

MINUTES OF MEETING
Great and Little Chishill Parish Council Meeting

Venue: Village Hall
Date: Wednesday 8th April 2010
Time: 7:30pm

In Attendance

Chairman:	Andrew Gardiner
Parish Councillors:	Cartwright, Scott, Dibblee
Clerk / Proper Officer:	Sarah Scott
Members of the Public:	Attached sign-in sheet

Actual Start Time: 7:30

ACTION

1. Apologies for Absence and Reasons

District Cllr Guest
District Cllr Barrett – Annual leave.
County Cllr van de Ven – Previous engagement.
Parish Cllr Cartwright – Late arrival from holiday.

2. To Receive Any Declaration of Interests (prejudicial or personal)

2.1 Councillors to declare any personal interest in any items on the agenda. There were no new declarations received.

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 received.

Public Participation - there were no items.

3. To approve previous minutes – 8th March 2010

There being no comments on the minutes they were taken as read, confirmed as a true account of proceedings and were signed by the Chairman.

6. Heydon Grange Wind Farm (19:31). The Chairman bought this item forward due to the number of people who had come to only discuss this topic only.

The Chairman gave an overview of the documentation that the Parish Council had received explaining it was a Request for Scoping Opinion document and not a formal planning application. He said that the Parish Council will be adding their comments and this will be submitted in time for the deadline of 12th April 2010. Various questions and answers followed and it was reiterated by the Council that it is imperative that an Action Group is formed sooner rather than later and an Action Group Open Day held to encourage membership and allocate jobs. Great Chishill Village Hall was suggested as an ideal venue (the Clerk to pass contact details on for this and any Action Group names forthcoming from tonight). It was also mentioned that the Parish Council cannot be part of any action group and the Clerk is taking advice as to how they may (if resolved) donate Precept funds to support any such group. The Chairman reported that he will be attending the next Barley Parish Council meeting to speak to them about this wind farm. There followed various facts that may have been left off the scoping document – such as to health and safety inspections (PPS22). It was asked how much Heydon Parish Council had paid for the Wind Farm Expert, Mike Barnard to attend their meeting and write their response to the scoping document and it was reported to be £150.

Clerk

4. Planning Applications

4.1 S/0201/10/F Mr Parry

Parish Council recommends refusal as previously stated and an extra turning could be deemed dangerous.

4.2 Bridgefoot Farm Quarry

Cllr Murgatroyd to take this on.

Cllr Murgatroyd

5. Finance

5.1 The Clerk draw the councillors to the up to date overview and reviewed the amounts held in each account.

5.2 The Clerk requested payment for the items on the agenda. It was proposed by Cllr Murgatroyd and seconded by Cllr Brearley that all payments could be transacted. The mandate was signed, as was a cheque.

5.3 Income - the clerk confirmed that she had received the cheque for grit bins.

5.4 It was suggested that some funds be allocated towards some appropriate actions that relate to the Wind Farm. It was decided that the Clerk investigate how much it would cost to measure back ground noise in the village as a start point.

Clerk

7. Footpaths

The Parish Council now had some proposals from Kate Day. The Chairman, Clerk and Mr and Mrs Brand to get together to discuss.

ACTION**8. Highways**

8.1 Moving 30mph sign in Barley – Chairman and Clerk to meet with David Lines tomorrow.

8.2 Pot holes / gritting put to public meeting time.
Cllr van den Ven had put these questions to council and had a favourable response. The Clerk is waiting to hearing more.

8.3 Little Chishill Sign
this is on order and awaiting erection.

8.4 Protected Verges – reports on our Protected Verges had been received and the Clerk needs to study these and liaise with the farmer.

Clerk

9. Windmill

The Council are waiting for the report as discussed in the last meeting.

10. Community Award Scheme Nominations

The Council would like to thank Michael Melville in clearing litter from the village. There have been no other dominations – it is to be publicised in the newsletter monthly.

Cllr Erskine

11. Lock Up and Plaistow Ownership

It was decided to allocate £1500 to this project. Cllrs Scott and Murgatroyd to action.

12. Resident at Risk

As Cllr Cartwright was unavailable this is to be an agenda item at the next meeting.

13. Coordination of insurance documentation

The Clerk had chased up all the documents but had only received the PFA and Cricket club information. Paul Drury had a query on their insurance as to employer liability – the Clerk to contact ACRE

Clerk

14. Grant Applications – COMMA – Community Chest

The Clerk reported that she is applying for grants to cover the skate park refit, pavilion renovations and floor the village hall. Cambs ACRE have offered to overview these. With regard to the Skate park ROSPA are due to come and do their annual inspection in April if we move the date (as no works have been carried out on the skate park) they will charge us double. It was agreed to leave it where it is and remove the basketball hoop. Cllrs Erskine and Dibblee to relay this to the Youth Group.

Clerk

Cllr Scott
Cllrs Erskine and
Dibblee

15. Correspondence

- 5.1 The Parish Council had read the letter from Andrew Lansley re pot holes.
- 5.2 Email from Malcolm Knobel-Forbes . It was pointed out that the trees donated by South Cambs were actually suggested by Roz Richardson who is the tree and landscape officer at South Cambs. With regard to the measurements a 1 metre wide and 1 metre high this does apply to any tree of this size in a conservation area (which Great Chishill is).

16. Matters for Future Consideration

The Clerk read out a report from Cllr van de Ven.
Cllr Erskine read a letter she had received from Andrew Lansley re the youth group.
Cllr Murgatroyd thought the Village Sign needs cleaning – Clerk to investigate someone to clean it.
The Browns who live next to the Playing Fields have reported some late night disturbances. The PFA is to reintroduce the chain and may look at putting up a gate (PFA to obtain costings). Cllr Scott suggested that this should be reported to the PCSO's and they can investigate.
Cllr Dibblee said the Church wall in Barley Road is cracking.
Clerk to coordinate website meeting for the Chairman and Cllrs Murgatroyd and Dibblee.

17. Date of Next Meeting – 21:20

5th May PC AGM.
14th May Annual parish meeting.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21:20.