDC registering The Pheasant Public House as a Community Asset (it is now listed as from 13<sup>th</sup> December)  
Email from a Parishioner about recent break-in's  
Thank you cards from 2 parishioners re the Chishill Charity  
Email of thanks from Tess Gent re the Christmas Tree Festival  
Letter re writing to SCDC re planning applications – see later on planning  
Email re skip for chalk pit  
Email from SCDC re LDF – this has been published on the website and also the noticeboard. Cllr Hatt has also circulated.  
Waldon Telecomm – email asking for best site for a mobile telecommunications mast. The Council suggest going back and suggesting the reservoir behind the playing fields  
Various Emails re setting up the first pub committee meeting  
Email from Cllr Topping regarding his resignation

### 6. Planning

- S/4277/19/FL, 5 Colts Croft - Single storey front extensions plus garage conversion and balcony to rear.  
There were no objections but the PC to ask about car access and driveway plans
- 14 Colts Croft – Planning enforcement are sending out a prosecution notice
- Heydon Road – Flint Wall. The Clerk needs to contact Natural England to get all the walls listed in the village to avoid this type of action in the future
- The Clerk had received an email from a company in Longstanton who were concerned about the fact that planning applications which Parishes wanted to go to planning committee for determination did not seem to be happening as the decision to determine applications this way was no longer being taken by a democratically elected person but to a single unelected officer who the public have no way of holding for account for the decisions taken. Following this, we received a letter from Bridget Smith who is leader of SCDC who said that they were looking into a change of working in their constitution. She goes on to say sorry that we did not hear about these proposals directly from SCDC and hopes her letter reassures us and finishes by asking us to contact our District Councillor if we have more concerns. We then received an email from our District Council who is very upset by these proposals and explained in the meeting in more detail why this was important. She has noted that from having lots of applications being decided by committee it has reduced dramatically to one or two (and this month, there is only one). Cllr Hatt asked if this was because of Brexit and Cllr Roberts replied it could have a small impact and also now the LDF is complete, there are no quick developments opportunities being seized upon, but even prior to these two factors there were far more applications going to committee. The Chairman is to draft a letter to Bridget Smith.

### 7. Finance

- Finance Sheets. The finance sheets were double checked by Cllr Pine and signed off.
- Setting the Precept. The Clerk had prepared budget sheets which had been circulated. Cllr Hatt asked if we ever reduced the grants, we give to the various village organisations. We have in the past withheld grants due to large surpluses being held by a particular organisation. The Parish Council also agrees the grants at the AGM and prior to that the Clerk will ask each organisation for their potential requirements. It was agreed to keep the Precept at its current rate of £23,000 per annum.

### 8. Highways

The Clerk has still not heard from Highways despite several attempts to get an update. Cllr Topping seemed unable to progress any of the Parish Council's Highways issues. The Clerk will continue to chase.

- Outstanding works since the PC's meeting in July with Highways
  - White Lines
  - Hall Lane Path Repairs (including a hole filled by stoles opposite 17 Hall Lane)
  - Drains on Hall Lane and Little Chishill
  - Flooding on New Road
  - Trees on May Street
  - Dragons teeth
  - Parking near the Church
- Issue with Speed Humps on the road to the Village Hall. The PFA and Village Hall are working on this together. The Village Hall had suggested removing a section from the hump, but it is understood that this is not possible as the hump is a modular structure. It was asked how many people had complained and the clerk answered that she had received one complaint.

#### **9. The Pheasant Public House**

John Gandy and Martin Hague came to the meeting to talk about the formation of a subcommittee following on from the last PC meeting. The group had met last Sunday and the minutes had been forwarded to the Chairman (they were forwarded to all of the PC after the meeting). The Pheasant had successfully been listed as a community asset. The committee has plenty of pub expertise on board. As of today the committee had learnt that there could be a potential buyer for the pub and that the landlord is negotiating at the moment. The committee had agreed to wait and see what comes from this before any further plans were put in place. The next meeting is 5<sup>th</sup> February. The pub has not been put on the open market as yet and our District Councillor wanted to know if we knew anything about the potential buyer. The answer was no, as this news was only communicated today. Various further discussions were had about the pub and its land and it will be on the agenda going forward. John Gandy asked if Sarah Scott could be the PC representative on the committee and this was agreed. The Chairman thanked John and Martin for coming along.

#### **10. Windmill Committee – Cllr Hatt**

There is a possible issue with the gears whereby, if they work then the windmill will turn into the wind automatically and could be a health and safety issue. The millwrights are working on another project at the moment but will coming to finish off some work on Chishill Mill. Cllr Clements commented that it looked to him that some of paintwork had started to weather quite quickly. Cllr Hatt said that there was paint work to be completed, but he would have a look.

#### **11. Speed Watch**

The Clerk asked Neil Hayward if he could put a little piece in the newsletter asking if anyone was interested helping with speed watch to contact her.

#### **12. Lock-up – Chairman**

Planning permission had been received. Cllr Hatt said that there was a nice window and bars which might be worth looking into.

#### **13. District and County Councillors Written Reports**

Cllr Roberts had spoken in the planning section of the meeting.

#### **14. To Accept Notices & Matters for the next Agenda**

There is a Village Hall meeting so that can be an agenda item for the next meeting.