

A Meeting of GREAT AND LITTLE CHISHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Venue:	Net Meeting
Date:	15 th October 2020
Time:	7:30pm
Chairman:	Cllr Dring
Parish Councillors:	Wiseman, Clements, Hatt, Pine, Ridge, Harrison
Clerk / Proper Officer:	Sarah Scott
County Councillors:	Cllr MacDonald
District Councillor:	Cllr Roberts
Members of the Public:	Three members of the public
Start Time:	7:30pm

1. Apologies for Absence (and reasons)

There were none received.

2. To receive any declaration of Pecuniary and non-Pecuniary Interest of Councillors

There were none received.

3. Approval of the Minutes from 17th September (circulated)

It was recorded that these were a true and accurate account of proceedings. These will be signed at a later date.

4. Public Participation.

To allow up to 10 minutes for any members of the public and Councillors declaring a pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest to address the meeting in relation to the business to be transacted at that meeting.

Two members of the public did not wish at present.

Tim Scott spoke representing the pub is the hub group with the following update:

- The results from the Village survey are now on the website.
- The group had formed the Great Chishill Community Pub Company Ltd (Peter Homent had done all the work on this, so a big thanks to him).
- The group have joined the Plunkett Foundation and will use their business model.
- The next job is to create a prospectus to send out to the village which will indicate a share price to those interested in buying into a community bid for the pub, as well as the sharing the aims of the group.
- To put a sensible bid together the group need to get a valuation of the business and they will be asking Fleurets (who deal with Public Houses) to undertake this. A structural survey will also need to be undertaken.
- A letter has been sent and received to Mr and Mrs Wickens explaining that the group has been formed and that we will be seeking an independent valuation.
- The group will be building a website but at the moment have a page on the Parish Council website.
- The actions above come at a price; £310 to join the Plunkett Foundation, by joining them we get advice, a business advisor and access to all sorts of business models. Coupled with this, going forward if and when the pub is running any surplus profits can be ploughed back into community projects (windmill, playing field, village hall etc)
- Formation of the company is circ £300
- The business valuation is £2750 plus vat
- A structural survey could be another £2500

Mr Scott then asked if the Parish Council would consider a grant to cover some of the expenses. Cllr Harrison said that there is a chance the PC might not see a return. Mr Scott was asked if he had looked for other loan sources and he said not yet. The Clerk commented that the clock was now ticking on the moratorium and time was of the essence to get work on the prospectus done. After discussion it was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would offer a grant of £4000. The group (like all other groups who receive loans), would be expected to report to the Parish Council at the AMP. It was commented that if Parish Council paid for the valuation, they can claim the VAT back. This grant would pay for the Plunkett Foundation, Company formation and also the business valuation. Mr Scott said that piece was going into the newsletter by way of an update. Cllr Pine replied that this was a good idea.

Cllr Roberts had had experience of the same sort of thing in her village and suggested contacting CAMRA. Tim thanked her for the advice.

A question was raised about the Wickens using the premises as living accommodation as it was understood that this sort of activity should not happen. The Clerk responded that SCDC were aware of this. Cllr Roberts then spoke about a bus / transport business who was parking illegally in a village and it went to appeal.

The Chairman thanked Mr Scott for coming along and said how well the group had done to make this progress in such a short space of time.

5. Correspondence Received – 10 Minutes, Clerk

Emails from planning re the phone mast application
 Emails from a parishioner re the phone mast application
 Email from Cllr MacDonald re the phone mast
 Various Correspondence – Great Chishill Community Pub Ltd
 Emails from Cllr MacDonald on highways
 Emails re North Hall Farm Meeting
 Phone message re overflowing bins
 Various re planning in the Village (Bridgefoot Farm)
 Email re 5 Year land supply
 Email from SCDC re Precept payment
 Phone calls from Parishioners re dog poo bins
 Call from Building Regs re Colts Croft

6. Planning – 10 Minutes

- North Hall Farm – Cllr Dring had had a conversation with Mr Sexon and Julie Ayre. Their views were similar to ours in that the planning application was not in keeping with what was previously discussed and was very different. A decision is expected soon.
 - Colts Croft – The applicants had pleaded guilty to the planning breach and a court case has been scheduled. Cllr Hatt had looked at the structure that had been taken down and thought it looked unsound.
 - May Street Wall – Cllr Robert had a site meeting. There had been an appeal against the decision. The Parish Council were unaware of this. The Clerk reported that the wall had listed consent. SCDC and the applicant are working towards a compromise and SCDC are making an offer to the applicant imminently. The Council will await the correspondence.
 - Phone Mast. A formal complaint has been sent to SCDC. The Clerk has copied Julie Ayre in correspondence and has heard nothing. There is no recourse except a judicial review which is cost prohibitive. Cllr MacDonald has written to Walden about this. Cllr Hatt was dismayed that the application was effectively approved 'through the backdoor'. The Clerk stated that there had been 13 responses on the planning portal and still could not understand that the case officer said no one had been contacted about the application when some people had (although the most significant had not). A discussion took place about trying to seek compensation from CCC as it is their land and they will be earning rent from the deal. A letter is to be written Walden, Stephen Kelly, Chris Carragher and Liz Watt. Potentially too, a press release might be sent to the press about this application if there is nothing fruitful from SCDC, Walden and CCC. Cllr MacDonald to send the Clerk his correspondence on the matter.
 - LDF – Wrights Meadow, Bull Meadow, Colts Croft and a site on Barley Road are all included in the LDF as well as pockets of land in Heydon. The next consultation will be next year (late summer / autumn) and this is will be open to the public. Cllr Roberts stated that the LDF needed land for up to 15,000 houses and if all the sites submitted were accepted there would 200,000 houses. Seven times more sites than normal had been submitted for consultation. There was no way of speeding up the consultation timeline and there is no material action to take at the moment.
- **Finance – 15 Minutes, Clerk**
- Finance Sheets – the Clerk took the council through the sheets which had been circulated. These were approved.
 - As the second tranche of the precept had been paid, the Clerk as for approval to pay the windmill trust their grant. She asked Cllr Hatt for clarification of the amount. The Clerk to check back in the minutes for thi
 - The Clerk advised some upcoming expenses for the AED unit, circ. £500 and these were approved.
 - Clerks salary. The Clerk suggested that this was reviewed in March next year after the new precept had been agreed and we have the next tranche of the precept in the bank.

7. Highways – 10 Minutes

Cllr MacDonald had been in constant contact with the Clerk and showed the meeting a letter he had received. Cllr Wiseman had reported that not all of the drains had been done and Cllr Ridge said they hadn't been to Little Chishill. There is to be a site visit regarding this and the map that Peter Wiseman had produced was helpful.
The trees on Maltings Lane are due to be done later this month.
The white lines have still not been done and this it to be chased up and the next issue is the path on Hall Lane to the playing fields.

Cllr Ridge again raised his concerns about the forthcoming transport of large quantities of straw to the power station in Ely. Cllr MacDonald is to speak with the landowner, highways and the power station.

8. The Plaistow – 5 Minutes, Clerk

Tim Scott had requested via the Clerk to ask if he could form a wild area on the Plaistow. This was unanimously agreed.

9. Broadband Gigabyte Vouchers – 10 Minutes, Cllr Clements

The scheme in essence provides subsidies from central government, supplemented by SCDC, to cover some of the cost of providing 'full fibre' broadband to each premises (rather than relying on old copper cables between the green box on hall lane and each premises). The scheme is administered through companies that have registered with the central government scheme. There are a number of registered suppliers who could be approached to provide fibre to the village, including County Broadband and Openreach. To make it viable, a significant proportion of the village would need to express an interest. It was deemed a good idea to look into this further, which Cllr Clements will do and will feedback at the next meeting.

10. Lock-up – 5 Minutes, Chairman

There was nothing further to report.

11. The Pheasant Public House (Great Chishill Community Pub Ltd) – 10 Minutes

See above.

12. Windmill Committee – Cllr Hatt - 5 Minutes

The windmill has now turned to face the wind. This can only happen at the moment when people are there as there are some safety matters to be looked into on the gearings.

13. District and County Councillors Written Reports – 10 Minutes

There are further grants available to help with COVID responses.

Cllr Roberts spoke about the barn at Bridgefoot farm and the recent planning application for essential workers accommodation and now it is being actively being marketed for sale as a retail unit.

Cllr MacDonald reported a shortfall in the CCC budget next year and they will be £32million down on last year.

14. To Accept Notices & Matters for the next Agenda – 5 mins

Please note that no decisions can lawfully be made under this item. LGA 1972 s12 10(2) (b) states that business must be specified; therefore the Council cannot lawfully raise matters for discussion.
Covid response.

There being no further business the Clerk closed the meeting at 21:27.

Report for Parish Councils – October 2020.

Cambridgeshire County Report

The Country is starting to look at the budget for 2021/22 and what savings may be necessary in the light of C19. It doesn't make great reading.

Draft Revenue Budget

In order to balance the budget in light of the cost increases and uncertain Government funding, savings, additional income or other sources amounting to at least £32.8m are required for 2021-22, and a total of £75.7m across the full five years of the Business Plan. This assumes a relatively swift recovery following the initial impacts of the pandemic on service delivery and is predicated on the following general assumptions:

- A low likelihood of a second peak requiring a further national lockdown
- Tracking and tracing is relatively successful in containing the spread of the virus
- A vaccine is available within 12 months
- A soft, open lockdown, with social distancing eased over summer 2020-21
- Demand does not return to pre-COVID levels due to economic and social impacts

I will update you as the budget discussion progresses.

Children in Care

There are currently 699 children in care in Cambridgeshire vs. a country target of not more than 600 so the service is still under pressure. Of the 699, 602 had pathway plans into adulthood but of course this is problematic with employment opportunities.

Climate Change Recognition

Cambridgeshire's work to respond to the climate change emergency has been recognised after it was highly commended for a prestigious national award.

The County Council's Climate Change and Environment strategy – underpinned by evidence from PhD students at Cambridge University – was highly commended at the *Leadership in responding to the Climate Emergency* category of the MJ Awards 2020.

The Council agreed in May 2019 to make a declaration of a Climate Emergency and through its collaboration policy research exchange programme with Cambridge University produced an evidence base of carbon emissions across the county.

Two carbon footprints were developed, one for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough which included all greenhouse gas emissions that occur in the county (excluding peatland) broken down across key sectors such as transport, domestic buildings and commercial services; and the second for Cambridgeshire County Council alone.

The council used this evidence to develop its draft Climate Change and Environment Strategy - with cross party support, and a vision *'to deliver net zero carbon emissions for Cambridgeshire by 2050 in partnership with all stakeholders, whilst supporting our communities and Cambridgeshire's biodiversity and environmental assets to adapt and flourish as our climate changes'*.

This vision has already started to be translated into real action. The council has added a specific priority into its Business Plan which concentrates on helping Cambridgeshire reach this net zero carbon target by 2050 and set up a £16million Environment Fund to take all the Council's offices it owns and occupies off fossil fuels by 2025 and cut its organisational carbon footprint by 50% by 2023. The Council procures £450million of services every year for Cambridgeshire communities and it will be working with its supply chain to reduce carbon emissions.

Cambridgeshire County Council has been leading the way in prioritising climate and environment issues for some time. Through its initial energy investments the Council has set up a self-financing unit to focus on energy project delivery. Initially this covered schools and a solar farm, but has now been extended to cover battery storage and smart-grid development. Since then the authority has invested £11m in schools to improve energy efficiency, resulting in energy bill savings of £910,000 a year.

C 19-Related Activities in October

Hardship funds – the County are supporting the set-up of the hardship fund for Peterborough and linking with all other City and district council on their schemes. Organising an awareness campaign to run across city, council and district areas and linking and supporting the Government £500 support fund which launches from mid-October.

Halloween and events – planning a campaign to support our revised information about running events into the winter which will begin with advice around Halloween with information around trick or treating. Plan is to offer tips on alternative Halloween celebrations, which are COVID-safe. As part of this we are also liaising with radio stations across Peterborough and Cambridgeshire about how to run COVID-secure events more generally throughout the autumn and winter, how to do things differently and the support which the council can provide. All of this campaign work will link to a new guidance section on for our websites about events planning, including a checklist of things event organisers need to consider and a risk assessment.

Local contact tracing – working with the local media on a feature on the Peterborough system – and preparing support materials for when the wider roll out of the system is planned across Cambridgeshire.

Care homes – working with the CCG to increase comms for care homes. There will be renewed messages in newsletters to care home staff about the need to consider actions out of work.

Flu vaccination – From the 5 October, the national flu campaign will be starting – which is also an essential part of planning for this winter. We will sharing the national resources with both external and internal audiences. We will working with the CCG on their local and targeted approach to encourage uptake in vulnerable groups. So far there has been one clinic at IWM Duxford for front line staff.

Agriculture Bill

I hope you don't mind me posting what is a semi-political campaign on behalf of our farmers in S Cambs. We are supporting the 'Save British Farming' campaign not to accept imports with lower standards than our own UK farmers have to adhere to. It will be voted on October 12th and the Government has said they wont accept the Lords amendments to embed the UK standards in all imports. We have a meeting with Anthony Browne Oct 9th to lobby him to support he Lords amendments and vote against the Government !



Caption: Myself plus 2 SCDC Councillors and Paul from Cambridge for Europe

This campaign is supported by Jamie Oliver and Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall.

<https://twitter.com/jamieoliver/status/1310116225213661184?s=20>

Peter McDonald

Oct 6th 2020.