

A Meeting of GREAT AND LITTLE CHISHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Venue:	Net Meeting
Date:	18 th March 2021
Time:	7:30pm
Chairman:	Cllr Dring
Parish Councillors:	Wiseman, Hatt, Ridge, Harrison, Clements
Clerk / Proper Officer:	Sarah Scott
County Councillors:	Cllr McDonald (Part)
District Councillor:	Cllr Roberts
Members of the Public:	
Start Time:	7:30pm

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Pine – previous engagement which was accepted by the council.

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

There were none declared.

3. Approval of the Minutes from 18th February (circulated)

There were no comments on the minutes and these were approved.

4. Public Participation.

There were no members of the public present.

5. Correspondence Received (already circulated)

- **Story Chair (email received)** It was felt that this was a great idea and the Chairman is to speak to the children's playground committee with a view to having it in the children's play area.

Action: Chairman

- **Cllr Wiseman – change of timings for newsletter.** There wasn't much of an opinion in changing the date of the newsletter. The Clerk will have a chat with the editor though.

Action: Clerk

There were no comments relating to the weekly communications report.

6. The Pheasant Public House (Great Chishill Community Pub Ltd)

There was no update from the group. The Clerk to make contact to ask for an update.

Action: Clerk

7. Covid – 5 Minutes

There had been a Covid briefing from SCDC which gave a vaccination update. There is assistance for people with mental health issues which can be accessed. The Community Chest is also inviting applicants for Covid related restoration projects.

8. Planning – 10 Minutes

- 21/00490/HFUL – Drop curb and vehicular crossover – 39 Heydon Road. The Clerk gave an overview of this application. Previously, SCDC refused permission for the wall to be removed but on a technicality (it was less than 1 metre in places) it was taken down. It was agreed that the council will express their previous feelings on the matter, but as the application was about the drop curb there was not much they could say about the application.
- On the matter of flint walls Cllr Hatt and the Clerk are to work on listing of walls in the village.
- Phone Mast complaint – There had been no further news on the complaint. Cllr Roberts suggested that the Chairman contact the Chief Executive at SCDC (Liz Watts) and Bridget Fairley.
- North Hall Farm. There is still no decision on this planning application. The Chairman is to speak with Julie Ayre.

Action: Chairman / Clerk and Cllr Hatt

9. Finance – 10 Minutes, Clerk

- Finance Sheets - the clerk took the meeting through the finance sheets. She has received a refund for the trade waste bin collection and will claim the VAT back.
- A member of the public had asked for funds for a skip to take scrap metal away from the Chalk Pit, this was approved. It was also discussed that the Parish Council will apply for to the Community Chest for a Covid Grant for the Chalk Pit. The Clerk to fill out the form and speak with the Pit Club.

Action: Clerk

10. Highways – 10 Minute

- Outstanding works. There has not been much progress to date.
- Little Chishill - there will be a coordinated approach to working on overhead lines and doing the trees.
- Cllr Wiseman (sleeping policemen suggestion for Hall Lane). It was discussed and thought to be cost prohibitive to the council. Cllr Hatt also spoke about noise pollution and disruption to houses close to these. There is also an issue of street lighting as these sorts of traffic calming measures do need additional streetlights. The Chairman to speak to John O'Brien to find out indicative costs.

Action: Chairman

11. Traveler Toolkit and Workshop

The Clerk has done the initial GRT training and will report back at the next meeting after she has completed the workshop.

Action: Clerk

12. Broadband Gigabyte Vouchers – 10 Minutes, Cllr Clements

Cllr Clements gave an overview on this scheme. Cambridge Broadband are not planning on covering this area, County Broadband might do in 3 years and BT Openreach are not responding. He said that most of the companies are waiting to hear what funding the government are going to offer. The funding for Essex is different and it is run by GigaClear (Builden End have this service). Cllr Dring will try and speak with GigaClear.

Action: Chairman

13. Lock-up – 5 Minutes, Chairman

There is no further update. Cllr Ridge offered to assist on this.

Action: Cllr Ridge.

14. Windmill Committee – 5 Minutes, Cllr Hatt

Washing the windmill booked is booked for April. The Mill may also need repainting following a meeting with a new paint supplier.

15. District and County Councillors Written Reports – 10 Minutes

Cllr Roberts spoke about the 5 year land supply and if SCDC could show that they have it. She said that developers are approaching SCDC directly (sites in Foxton and Fowlmere) so it was crucial to announce the land supply. The clerk asked about the method of calculating the land supply because of the wrong method being used last time. It has now been standardised. Cllr Roberts also commented that Cllr Hatt was correct regarding a non-determination of a planning application. Cllr Ridge commented that developers seemed to be working on the assumption that there is no land supply.

16. 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.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:46

Report for Parish Councils – March 2021.

Cambridgeshire County Report

C19 Case Numbers Cambridgeshire

Coronavirus in South Cambridgeshire

14th February – 20th February

76 New cases of people infected
[38.2% fewer than previous week]

48 Infections per 100,000 population

56 People have died in the past month

[Within 28 days of a positive test for the 4 weeks 24th January – 20th February]

Got symptoms? Book a test.

Support is available – visit scams.gov.uk

Correct at time of publication

Let's work together to stop Covid-19 in its tracks



Vaccination

You can see the daily data here:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/covid-19-vaccinations/>

Rapid Covid-19 home testing kits for households with children

Households with school-age children can now test themselves twice a week from home using rapid Covid-19 home testing kits.

With up to one in three individuals with coronavirus showing no symptoms, it means some can potentially spread Covid-19 without knowing it. Regular testing of people who are unable to stay at home and don't have symptoms means that people with Covid-19 can be detected early and can self-isolate.

As children and young people return to the classroom, we need to be sure that potential Covid-19 cases are found as quickly as possible and that measures are put in place to prevent them from spreading throughout the school community. Although cases are declining generally, we all need to continue to play our part to keep the virus under control and ensure children and young people can remain in education.

Rapid Covid-19 home testing kits will be available for asymptomatic:

- adults living in households with primary and secondary-age pupils, including their childcare and support bubbles;
- school staff and adults working in the wider school community, including bus drivers and after school club leaders, as well as members of their households.

Testing is for adults only. Secondary school and college pupils will also undertake regular testing which will be provided via their school or college. Primary school pupils are not being offered rapid testing at this time but parents and carers should access a PCR Covid-19 lab test for them via the national booking system if they develop symptoms.

- [Find out where you can collect home test kits](#)
- Or, if you are unable to collect, you can [order online to be delivered to your home](#)
- Or by calling **119**

LGBT Adopters & Foster Carers

Cambridgeshire County Council is supporting this year's annual LGBT+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender) Adoption and Fostering Week (1-7th March) to help raise awareness about the need for more adopters and foster carers throughout the county.

The campaign 'Build Your Family' encourages LGBT+ potential adopters and foster carers to consider expanding their family and sharing their life with a child or young person, either permanently through adoption or more short-term through fostering. The campaign seeks to tackle some common misconceptions surrounding the process, and raise awareness among people who identify as LGBT+ of the adoption and fostering parenting routes that are open to them.

There are around 745 children and young people in Cambridgeshire who need foster carers and the greatest need is for teenagers and brothers and sisters.

LGBT+ Adoption & Fostering week is organised by New Family Social, a charity that supports LGBT+ Adopters and Foster Carers across the UK.

If you are interested in fostering and want to find out more: call 0800 052 0078, email fostering@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fostering.

If you feel adoption is better suited to you then please call 0300 123 1093.

Laptop Campaign

There is County-wide schools laptop campaign. A campaign to help disadvantaged children across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough to get internet and laptop access is gathering pace, with the first batch of equipment being delivered to schools this week.

Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council launched the 'Laptops for Children' campaign earlier this month in partnership with the Youth Panel, Cambridge Digital Direct, Cambridge 2030 and the Cambridge Culture Foundation, aimed at purchasing laptops and 4G routers for vulnerable young people.

Around 8,000 children in the region do not have use of a computer or broadband, meaning they cannot access lessons and online resources, putting them at risk of falling behind with their studies.

Just over two weeks after launching the campaign, an impressive £567,845 has already been raised thanks to support from businesses and individuals, as well as funding from both authorities. A first batch of over 1,000 laptops and 460 routers have been purchased and will be distributed to schools from this week.

A total of 352 laptops have also been donated to drop-in centres and libraries across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. These will be checked and updated before being distributed to schools.

The campaign will continue to secure sufficient funding so that every young person in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough has the necessary equipment to continue learning. Both councils are writing to businesses and Chambers of Commerce this week to drum up further support.

For more information on the campaign and to make a donation visit [our GoFundMe page](#).

Meanwhile locally I have secured 15 machines from the Genome Campus which have so far gone to Thriplow and Whittlesford schools. A few machines still remain.

Thakeham

We are holding a Parish Call on March 2nd to update on progress and next steps for the action group. Two key things happened in February:

1. MHCLG published a bid of £50k for stakeholder engagement for "up to 4 new developments" along EWR.
2. The Government published the draft OxCam Arc document talking about 'opportunity areas' for housing development across the Arc.

Updates as usual here: www.swcag.org.uk

Resignation of County Council Deputy Leader

As a result of an investigation into the tenancy awarded in 2017 and investment of £185k of funds from the County to this farm, the Deputy Leader of the County Council Cllr Hickford has resigned and left his farm. This is the statement from the Leader:

"On Tuesday February 23rd I received a long and complex report which was the culmination of the Manor Farm Audit. The subject of the report largely concerns the Deputy Leader Cllr Roger Hickford's occupancy of Manor Farm, Girton as a tenant of Cambridgeshire County Council's Farms Estate.

The contents of the report are confidential at present, for legal reasons in order for the Audit and Accounts committee to fully consider and discuss the matter. But having read the report I had two meetings with Cllr. Hickford to consider implications for the Council, outside of the remit of the committee.

Subsequent to those meetings Cllr Hickford has asked me to accept his resignation as my Deputy leader and as a member of the Council with immediate effect.

I have accepted his resignation and confirmed this to Chief Executive Gillian Beasley.

I have also thanked Cllr Hickford for his years of service in his role as a Councillor and the support he has given me over the years as my deputy leader."

A report into the granting of the tenancy and subsequent actions will be reviewed at the March 5th Audit & Accounts Committee. The timetable is here:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/news/manor-farm-audit-to-be-considered-by-audit-and-accounts-committee>

Peter McDonald

March 6th 2021.