

## A Meeting of GREAT AND LITTLE CHISHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Venue:	Village Hall
Date:	16 <sup>th</sup> September 2021
Time:	7:30pm
Chairman:	No present
Vice Chairman:	Cllr Pine
Parish Councillors:	Hatt, Ridge, Harrison, Wiseman
Clerk / Proper Officer:	Sarah Scott
County Councillor:	Not present
District Councillor:	Not present
Members of the Public:	Three members of the public
Start Time:	7:30pm

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

Cllr Dring and Cllr Clements both have previous commitments. These were 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 July 2021 (already circulated)

It was agreed that these were an accurate account of proceedings and were approved by the Council. The Vice Chairman signed and dated them.

### 4. Public Participation.

A member of the public had reported the Rabbit Residence to environmental health due to bonfires on the site. Pictures of the smoke pollution were shown to the Parish Council. The Clerk thought that in the past this activity had been reported and environmental health had said the waste should not be burnt but taken away in a skip. She will check back through the records and chase up with environmental health.

### 5. Correspondence Received (already circulated)

There were no questions relating to the correspondence reports.

### 6. Planning

- LDF – the sites for development have been announced. Great and Little Chishill is classified as an in-fill village and the four sites which were put forward for consideration in the village had not been included in the selected sites from SCDC. There will be a public consultation in November.
- Cllr Pine and the Clerk had met the potential developer for the three sites in Great Chishill and there was no new news to report. He was invited to the Parish Council meeting but will probably attend the meeting in October.
- 21/03932/HFUL – 1 Story single rear extension – Bridgefoot Farmhouse, the Parish Council recommended approval.
- 21/03770/HFUL – Installation of a heat source pump, 16 Colts Croft – the Parish Council recommended approval and were happy with the size and aesthetics but have concerns about any noise generated

### 7. Highways

- Parking on Heydon Road. It was agreed to continue to monitor this, as there are still building works taking a place along Heydon Road which has resulted in an increase of parked cars on the road.
- Outstanding highways issues in Great Chishill (path, white lining, drains etc). The Clerk to draft a letter to Cllr McDonald for approval from the Council. It is unacceptable how long these jobs are taking and some are only partially completed.
- Outstanding highways issues in Little Chishill – Cllr Ridge reported jobs have not been completed or even started (see above)
- Straw lorries from Langley. Cllr Ridge had contacted Langley PC re straw lorries. The Parish Council have also received correspondence from a Parishioner about this. Authorities, enforcement, Health and Safety had been contacted by the Parishioner. In the past Cllr McDonald had offered to speak to the end user. The Clerk to ask him to do this.
- Speeding. There had much comment on social media about the perceived increase in speeding cars in the village, with lots of suggestion as to how to stop it. Unfortunately, the council has looked into this before and lots of the suggestions would not be suitable in the village. However, after discussion it was decided to investigate a 20mph limit in Hall Lane. As there is a preschool on the playing fields we need to investigate if this adds weight to the case for a 20mph limit. The clerk to follow this up.

### 8. Community Chest Grant / Chalk Pit

The Clerk has now received the Community Chest grant money. The next phase is to find a contractor to put in a concrete base where the bench will be sited. It was commented that the area selected for the bench will command a beautiful view. We have a year to spend the money.

### 9. Adopt the New Code of Conduct

The Clerk said that she had sent the new Code of Conduct around to the councillors. This needs to be formally adopted by the parish council. It was unanimously agreed to adopt the new code of conduct.

### 10. Playing Fields Association

This item was brought forward to the public participation. The Playing Fields Association had won a competition to redesign the cricket pavilion. They want to include all stakeholders in the parish to be part of this exciting project. The next step is to make a presentation to the whole village to explain the new plans for the cricket pavilion. A bigger plan would be to bring some new facilities to the playing fields such as a tennis court, a revamp to the children's play area and other amenities. Fundraising will be key to this redevelopment with the basic package costing between £250,000 to £300,000. The aim is to not only have a fantastic facility for the village but also to be the go to facility for surrounding villages too. Cllr Pine thanked the Playing Fields Association for coming to the meeting and commented at what an exciting project this would be for the whole village.

### 11. Finance

- The finance sheets had been circulated and there were no comments.
- Audit. The clerk gave an overview of the completed audit. The external auditor had commented that the council did not advertise the public rights to view the accounts correctly as the dates were incorrect. This was due to the dates changing due to Covid and the delayed audit. The sign was displayed both on the noticeboard and the website and this was for last year's audit not this year's.
- Approve insurance quotation in order for Clerk to pay. This was approved.

### 12. District and County Councillors Written Reports

Cllr McDonald had seen his monthly report out.

### 13. To Accept Notices & Matters for the next Agenda

Lynchetts Farm Caravan Park – Cllr Hatt

There being no further business Cllr Pine closed the meeting at 8:26pm

County Report for Parish Councils – September 2021.

#### Cambridgeshire County Report

##### A 505 Study

The on-going work on the A505 is being updated at the Highways Committee this week.  
Document.ashx (cmis.uk.com)

##### Afghan National Re Settlement

Cambridgeshire County Council is working with partners to help resettle Afghan nationals (and their families) who are at risk because they worked alongside our armed forces and the British Government, or who may be vulnerable for other reasons.

So far around 10 to 15 homes have been identified across the county, while the County Council has also offered one of its vacant outdoor education centres as temporary accommodation for Afghans while they wait for suitable accommodation either in Cambridgeshire or elsewhere in the region.

Each district and the city council have confirmed that they will be accepting and/or supporting Afghan nationals as part of the national Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy (ARAP), and the broader Afghan Citizens' Resettlement Scheme (ACRS) for other vulnerable Afghans.

A consistent message from all of the discussions has been the need to continue to work collaboratively, while a commitment has been made to establish a county-wide taskforce to share good practice and unblock challenges.

Support being offered by the County Council includes:

- Developing tailored English-language courses through its adult skills service, Cambridgeshire Skills
- Supporting the national effort to transfer qualifications to British standards, through Cambridgeshire Skills
- Exploring employment and apprenticeship opportunities within the council, and its contracted and commissioned services
- Coordination of donations from the public
- Expanding the locally-led donations schemes, especially for high demand items such as beds, wardrobes and white goods
- Extending existing mechanisms to buy goods or to provide food and other vouchers via the County Coordination Hub
- Supporting Afghan families to access online resources through the provision of computer hardware and data
- Working with our public health teams to offer immunisations/vaccinations to those individuals who might need them
- The offer of broader social opportunities.

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The council is aware that many people are keen to offer help and support. It is especially keen to hear from landlords with suitable and available housing (whole and self-contained houses, rather than rooms or shared accommodation), as well as from anyone able to donate good quality large items of furniture, including beds and wardrobes.

Anyone wishing to contribute or to find out more detail is asked to approach the relevant district or city council where the housing located in the first instance. However, the County Council is also offering an information point for anyone that wants further information, to offer accommodation, or to offer other support:

Email: [communitycv@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:communitycv@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

Telephone: 0345 045 5219.

##### Chief Executive

The County Council is going through the recruitment process for a new Chief Executive, as the current one is retiring.

##### Civil Parking Enforcement

There is an item on the September meeting of the Highways Committee at the County Council relating to parking enforcement. Currently the parking enforcement (ticketing) is the responsibility of the Police. The County Council are looking to write to the Secretary of State to request that they are allowed to explore carrying this out themselves and actually put some money and momentum behind it. Currently the Police, understandably, can't prioritise parking enforcement over other Policing.

##### Highways

There is an ongoing programme of micro asphalt treatment this time for Fowlmere:

- St Marys Walk, Fowlmere - Micro Asphalt works start 12 October 2021 for one day - road closure
- Champions Close, Fowlmere - Micro Asphalt works start 12 October 2021 for two days - road closure
- Johns Close, Fowlmere - Micro Asphalt works start 13 October 2021 for one day - road closure
- Isons Close, Fowlmere - Micro Asphalt works start 13 October 2021 for one day - road closure
- Jacksons Way, Fowlmere - Micro Asphalt works start 13 October 2021 for two days - road closure
- Ryecroft Lane, Fowlmere - Micro Asphalt works start 14 October 2021 for two days - road closure

##### Foster Carers

Cambridgeshire County Council needs more foster carers. Fostering means caring for one or more children or young people in your own home when they are unable to live with their family.

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Foster carers provide a safe and secure home for children and young people of all ages, and come from a wide range of ages, cultures and backgrounds.

Becoming a foster carer normally takes four to six months. The Council offers

- a generous mileage allowance, a setting-up fee for furniture and
- equipment, two weeks additional basic maintenance payments for
- holidays, birthdays allowance, a festivities allowance, and an initial
- clothing and school uniform allowance.

- round-the-clock 'out of hours' support should you need reassurance.
- a dedicated social worker to provide regular supervision and support.

Foster carers could earn up to £44,720 plus benefits for looking after two children aged eleven or over, subject to experience, training, and assessment. There are lots of different types of fostering available for the right people and their families. Applicants will need enthusiasm and commitment to support the needs of children and young people in care, as well as a spare bedroom—and be over 21 years of age. The Council urgently needs foster carers for teenagers, sibling groups, and children with disabilities.

There are a lot of myths around fostering, which the Council is keen to dispel.

- Finances and home
- Career and work
- Personal circumstances
- Relationships and lifestyle
- More information:
- Six steps to fostering
- Siblings and teenagers

Being involved with social services or the police will not automatically rule out an applicant.

The Council would just need to discuss this further. For more information

- visit [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fostering](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fostering)
- call 0800 052 0078 or
- text FOSTERING to 60777

Peter McDonald