

MINUTES OF A MEETING

GREAT AND LITTLE CHISHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Venue: Village Hall
Date: 11th September 2013
Time: 7:30pm
Chairman: Andrew Gardiner
Parish Councillors: Harrison, Erskine, Dring, Ridge, Coney
County Councillors: Van de Ven
Clerk / Proper Officer: Sarah Scott
Others Present: 1 Member of the public

Actual start time: 7:32

1. Apologies for Absence (and reasons)
John Murgatroyd – Personal
Jose Hales – Previous commitment
Val Barrett – Previous commitment
2. To receive any declaration of Pecuniary and non-Pecuniary Interest of Councillors
There were none declared.
3. Approval of the Minutes of 13th July and 31st July 2013 (already circulated).
It was resolved that these were a true account of the meetings and were signed by the Chairman.
4. Co-option of James Coney to the Parish Council.
It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr Erskine and unanimously resolved that Mr Coney be co-opted.
5. Public Participation.
Allow there were no members of the public present at this stage, before the commencement of the meeting two people arrived to ask about the windmill (as they were looking at purchasing Mill House) and the Chairman updated them.
6. Finance Report – approved. Running column for
 - The Section 106 payment to Fowler Fencing was approved.
 - The finance sheets which had been circulated prior to the meeting were approved.
The Clerk will add a separate table for the Section 106 income / spend
 - The Clerk left the meeting for a review of her salary
7. Village Hall Update
Andy Brown arrived and spoke about his pride and interest of the Village Hall. Every evening he checks that it has been locked up, as he lives next door he closes the gates every evening and spoke of his passion for the hall. The village Hall committee are in disarray and so many members have left and not been replaced. There are two new members waiting in the wings and Andy and his wife are happy to be on the committee and if you factor in a Parish Council Representative, the committee seems more viable.

Added to this Andy went on to say that a risk assessment of the hall was essential and from that a short, medium and long term plan for hall could be drawn up and implemented. The Parish Council unanimously thought that this was an excellent idea. As the Parish Council are custodial trustees for the facility, they will approach the village hall and recommend that they do this. Cllr Erskine stated that the Parish Council had asked for plans and updates and these had not been forthcoming and recommended that the current committee be dissolved and a new committee (as above) be formed to take over the running. **The Clerk and Chairman to set up a meeting with Stuart Farrow** as soon as possible. The Chairman thanked Mr Brown for coming to the meeting and he then left at 20.01.

8. Planning

- Planning S/1827/13/FL – Change of use to provide management accommodation, Bridgefoot Farm Kennels. This was approved.
- S/1701/13/FL – 78a Hall Lane, Erection of outbuilding. This was approved
- The Clerk gave an update of North Hall Farm; it is going to be refused, but the agent is being asked if he wishes to withdraw the application or go for appeal. The other units will be served notices relating to contravening of planning on site.
- Bridgefoot Farm Quarry and the stockpiles at Dotterill Farm - enforcement notices are to be served.
- LDF Update – Bull Meadow and the playing fields have been incorporated in the first consultation. Our submission to incorporate village vistas have been received and we shall await an outcome.
- Digester in Heydon – the Clerk had circulated an email outlining the proposal to drop Chishill from the list of villages excluded. A question was asked if planning can actually dictate movement of vehicles legally on highways and if yes, how this will be enforced. If for instance a farmer in the village wanted to put crops into the digester how can he be prevented in doing this if he has to take a large detour. **Cllr van de Ven to investigate.**

9. A Report on Speed Watch Activities

Martin Gruselle had circulated the current data. The Chairman said that a meeting needs to be set up to discuss next steps and what we do with the data. **Cllr Harrison to do this.**

10. A Report on the sale of the Windmill by the Windmill Charity

This was discussed earlier, but the Trust are in receipt of a draft lease (for 120 years) and we await to hear when it is signed and then the refurbishment of the mill can commence.

11. Broadband

The Clerk had received an email relating to unsatisfactory broadband speed. Cllr Dring explained the unbundling of the exchange to allow other companies to service the area. The Clerk reported that there was a place on the BT website that allowed people to register their interest in an upgrade of the exchange. The link is to go in the next newsletter. A meeting had been set up with Cambridge County Council to discuss superfast broadband in the village and our unique problems.

12. Written Reports from the County and District Councillors (Addendum 1)

Gritting – the clerk had filled in the form requesting that our routes stay the same. Cllr van den Ven said that there were going to be cuts. The Chairman ask her to find out how much it costs to grit the Chishills.

A discussion took place about the decision to charge £1 for parking at P&R car parks. It would raise £1m in revenue but certain problems could arise such as parents dropping off their child to get to school and the knock on on-street parking. **This has now been recalled to scrutiny as it may not have been a lawful decision.

13. To Accept Notices & Matters for the next Agenda

There were none.

14. Confirmation of the Date of the Next Meeting (already scheduled) 16th October 2013, Cllr Van de ven has submitted her apologies for this meeting.

There being no further business Chairman closed the meeting at 20:55

Addendum 1

**Chishill Parish Council
September 2013
County Councillor Report**

1. The 31 bus service – contract has now been retendered to Whippet, extending to May 2014. If the Cambs Future Transport project manages to do its community engagement exercise and work out a long-term public transport solution in the intervening months, the contract can be terminated early. Equally, if the CFT project doesn't complete its work by May 2014 the contract can be extended.
2. CCC's Cabinet has proposed to introduce a £1 per day parking charge at all Cambridge City Park and Rides. This is on top of the Park and Ride bus fee. CCC is facing huge cuts to the transport budget following the out-of-court settlement on the Guided Bus (a cost of £33 million to the Council) plus Govt austerity measures so needs to raise cash, however it has not assessed what the fall-out of the parking charge would be in terms of displaced parking in residential areas and increased congestion into Cambridge, so there may be some further work done. The council's relevant Scrutiny Committee is asking for the item to be called in, and this would enable a constructive discussion.
3. Draft Transport Strategy consultation – I will bring forms to the meeting tonight. They take just a minute to fill out and I am happy to walk them back to Shire Hall.
4. Winter gritting consultation – The Parish Council will have received a letter from Highways asking for comments on any amendments on the current gritting schedule. Just to be aware that enormous funding cuts are yet to come. It is a bit frustrating that we are being asked for ideas on adjusting routes, when there are likely to be extensive cutback around the corner.