

Minutes of a meeting of GREAT AND LITTLE CHISHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Venue:	Village Hall
Date:	11 th July 2019
Time:	7:30pm
Chairman:	Cllr Dring
Parish Councillors:	Clements, Harrison, Ridge, Wiseman, Pine, Hatt
Clerk / Proper Officer:	Sarah Scott
County Councillors:	Cllr Roberts
District Councillor:	
Members of the Public:	
Start Time:	7:30

1. Apologies for Absence (and reasons)

Cllr Topping – previous engagement.

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

Cllr Pine's children attend the dance school

3. Approval of the Minutes from the 2019 AGM and June Extraordinary Meeting

These unanimously approved as an accurate account of proceedings and were both signed and dated by the chairman.

4. Public Participation.

There were no members of the public present.

5. Planning

North Hall Farm – Julie Ayre Senior Planning Officer SCDC

Ms Ayre gave an overview and the reason behind a possible new application relating to North Hall Farm. Currently the applicant has holiday lets on site and he cannot let them. He has asked to convert these to full residential use. He has 5 dwelling which were redundant farm building which he has / wants prior approval on for residential. Council tax is being paid on all properties. The question of access was queried as it is still a working farm. It transpires there is a separate access for farm machinery. SCDC are looking for business units in the area and are taking a proactive approach with the land owner and are working with him to put his buildings to better use – ie small commercial units and residential use. They have worked to draw up a proposal which illustrates the standards / aesthetics SCDC would expect from such a scheme and also policies that would have to be adhered to such as compliance to utilities etc. The barns, for instance would have to be clad and the hard and soft landscaping would have to be of a high and professional standard. The landscaping around the houses would have to be improved and some of the design elements of the houses would be simplified. It is anticipated that SCDC would take over the management of the site. It would mean that the landowner would not have to pay council tax making him a significant saving. It is thought that planning will be submitted next month; there will be tie-in conditions to make sure that upgrades of existing buildings are put in place. We, as a Parish Council will obviously have our say and we can make our recommendations, as we see fit or otherwise. A question was asked about the impact to the A505 / Flint Cross junction. Highways will certainly be consulted and as these units are for small / rural enterprise type business there should not be much extra traffic.

14 Colts Croft

The owners have now moved into the new dwelling, but the planning application clearly stated that the first thing to sort out was the parking for the new dwelling and all the landscaping should be completed before anyone moved in. The owners old house is now up for rent on Rightmove. Ms Ayre said that if there is a breach then a breach of condition notice would be served. They would have a time limit to sort the issue out.

The Parish Council thanked Julie for coming to the meeting and sharing this information with us. It's not a short journey from Cambourne, so we really appreciated her coming along.

Discharge of Condition, Land South of Milestone Farm

There were no comments and the council were supportive.

Discharge of Condition, Dance Studio, Flint Cross.

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6. Finance –

The Clerk had circulated the finance sheets. These do not show the payment to the Millwright. The finances are in good order and in terms of reserves and money in the current account, that are where we expect them to be.

7. Highways

The Parish Council are still waiting for Cllr Topping to make an appointment with highways.

Possible replacement of Speed Sign – Cllr Clements to investigate this further.

8. Street Light Next to bus shelter

The Clerk was delighted to report that the light is to be replaced (at some stage, there is no timescale yet) by SCDC. The column and a new LED energy efficient bulb will be installed.

9. Village Hall – Cllr Pine

The finances are in good shape and the Village Hall is running well. A new cancellation policy is to be put in place as are safeguarding policies. There are to be some repairs to the hall and the old planters might be replaced. The Chairman thanked Cllr Pine.

10. The Pheasant Public House - Chairman and Cllr Wiseman

There are grave concerns over the pub, due to it now not serving food, its appearance and inconsistent opening times. People are very concerned that it is being run down and will eventually become a house. Normally it is quite difficult to get change of use when it is the last pub in a village. The Chairman is to speak to the landlord and ascertain his plans for the pub. It could be added as a community asset and this will be discussed at the next meeting after Cllr Dring has spoken to the landlord.

11. Windmill Committee

The mill has been turned. There has been some work on the cogs. The medium to long plan is to make sure there is enough money available for long term maintenance. It was commented that a super job had been done on the mill and the Parish Council are to write to the committee, expressing their gratitude.

12. Lock-up

The Chairman and Clerk to meet before the next meeting to progress.

13. Parking Outside Church

There had been comments about the poor parking outside church, especially on the corner of Barley Road. The Chairman to speak to Hubert de Froberville. It was also to be on the list of items to discuss with highways.

14. District and County Councillors Written Reports

Peter Topping sent a report (see below).

Cllr Roberts reported that the Hall Lane path is on the list to be reinstated. Nigel Blazeby is now back at planning as John Koch has retired. She also registered her thanks to Julie Aye for coming out.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:57.

County Councillor Report to Chishills Parish Council – July 2019

From Cllr Peter Topping

Local Highways Initiative bids - The time for considering putting in a bid for the coming process is here and the window closes at the end of the month. The amounts that can be bid for have increased. It may be worth considering a joint bid with Heydon but the main point is that the bid doesn't have to be a solution, just the identification of an issue – the highways project team will engage once a bid is in to help devise the solution.

Grass cutting on roadside verges - The county council will be cutting the verges from this month. I took up with the highways team points raised with me about conservation and they have responded that the verges will not be cut back completely so as to protect wildlife. We have also had confirmation that the county council only sprays weed killer between the kerb and carriageway – it doesn't use round-up on the grass verges. I have asked the county council to cut back at the junctions up to the Chishills and to Chrishall as they are reported as being long and impeding visibility.

A505 improvement study – I have been pressing for this for the last couple of years. Now, the County Council has been granted funding to carry out a strategic transport and growth study to investigate the options to deliver multi-modal transport improvements to address current problems and future transport demand between Royston and the A11.

We need to be aware that the drivers for this (no pun intended) include:

- what transport improvements and policy interventions are required to support and enable the continued success of the internationally important life sciences cluster to the southeast of Cambridge, including aspirations for expansion of the Research Campuses and Science Parks.
- It will also take account of aspirations for new housing and development opportunities in the wider area.

Highways and footpath repairs

I have arranged for the highways officer to come up in August to assess what is being done on the various points that the parish has flagged up. They are all in the list of points being worked on, but I haven't had an update.

Slightly further afield -

Emissions from Vetspeed chimneys - I have had confirmation back from Heidi Allen's office that she has had a reply from the Environment Agency to the letter that I drafted on behalf of local parish councils the concerned residents. I have seen a response from the monitoring team locally, so it may be that the pressure is resulting in them paying more attention to properly monitoring the emissions.

Peter Topping