

MINUTES OF MEETING
Great and Little Chishill Parish Council

Venue: Village Hall
Date: Tuesday 12th July 2011
Time: 7:30pm

In Attendance

Chairman:	Andrew Gardiner
Parish Councillors:	Cartwright, Scott, Brearley, Murgatroyd
Clerk / Proper Officer:	Sarah Scott
Members of the Public:	There were none.

Actual Start Time: 19:32

ACTION

1. Apologies for Absence and Reasons

Cllr Dibblee – family commitments
Cllr Erskine – recuperating from an operation
District Cllr's Barrett and Hales – prior engagement
County Cllr van den Ven – prior engagement
All were accepted by the Parish Council

2. To Receive Any Declaration of Interests

- 2.1 Councillors to declare any personal interest in any items on the agenda. There were none.
- 2.2 Councillors to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interest in any items on the agenda and to inform the Chairman if they wish to speak on the matter during the public participation. There were none declared.

3. Public Participation

There were no members of the public present

4. To Approve minutes of 13th May

These were approved to be a true accurate account of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

5. Planning

Two planning applications had been approved. Mr and Mrs Scott of Barley Road and Mr and Mrs Scott of Hall Lane.

6. Finance

The Clerk took the Council through the most recent spread sheets. Expenditure is as planned. She had not yet heard back from Moore Stephens on the Annual Audit but is expecting to in the very near future.

7. Footpaths

The Clerk had had a meeting with Robin Truss who is happy to help out. He suggested

levelling some of the worst bits and then laying plainings. The Clerk had relayed this to Peter and Lorraine Brand. The Clerk to arrange a time for all parties to meet. The Clerk said that originally plainings had been offered for free, but that had changed and they can be sold to the PC for £20 per tonne. Cllr Brearley asked if a central strip could be prepared and a layer of the red surface dressing be laid (that is suitable for horses and bicycles). The Clerk to investigate. Cllr Scott suggested and it was accepted that initially a trial using a 20 tonne load was tried.

Clerk

8. Highways – village Gates

The Clerk presented the PC with the figures she received from highway which were £1175.10 for erecting two gates and signs by the windmill. The Clerk had queried why the physical installation was more than was lead to believe initially (a nominal fee of circa £200-£300 was quoted a year ago) and apparently the is the best price. On reflection it was felt that realistically only one gate could be sensible erected as it would impair the view when exiting the windmill. The Clerk to go back to highways and try and get the cost down to a maximum of £750 for a single gate. The reason for erecting a gate in the first place was because of the increase of horse traffic in the vicinity. Originally the PC wanted highways to erect a 'Horse' warning sign but this was not sanctioned so these was the next best way of trying to calm speeding traffic in this area.

Clerk

9. Car Park

The Clerk had a verbal quote of £700 for repair and resurfacing the car park next to the bus shelter. She will obtain a couple more quotes.

Clerk

10. Windmill –

Cllr Brearley reported that is Charitable Trust had virtually been set up and they are awaiting the costings from the commissioned survey / report on the windmill before formally registering the Charity. When the figures are in, the Heritage Lottery and English Heritage can be approach for funding on the phases of restoration. On 4th September 20 members of SPAB will be visiting the windmill to offer advice and hopefully volunteer with upkeep of the mill going forward. The Members of the Trust have been invited to attend a training session on maintaining the a windmill. The Trust will again ask the Council* for a dowry or some funding towards to windmill, when the purchasing process takes place. When it is taken over the condition of the building at sale is noted so that that it could stay in its current condition, but not fall into greater disrepair. The Clerk to keep Nick Sweeney informed. The Clerk also mentioned that Great Gransden may contact her about the disposal of their mill.

Clerk

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* County Council NOT Parish Council

13. Residents at Risk

There was nothing to report.

Clerk

14. Youth Group

The fete appeared to be well attended. Post meeting notice – the figure raised at the fete was £430.

15. Speed watch / 3 MPH Stickers

Martin Gruselle is still doing speed watch. The Speed van been out in the village. There is a Police Panel meeting next week. The Parish Council agreed to not follow up with 30 MPH Speed stickers for bins.

16. Parish Charter

The Clerk and Chairman explained the draft Parish Charter. They will not adopt it until such time as a majority of PC's have done so.

17. ROSPA

The Clerk has the report and there are no surprises. A copy to will be sent to the Children's Playground Committee and the PFA. An action plan / schedule of will be requested for the next meeting.

18. Correspondence

All had been circulated.

18. Matters For Further Consideration

Winter contingency

Neighbourhood Watch

Clerk is attending the Rabbit Sanctuary Meeting on Sunday and will report back.

19. Next Meeting 6th September at 7:30pm

Clerk

There were no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:25.