

MINUTES OF MEETING
Great and Little Chishill Parish Council

Venue: Village Hall
Date: Tuesday 24th January 2012
Time: 7:00pm

In Attendance

Chairman:	Andrew Gardiner
Parish Councillors:	Scott, Murgatroyd, Brearley, Dibblee, Erskine
District / County Councillors:	County Cllr van den Ven, District Cllr Barrett, District Cllr Hales
Clerk / Proper Officer:	Sarah Scott
Members of the Public:	There were none

Actual Start Time: 19:16

ACTION

1. Apologies for Absence and Reasons

Cllr Cartwright - Annual leave - accepted

2. To Receive Any Declaration of Interests

2.1 Councillors to declare any personal interest in any items on the agenda. There were none declared.

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 was none.

4. To Approve Minutes of 21st November 2011

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

5. Planning

1 Colts Croft, single story extension. The Council studied the plans, after discussion it was decided that there were no objections.

Clerk

6. Speedwatch

ACTION

Cllr Scott explained some of the new speed watch initiatives, which included repeat offenders receiving a stronger letter; after receiving three letters, they will receive a visit from the police. The computer systems are working with neighbouring counties so the three letters will include speeding in other counties. Data capture from speed watch triggers (if appropriate) the police radar gun or speed van. The radar was in the village the other day and offenders were issued tickets. From the speed watch activity last year, 300 letters were sent out. The speed watch team are happy to continue (and new volunteers are most welcome and are needed). Speed watch is not the cure and new technologies would be useful going forwards. As yet the clerk had not received any expense claims from the Speed watch team.

7. Residents at Risk

Cllr Cartwright was not at the meeting but sent an update to the clerk that stated that a letter from Claire Bruin is to be sent out. A question was asked about how the scheme worked and the clerk referred the Parish Council to Cllr Cartwright as she was the lead in this initiative. Cllr Dibblee will speak with Cllr Cartwright.

Clerk
Cllr Cartwright

8. Finance

To set the precept.

The Clerk had pre-circulated the accounts spread sheets. The Chairman gave an overview of the finance, it is estimated that the Parish Council will have spent £21,000 to the year end (this figure includes the estimated out goings in February / March such as works to trees, clerks salary etc). Reserves at the end of the year are likely to be £25,200. The Clerk had drawn up a budget for 2012/13 and if the precept should remain unchanged then the reserves at the next year end would be £21,000. It was proposed by Cllr Brearley and seconded by Cllr Erskine and unanimously agreed that there should be no increase in the Precept and it shall remain at the same rate.

Cllr Dibblee asked if there were any better rates for the deposit account. The Clerk explained that she had looked into this last year and interest rates are low, but she would look into this again.

Clerk

9. District and County Councillors Report

Cllr van den Ven said that the plans to allow Parish Councils to be in the civil enforcement scheme had been put on hold. There is also a draft strategy on the control of HCV's through rural areas. The subsidy of the 31 bus will be withdrawn and the bus will eventually be phased out. There is an online petition being set up to oppose this decision. In conjunction there is a pilot transport scheme being set up and Cllr van den Ven is to try it out and report back. There was also an overview of the planning of the Scott and Scott recycling plant at Flint Cross and the lack of apparent consultation on the plant being made permanent.

District Councillor Hales spoke about the proposed new Standards programme, whereby Councillors will have to provide information on spouses and children on a public website. This potentially could happen by 1st July.

SCDC have attained Chartered Status for its training programmes.

District Councillor Barrett spoke about putting together a draft Emergency Plan. Mr Green from SCDC is visiting Parish Councils to speak to them about putting together Emergency Plans including links with the emergency services etc. Cllr Scott said that chemical lorries carry emergency kits. The Clerk to investigate and maybe speak to David Moses.

Cllr Erskine commented that a draft consultation on empty houses had been circulated and in her opinion, it was badly written. She had suggested changes to the document to be told that they could not be added. The District Councillors reported that this is not uncommon.

10. Correspondence

The Clerk had received a request from Phil Maynard asking if he could put a skip in the Parish Council car park whilst he had some renovations done to his house. After discussion it was decided that he could have a skip there for a maximum period of one week.

Clerk

11. Matters for Future Consideration

Localism and Neighbourhood Plans. SCDC are working with Huntingdon District Council who are running a pilot on Neighbourhood Plans and how to put them together. There should be further updates and news in the next couple of months, together with a tool box. In practice it looks like the District Council will do the plan and the Parish Council will feed into them. In any case the Parish Council has been advised to wait for more guidance.

Cllr Scott spoke about on going planning / conservation issues. He and the Clerk to work out together some case studies for discussion.

20:13 County Councillor van de Ven departs.

The Clerk reported on Section 106's. The scheme was not in place when the Raglan Homes were built, so there were no funds forthcoming. However the building plot in Barley Road will have a Section 106 attached to it.

Highways - the new gates are to be erected soon.

The clerk to further research Jubilee mugs for children 12 and under the village to be presented at the fete on 4th June on the Plaistow. County Councillor Hales asked that the Clerk liaise with Melbourn PC as they wish to do a similar thing.

12. Meetings

It was incorrectly reported that the next meeting is on the 13th March*. However there is another scheduled for the 22nd February. The Chairman and Clerk to liaise and confirm which meeting will be the next.

There being no other notifiable business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:27

*The next meeting is the 13th March

ACTION

Chairman/Clerk