

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF GREAT AND LITTLE CHISHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Venue: 17 Hall Lane
Date: 19th February 2015
Time: 7:30pm
Chairman: Andrew Gardiner
Parish Councillors: Murgatroyd, Ridge, Clements, Dring, Harrison, Coney
County Councillor: Cllr van den Ven
District Councillors: Cllr Hales, Cllr Barrett
Clerk / Proper Officer: Sarah Scott
Start Time: 19:30

1. Apologies for Absence (and reasons)

There were none received.

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

There none declared.

3. To approve the minutes of 21st January 2015

It was unanimously agreed that these were an accurate account of proceedings and were signed by the Chairman.

4. Public Participation.

The Clerk read out the letter from the Mr and Mrs Cartwright.

5. Finance

The Clerk took the Parish Council through the finances. The approximate year end combined balance should be £30k.

6. Planning

The Clerk gave an update on Dotterel Farm and North Hall Farm. There was also an update on the fire at a Bridgefoot Farm quarry. The landowner is in court for Dotterel Hill for non-compliance of the enforcement order and is also in court with regards to the North Hall Farm holiday lets.

There has been no update to the Maltings Lane planning application.

The Clerk had negotiated a new dog waste bin for The Plaistow and also The Pudgell.

7. A report from Speed Watch

A discussion took place as to what speed calming measures (if any) could be implemented. The data has shown that there is a reduction in speeding when the sign is in situ. A meeting is to be set up with Martin Gruselle, Cllr Harrison, the Chairman and Clerk to discuss the way forward. It was mentioned that highways would have objected to a recent planning application in Barley Road because of the speeding data from the sign. Cllr van de Ven reported that 20mph limits are gradually being introduced to the county.

8. A report from the Windmill Trust

Cllr Dring reported that there is progress. Listed building planning consent would be needed for some of the work. An architect from Barley had offered their services in helping with planning applications. Braces for the trestle had been made. Some of feather boards would be removed to check the condition of the side gerts.

There is to be a family day / village briefing on 13th June in the Village Hall. Cllr Dring is also looking for corporate benefactors for donations to the mill fund; a prospectus is being put together for this initiative.

9. Move of National Speed Limit of Barley Road

This is now with Highways to complete. The Parish Council has fulfilled their obligations with regards to a consultation with the village, bus companies and the police.

10. A Report on the Lock-up

Cllr Coney reported that that lock-up was not in too bad condition. Some of the pointing needs some attention and he has an approximate quote of £1500 for doing the work. The joinery work would be extra to this. The Parish Council needs to obtain three quotes for the work. Cllr Coney is liaising with a contractor on this.

11. Telephone Box

The Clerk had arranged for the glass to be replaced.

12. Parish Council Liaison Meeting

There are no members of the Parish Council who can attend.

13. County and District Councils Written Reports

Cllr van de Ven have a report with the following points as headlines.

- She had been on a gritting run and was very impressed with how well the gritting team adapt to different areas and are champions of there routes. They do take into account that it is typically colder here than down on the A505. The drivers also do the hedge cutting for the area
- Superfast Broadband is being rolled out and there have been a small number of issues in the service and extension funding has been applied for
- The Council tax increase is not enough to maintain public services properly so cuts to services will be worse than last year
- There is no money for large scale transport infrastructure improvements. Trumpington Park and Ride is no longer an attractive option as there is significant congestion faced by motorists to get to the site. There are conversations taking place about implementing a P&R at Hauxton
- The upgrade to Foxton station and a footbridge has led to concerns within the community as a car park would also have to be erected.
- County and District are looking at 'Shared Services' to save money
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14. To Accept Notices & Matters for the next Agenda

There were none.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.47