

MINUTES OF MEETING
Great and Little Chishill Parish Council Meeting

Venue: Village Hall
Date: Wednesday 15th September 2010
Time: 7:30pm

In Attendance

Chairman:	Andrew Gardiner
Parish Councillors:	Cartwright, Scott, Erskine, Brearley, Murgatroyd
Clerk / Proper Officer:	Sarah Scott
County Councillor:	Susan van den Ven
District Councillors:	Val Barrett, Jose Hales
Youth Workers:	Anna O Learey, Amanda Silvester – Youth Services (County)
Members of the Public:	Mr and Mrs Brand, Mr and Mrs Lillicrap, Fred Smith, Edward Stamford, Jill Kuenzi (part)

Actual Start Time: 7:31

ACTION

- 1. Apologies for Absence and Reasons**
There were none.
- 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**
To allow up to 10 minutes for any members of the public and Councillors declaring a prejudicial interest to address the meeting in relation to the business to be transacted at the meeting. There was no public participation.
- 4. To Approve Previous Minutes**
 - 4.1 12th July –it was agreed that these were a true and accurate record of events and were duly signed by the Chairman.
 - 4.2 18th August – it was agreed that these were a true and accurate record of events and were duly signed by the Chairman.

The Chairman reported on a meeting that took place to discuss a consultation document on referendums on the Precept. The Council had responded to it and the Clerk has a copy if anyone wished to view it.

- 5. To Discuss Planning Applications 8:00**
 - 5.1 S/1139/10 It was ratified unanimously that there is no objection.

ACTION**6. Finance**

6.2 The Clerk had pre-circulated the up to date accounts and they are in good shape. The Clerk asked if a cheque could be raised to join SLCC as she felt that this would be a useful resource. This was agreed and a cheque as signed.

The Alliance and Leicester account is now closed.

7. Footpaths

Despite chasing the relevant people, there had been no further information date. The Clerk to contact Brian Stinton about obtaining plannings for Chalky Walk.

Clerk

8. Highways

8.1 Winter Gritting, the Clerk had just found out that New Road was to be withdrawn from the winter gritting schedule. The Parish Council felt that was nonsensical as this is the school bus route. The Clerk to liaise with Louise Collier and Brian Stinton on this. There had been no further feedback from Mr Preston with regard to our local farmers supplementing the winter clearing in times of severe weather. The Clerk to chase.

Clerk

8.2 30 MPH Sign – The Clerk had still not received any data from Lovely View. She had heard from David Lines that Karen Lunn will now be working with us on the gates. David was to brief Karen and the Clerk is waiting to hear from her.

9. Speed watch

Cllr Scott reported that Speedwatch had been out again mainly on the B1039. However, whereby speeders declined last year, this year that pattern is not emerging and some drivers appear to be ignoring Speed watch. A core of 40% are doing over 34mph and 25% over 37mph. The speed van will be coming up to the village in September and October. Cllr Scott asked if a call for more volunteers could be put in the newsletter.

Cllr Erskine

10. Windmill – Actual Time 20:08

The Chairman gave an historical overview of what had taken place over the past weeks when the County Council first mooted that it may be surplus to requirements. Nick Sweeny from the County Council had been out and met with the Chairman, Clerk and Cllr Murgatroyd with the outcome being that it had no commercial value to the County Council. Then Trudi Hughes of English Heritage came out to meet with the Clerk and Chairman, as a consequence the Windmill is now on the 'Heritage at Risk Register'. She strongly advised that if the windmill was offloaded to anyone a dowry to repair it should be offered by the County Council. She also advised of how to obtain grants from English Heritage and National Heritage Lottery Funds. The Clerk had forwarded an email to the Conservation Department for them to comment on, but had had no response. There was concern amongst the Parish Council as to how the windmill was able to fall into this state with Conservation seemingly unwilling to take measures to ensure that it is repaired. The Chairman said the options (if the windmill were offered to the Parish Council) were, for a trust to be set up to maintain it or refuse it, so County have to take it back. It is understood that the County Council were legally obliged to return it in its original state of repair when then they took it on. It was thought that without the major repairs that are necessary the windmill would cost between £5k and £10k to run annually (as a ballpark). Cllr van de Ven to arrange a meeting with the Portfolio Manager (John Reynolds) and Conservation to discuss this.

Cllr van de Ven

20:34 Mr and Mrs Brand and Mr and Mrs Lillycrap leave the meeting.

	ACTION
<p>11. Lock-Up The Clerk is chasing the quotations but it was agreed that if the works came in at under £1,500 she should progress them.</p>	
<p>12. Residents at Risk This is on-going – Cllr van de Ven mentioned an email from Claire Bruin and Cllr Cartwright to arrange to meet with her.</p>	Cllr Cartwright
<p>13. Skate Park Update Cllr Scott asked if a representation of people could be got together to monitor the area and raise funds as some of the equipment needs upgrading to be compliant. The basket ball still needs erecting. He asked if Cllr Dibblee or Erskine could raise this to the Youth Group.</p>	Cllrs Dibblee & Erskine
<p>14 Youth Group – Actual Time 19:36 Anna O’ Learey and Amanda Silvester from Youth Services introduced themselves to the meeting. They gave an overview of how they have been asked (after consultation) to cut 1/3 of their annual budget (£1million cut). Regrettably this would mean that Level 3 Youth Workers will not be funded for Open Access Youth Clubs. Currently the County pay £2k per annum for our Youth Workers, but a further £2k is pro-rartered with the Parish Councils annual donation and the fact that the premises for Youth Club are FOC. The Youth workers are each paid for 2.5 hours services per week during term time. Great Chishill has two workers. The workers are generally self employed and contracted for only the time they are needed. Cllr Dibblee spoke about the Parish Plan and the fact the children of the village were questioned about what they wanted and they asked for a Youth Group and we got one up and running for them. She went on the explain how it had got children mixing, that there had been way less vandalism, they organised the fete and had forged strong relationships with other children and village organisations. The Youth Services Department are looking at ways to work with Parish Councils and Youth Groups to try and salvage some of the Youth Workers (via external funding). It was reported that the consultation was controversial and was the biggest budget cut. It was also commented that Great Chishill has one of the best Youth Groups in the area. Cllr Erskine e-mailed a letter to County Cllr Martin Curtis on 21st July about the Youth Club and its impact on the village but no response has been given although Anna O’Learey said it had made a difference. The Clerk to see which other villages children attend from and explain the £2k short fall and see if they might make a donation. Fred Smith said that he the other youth Dan are determined to keep the Youth Group going whatever it takes. Edward Stamford also commended that it the Youth Group was the best, why would they want to close it and not support it. He said it was a great Youth Group. The Parish Council to look at ways of assisting. Youth Services left the meeting at 20:07</p>	Clerk
<p>15. Children’s play area The Clerk gave an update on the Public Liability Insurance for the Children’s Playground. It was not covered by the PFA Insurance. The Clerk to write to the committee to receive assurances that they are sorting out the insurance.</p>	Clerk

ACTION**16. Trees on Parish Council Land**

Cllr Scott reported that all of the new trees had survived the summer. However there is a dead sycamore on the Plaistow that needs removing, an ash tree on the boundary of the cricket field and Bull Meadow needs looking at, the white beams and rowans along the back of the playing field need work as some are dead or have dangerous branches. The Whalichs had asked about an overhanging hawthorn and the clerk had said it was fine for them to remove them as necessary, but not in the nesting season. The Clerk also spoke about a lady in the village who had emailed her about branches overhanging a footpath, although the Clerk had emailed her twice, it was difficult to follow up as the lady did not say where she lived.

Clerk /
Cllr Scott

17. Parish Plan Review

Cllr Scott reported that it was nearly five years old and asked if it should be re-run. It was decided to do this. Clerk and Cllr Scott to work on the questionnaire.

Clerk
Cllr Scott

18. Church as a Venue

Andy Colebrooke had read the Parish Plan on the website and had asked the Chairman what he had in mind using the Church for a venue. Cllr Scott responded, mini concerts, and farmers markets - this would be reviewed in the Parish Plan.

19. Correspondence

The Clerk received a letter from the County Council stating that their annual spend will be published and that Great and Little Parish Council will be on the list as we had received a cheque for over £500 – this was for our grass cutting grant.

20. Matters for Future Consideration

Hugh Smart had contacted Cllr Murgatroyd about cutting his verge; the Chairman agreed he could do this.

21. Date of next meeting 12th October at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no other notifiable business the meeting closed at 21:16