

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH
GREAT AND LITTLE CHISHILL PARISH COUNCIL**

Venue:	Village Hall
Date:	11 th May 2017
Chairman:	James Coney
Parish Councillors:	Clements, Dring, Harrison, Loukes, Ridge
County Councillor:	Peter Topping
District Councillors:	Cllr Hales and Cllr Barret
Clerk / Proper Officer:	Sarah Scott
Members of the Public:	The clerk holds a list of those present
Start Time:	19:40

1. Apologies for Absence (and reasons)

Jenny and Don Leitch
Celina Fox

2. Approval of the Minutes of APM on 20th May 2016

The minutes were approved as an accurate account of proceedings and were duly signed by the Chairman

3. Chairmans Report, Jame Coney

Good evening, I would like to thank you all so much for joining us this evening.

Thanks

I would like to start the evening by thanking all the members of the Parish Council for their hard work over last year. To Sarah a particular thanks are due for her work as Clerk to the parish which has been essential as a guiding hand to the council following Andrew Gardiner's Death earlier this year.

To that end I would like to express my thanks and those of the parish council members for all the work that Andrew put in over the many years as a member and latterly chairman. Andrew will be sorely missed by the Parish council, he put in a tremendous amount of effort on behalf of the village much of it unseen by most and was always able to give a clear, concise and unbiased view to all the duties that came his way. Andrew's passion to make sure that the village should continue to flourish was evident to all and he was always happy to take on any challenge and rigorously deal with whatever came his way, Andrew was a particularly effective as Chair of our monthly meetings keeping both the Parish Councillors and our District and County Councillors on topic when we may of strayed from the agenda point under discussion.

Andrew's death in January came just days after that of Jim Brearley. Jim had also served on the Parish Council in the past and more recently had set up the Windmill Trust from whom we will here more later, so I would also like to express the thanks of the Parish Council for all of his hard work for the village over the years.

Following boundary changes at the last election Great and Little Chishill have a new county Councillor in Peter Topping and we have lost Susan van de Ven. I would like to take the opportunity to thank Susan for all her hard work on behalf of the village in particular her dogged determination to maintain the 31 bus route as a lifeline to the villages. Amid seemingly ever increasing budget cuts Susan would nearly always make it up to meetings and deliver in her own words "more bad news I'm afraid", but was able to do so with a determination to get as much done as possible for the people of the village.

Vacancy

In May 2016 the current Parish Council members were re-elected after an uncontested election, however the council now has a vacancy for a new member. It was decided in February to run up to this meeting with a vacancy and not to fill the position by co-option in order to ask if anybody would like to put their name forward to join the council. A formal notice of vacancy will go up in the notice boards and online in the near future and if you are interested please speak to Sarah or myself.

Finance

The parish councils finances remain healthy with approx £22k in hand. This is after the agreed expenditure of Section 106 monies on the outdoor gym equipment installed during the last year. The precept again remains unchanged for the year.

Planning

During the year the number of planning applications in the village has fallen slightly from previous years with about 12 applications having been submitted. The majority of these have been non contentious or can be resolved by compromise. The South Cambridgeshire District council has still not agreed the Local Plan and this continues to make it difficult for the Parish and applicants, as developers are attempting to use the lack of an agreed plan to drive through schemes. The impact to Great and Little Chishill has so far been limited but whilst the need for housing in the South continues to rise and with no Local pPlan in place this is subject to change. The Parish Council can only do its best to reach a reasonable view with the guidance available to them on an application by application basis. Should any developments be formally proposed the Parish Council will of course keep the village fully informed.

Highways

We continue with the valuable help of the Speedwatch Team to monitor the village roads with regards to speeding and changes to signage etc. Recently a member of the Parish Council together with the County Councillor and local MP met with the highways agency at the Flint Cross junction on the A505 to discuss the dangers that it presents, particularly in the wake of a fatality in December last year. The outcomes of that meeting were that the junction would be put on a list for improvement and that the white lines on that part of the road would be refreshed and the road resurface in that area. However budget constraints and higher priority "blackspots" mean that no major changes such as traffic lights can happen at this time. The Parish Council will continue to keep up the pressure over the issue if more accidents occur.

Phone mast

This time last year Andrew gave an update to the village over an approach to the Parish on the possibility of a phone mast being erected somewhere on the playing fields to improve mobile phone reception. that approach did not progress at the time but has returned recently. We have had a submission from "Shared access" a company working on behalf of O2 to place a mast, sited next to the village hall on the boundary of the playing fields. They have in the last few days provided some drawings of the proposed site and elevations of what such a mast would look like which we have put out for you to have a look at and would appreciate any comments that you may have.

The Parish Councils initial thoughts are that the site is not very good as it is very close to buildings and quite tall and that any improvements to mobile signal would not compensate for the aesthetics of the mast. Needless to say we are under no obligation to put up this or any other mast but merely exploring possibilities that may improve village coverage.

Finally

Finally I would like to thank all those who contribute to the wide range of village activities some of whom you are about to hear from and to our District Councillors and County Councillor who do a good job of informing and guiding the Parish Council of wider events.

I will stop talking now and pass you over to Sarah for an update on the Parish finances.

4. Financial Report – RFO

The RFO thanked Jeff Gill of Blanche and Co with their continuing support in undertaking the internal audit. She said that looked higher than last year and that is because we installed the gym. We also spent a couple of thousand pounds on road repairs on New Road. This came about, because there was a serious flooding issue at the top of the road, we met with Highways who were concerned it was damaging the road and something would be done. Not half an hour later, I received a call from Highways to say that his budget had been cut and he could not undertake the work. We got in touch with a local farm and between him and his counterpart, the works were carried out and the road does not flood. This is the sort of works I expect we will have to undertake in the future. The Precept has remained the same for 4 years now and it might be that we have to increase it next year. All finance sheets are on the website. When the external audit is complete, the a copy of that will also be posted.

5. Report by the District and County Councillors – Addendum 1 and 2

Cllr Barrett read out the District Councillors report. Cllr Hales spoke about this being their last Annual Meeting of the Parish. Cllr Barrett w

6. Report from Fowlmere School – Addendum 3

The Chairman read out the report. Thanks to Heather who is retiring.

7. Report on the Chishill Charity – Sarah Scott

This year 6 village residents were given a sum of money at Christmas from the Chishill Charity. Those who received the gift were pleased to have received it.

8. Report and Election of Representatives from the Playing Fields Association, Alan Ferrie, Addendum 4

9. A Report from the Village Hall Committee, Andrea Hamblin – Addendum 5

10. Speedwatch Report, Martin Gruselle, Addendum 6

A member of the public ask about speed humps, Martin pointed out that these are being phased out. Someone else spoke of installing chicanes; it was explained that these would not be allowed as there is no lighting and we cannot afford to install them ourselves, as highways have no money. The Parish Council will put these items on the agenda and also revisit a 40mph buffer zone on New Road into the Village.

11. Windmill Report, David McKeown, Addendum 7

12. Youth and Children's Provision, Emily Brown, Addendum 8

13. Matters for Future Consideration

Robin Dibblee spoke about the recent burglaries. He will write a position paper for the Parish Council and we can possibly form a security sub committee. Everyone was asked to report crime, however petty they seem. – thank you to Robin

Someone else spoke about hacking, there is very little the Parish Council can do about this, but Angus Gent runs an internet Café and it was asked if a session on this could be ran. Angus was in agreement.

The email list which Bob Hatt holds was mentioned as a good communication tool. As were some closed Facebook pages.

Ecops – it was recommended that people sign up to Ecops as it is a good way of staying abreast of crimes in the areas. Robin Dibblee mentioned that some villages have installed CCTV cameras.

A vote of thanks was given to Janet for organising the seniors tea party over the years, she is stepping down this year. Mrs Collinge spoke about problems with the SCDC Hedge cutting team and how spikes are puncturing prams and pushchairs.

There was a requested for the a new Welcome Leaflet to be distributed. Clerk to create and arrange printing.

Telephone box, this will be decorated when the weather improves and we will look into defibrillator schemes.

There are new owners of The Pheasant and all were encouraged to support them.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.50

Addendum 1 and 2

District Councillors' Report 2016/2017 Melbourn Ward Val Barrett and Jose Hales

This certainly has been an interesting year, having had to take on board issues such as Devolution with Mayoral Elections, Local Elections and Boundary Reviews.

By now our County Division is Melbourn and Bassingbourn- alongside Bassingbourn, Meldreth and Whaddon.

Great and Little Chishill and Heydon is in a division called Duxford - alongside Duxford, Fowlmere, Foxton, Hinxtton, Ickleton, Pampisford, Shepreth, Thriplow and Whittlesford.

DEVOLUTION:

The District Council took an active part in discussions with government having sought and secured £100m to accelerate the building of affordable homes on existing sites across the county but with an emphasis on this area, to improve the prospects of families in South Cambs who otherwise would be unable to afford paying market prices to live in the area.

All District Councils in Cambridgeshire, as well as the County Council and Peterborough City Council have signed up to this deal. Cambridgeshire and Peterborough will set up a combined authority, enabling the Councils to work together more efficiently. The leaders of the Councils and The Local Enterprise Partnership are meeting regularly so that they will be ready to work with their new mayor.

A new £20m annual fund over the next 30 years will support economic growth, infrastructure and jobs. Cambridge City Council will get a specific £70m housing grant.

Another £100m for "affordable housing", homes for rent and part ownership provided by the Council and Housing Associations will be targeted in South Cambridgeshire. We are hoping we can make close to 2,000 of these houses available over the coming five years. These are not extra houses to those in the Local Plan, but we will be bringing them forward earlier than otherwise and within reach of more people.

Independent Peer Review of South Cambs Council:

The District Council asked for a "peer review " to assess its performance in November,2016. This was carried out by an independent team from other district councils and they gave a very positive assessment, concluding: "SCDC has been on a strong journey of improvement since 2007 and has established itself as a well-respected and strong performing organisation, with good ties to its communities, partners and government. It has clear strategic direction set out in its corporate plan, has identified its future needs and is seen as a great place to work. Relations with officers and members are strong and effective. Local control of the skills and apprenticeship budget will offer opportunities for our young people. The next stages in the

handover of powers from Whitehall to town hall will extend to community safety (including police and fire services) and integrating local health and social care

Planning, Infrastructure and new developments:

2016 saw several milestones passed at Northstowe: widening the B1050, excavating balancing ponds to reduce flood risk to Longstanton, opening the first primary school, constructing the first houses; and ending with completion of the legal agreement for phase 2. Over 2,000 houses will be offered at prices at and/or rents below market rates.

The A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon improvement started - and expected to finish 2020.

Planning performance:

Over the last nine months, decisions have been issued on 94% of major applications and 87% of non-major applications within thirteen and eight weeks respectively - putting SCDC amongst the top performers in the country. This follows determined efforts to improve performance.

The Council is actively promoting self builds and has held seminars to help people who want to achieve their own build. The Council has also promoted the development of Neighbourhood Plans to enable villages to put forward their own views on where development would be suitable and where not, for their own locality.

The Local Plan continues to be evaluated by the Inspector and is now in its third year. Although the District Council recognises that the Inspector needs to test every element of the plan for its soundness, this is a very long time for a Local Plan to be considered. It should be concluded by the end of 2017.

Housing:

The Council currently owns, manages and maintains a stock of 5,500 homes and was this year shortlisted for The Chartered Institute of Housing award after industry judges were impressed by the Authority's innovative approach in delivering efficient services and outstanding homes.

Some of the key initiatives the Council has led on nationally, include the setting up of a property company - Ermine Street Housing- which rents homes in the private sector to generate income to support Council Services, and setting up the Housing Development Agency with Cambridge City Council to deliver 250 social homes each year. The Council is also one of the top three performing Councils in the country for re-letting homes and has exceeded customer satisfaction targets for repairs.

A trusted handy person Scheme to help tenants with small jobs around the home has also been set up along with a warm homes strategy to tackle fuel poverty and condensation while making people more comfortable in their own homes.

This year saw the further introduction of new government policies providing additional challenges to the housing service. The first four years of mandatory 1% reduction in rents has limited the Council 's ambition to deliver new build housing, but it still managed to continue the programme in a more modest way with completion and handover of 39 new homes this year

Recognising the wide range of aspirations and financial circumstances of its Residents, the Council is working to identify an appropriate range of solutions. These include affordable rental and shared equity homes as well as Government's new Starter Homes and rent to buy and innovative products like Rentplus. The Council is a vanguard authority for the Government 's Self & Custom Build policy and is starting to apply for planning permission on its first plots. It also maintained its record of managing homelessness with minimal use of bed and breakfast accommodation.

Housing White Paper:

While there may have been some disappointment with the emphasis in the White Paper on requiring local authorities to get houses built, when landbanking by big house builders and controlling the release of houses to keep prices up are seen as contributory factors limiting the number of new houses, two shifts in govt policy were generally well received:

A set of measures to make it easier for small building firms to get back into the business of building houses and -

-willingness to allow local authorities to build houses again. (The public sector used to build half the houses the country needed.). Councillors and staff have already had meetings with Gavin Barwell, the Housing and Planning Minister and more are expected as we put together a package of measures best suited to the needs of South Cambridgeshire.

Financial performance:

Business Rates - Local businesses are now getting more support from the Council due to an increase in the level of Non-Domestic Rate Relief for those businesses operating in rural areas. Mandatory relief has been increased from 50% to 100% meaning some small enterprises will now have to pay nothing at all.

Benefits - Residents who are in receipt of benefits are continuing to receive support from the Council in respect of Council Tax Payments. The Localised Council a Tax Support Scheme continues for another year unchanged, which makes this the fourth year it has been in operation without having to be adjusted. This is a scheme which is fully funded by the Council and receives no grant to support it by Central Government.

Community Chest Grants - The hugely successful Community Chest Grants program made a total of 63 awards last year, each awarding funding of up to £1,500 for community projects. Another £52,000 (or £1,000 per week) will be given out in the coming year, but as the popularity of the Scheme increases, we have had to reduce the maximum amount down from £1500 to £1000. Hopefully this will help the money last a little longer into the coming year.

Performance on collecting rates and council tax:

We are regularly in the top quartile for collecting Council Tax and this year the collection rates are around the same level as last year, which were 99.4% for both Council Tax and Business Rates. This ranked us at 2nd best in the country for Council Tax collections and 22nd best for Business Rates.

Environmental Services:

Bin collection days changed for over 130,000 households across Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire in February as a result of new rounds aimed at reducing the travel time of waste collection vehicles by up to 20,000 miles each year, cutting

traffic and emissions, and contributing to a £700k efficiency savings target over three years. Information available on www.scams.gov.uk/bin-changes. Having said this, there have been a number of teething problems which are ongoing. Whilst this was to have been expected, it is hoped to be more streamlined by now. SCDC is continually working towards this. We will continue to monitor, and work with, SCDC to get the best for our residents. We would appreciate if you could contact us with any issues you may have in addition to SCDC.

The Council monitors a range of services for which licences are granted. Earlier this year, the licensing team spotted a fake driver's badge after a scanned copy was submitted by its Buckinghamshire-based holder for checking. On further investigation it was proved to be counterfeit. The matter was immediately referred to Thames Valley Police for investigation.

City Deal Funded Innovation:

Smart Cambridge has built a Cambridge-wide dedicated wi-fi network which will be extended into the District in due course.

Currently, they are collecting data from GPS sensors that are already put on buses (so they know where each and every bus is, real time), air quality monitors, how many cars are going down major roads, congestion, how full each car park is etc. They could eventually bolt on a vast range of sensors, even down to whether an individual on-street car park space is full or empty.

Councils could also bolt on to it and they think it might help elderly social care to put monitors in vulnerable peoples' houses.

The Council has recruited a new chief executive who brings significant customer service experience from the public and private sector.

Addendum 3

Fowlmere School Report

FOWLMERE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Heather Mephram – Headteacher

2017

This is my final annual report as headteacher at Fowlmere Primary School, as I retire from my post at the end of the academic year.

As a 'local girl' Fowlmere school has been central to my family. I began my association with the school in 1960, as a pupil, following the footsteps of my sisters, mother and grandfather. My father was a school manager (governor) and played a key role in building the school swimming pool. I went on to the Grammar School for Girls in Cambridge, during which time I returned to Fowlmere school for work experience. After teacher training, I taught at Morley Memorial Primary School in Cambridge for three years then returned to Fowlmere as a teacher from 1981-1984. I then taught at King's Hedges Infant School from 1984 – 1992, and returned to Fowlmere again from 1993 – 2001. I managed a splattering of supply work between 1990 -1993, during a period of having my own three children who also attended Fowlmere school as pupils. It had been my ambition to lead the school as headteacher and, following a ten-year period as a Local Authority Adviser to Primary Schools, I achieved this in 2011. Now, having reached the age of retirement, I leave to pursue the many interests that have been difficult to follow whilst dedicated to a career in education.

It has been a great privilege to teach, develop and 'grow' both children and teachers across Cambridgeshire, and I will cherish many happy memories from the last 39 years.

Fowlmere Primary School continues to serve the Parishes of Fowlmere, Great Chishill, Chrishall Grange and Heydon. We also attract some families living out of catchment from Foxton, Whittlesford and Melbourn. The current roll is 100 pupils. 13 children will be leaving at the end of July to attend secondary schools at Melbourn Village College, Sawston Village College and St Bede's Inter-Church School. The intake for the Reception year in September 2017 is expected to be 14, therefore the school roll will remain steady.

The end of Key Stage results for the academic year 2015/16 resulted in good outcomes across EYFS (5 year olds), KS1 (7 year olds) and KS2 (11 year olds). A new national assessment system proved a challenge to all schools, but we fared well and were pleased with both our attainment and progress data.

Our priorities have focused on the report from the 2015 Ofsted Inspection, and we have made good progress across the areas that were identified. We re-structured the school and appointed an Early Years Foundation Stage Leader from January 2017. We have already seen the benefits of this appointment. The assistant headteacher moved from a class teacher role to one where he taught science across the school, which was another of our focus areas. We had an HMI visit at the beginning of the summer term 2016 which confirmed that we were making good progress against the inspection report. Our next Ofsted inspection is due in the Autumn term 2017.

The children have had opportunities to participate in a wide variety of sporting activities in addition to the school PE curriculum, including:

Netball, Table tennis, Multi-sports, Football, and Rugby clubs;
and competitions, including:

Tag rugby, Football league, 7 a-side football, Kwik cricket, Netball/High 5's, Quadkids athletics, Y1 multi-sports, Y4 mini-olympics, Cross country and the MVC swimming gala.

We have also offered clubs for chess, art, drama, Harry Potter and the Hobbit. Children have the opportunity to learn musical instruments through Cambridge music, and we currently have lessons for the piano and guitar.

We once again took part in the Year 5 maths challenge and the Year 6 English event, both organised by the Local Authority for schools across the county.

We took the KS2 children again to one of the Young Voices events at the Genting Arena in Birmingham. Singing in a choir of 6,000 children is a memorable experience.

Year 6 pupils undertook the Bikeability cycle proficiency training programme.

Our Community involvement includes:

Assemblies led by Revd. Angie Melaniphy, (Anglican) and Mrs Tess Maddin, (Methodist).

We have raised funds for a number of charities including Jimmy's Nightshelter, Children in Need, Macmillan, Red, White and Blue Day for Armed Services charities, Save the Children Fund and Red Nose Day.

The children have enjoyed all sorts of activities including Mothers' Day lunch, Fathers' Day lunch, an Easter egg hunt, Sports Day, Christmas crafts with parents, Christmas Nativity and pantomime, Class Christmas parties and school discos to name but a few. Children represented the school at the Remembrance at Fowlmere war memorial and we opened our doors to the community for our school assembly on Remembrance Day.

We have run workshops for parents in mathematics and phonics.

We planned a number of enrichment opportunities with visitors from 'History off the Page',

They have been on a range of school visits including St Mary's Church, Flag Fen, Bury Lane, Careers convention, Archaeology and Anthropology museum, Duxford IWM, Tesco, Computer museum, and forthcoming visits to Linton zoo, the Botanic gardens, and a residential trip to Eaton Vale in Norwich.

Madame Veronique Sanders from Melbourn Village College has continued to teach French throughout the school.

Our new rising 5s will be visiting the school during the course of this term. The teachers also visit the pre-school providers and make home visits to ensure a smooth transition for the children into school in September.

Finally, we are extremely fortunate to benefit from the fund-raising efforts of the PTFA. They raise an extraordinary amount each year to benefit the children at Fowlmere School providing enrichment activities and resources. They are currently planning a ball for the Autumn term 2017.

Finally, I wish the incoming headteacher every good wish for their future career at Fowlmere Primary School.

Addendum 4 – Playing Fields Report

VILLAGE MEETING 8th May 2015

CURRENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS WISHING TO SERVE

ALAN FERRIE CHAIR

JEFF GILL VICE CHAIR

DARRELL PLUMB TREASURER

SARAH SCOTT SECRETARY/PC REP

DAMON DEAN COMMITTEE MEMBER

SIMON COXALL COMMITTEE MEMBER

PAUL DRURY COMMITTEE MEMBER

ALASTAIR COCKERTON CC REP

ANGUS GENT CC REP

JOHN DRURY FOOTBALL CLUB REPS

I HOPE THAT YOU WILL ADOPT THIS PROPOSAL

REPORT

Another good year for the PFA the buildings equipment and the playing fields as well as the bank balance are all in excellent condition.

The Great Chishill Nursery continue to use the pavilion during the week during term time Which continues to work well for both parties.

The additional storage container which we obtained last year is used by both the cricket club and the nursery. Thus ensuring that the pavilion should be clear of the other parties equipment whilst other groups are using it

In last year report I mentioned that we were planning to start a program of gradually upgrading the decoration of the pavilion. During the last year we have:

Replaced the kitchen and toilet floor with new non slip tiles. I would like to thank Home Store (Royston) for supplying the tiles at a discount and to Roger Truett for fitting them during the Xmas and New year break.

Fitted window locks and upgraded the door locks.

This year we plan to repaint the interior and replace the carpet floor tiles in the main part of the pavilion

We continue to host the football and cricket clubs each fielding one team.

The cutting equipment has undergone it annual maintenance and is in good condition for the cutting season

We continue to work to manage costs associated with the maintenance of buildings and equipment and to get a steady income from the nursery, football and cricket clubs. Thus ensuring that our financial position remains sound

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We are appreciative of the grant given to us by the parish council.

THANK YOU.

I would like to express my thanks to all our volunteers

Our grounds men Simon Coxhall, Darrell Plumb, Joe Wright and John Drury

The PFA committee

Tim Scott for cutting the grass in The Plaistow.

Peter Wiseman for his help in keeping our tractor running .

Addendum 5 – Village Hall Report

Great and Little Chishill Village Hall committee

Annual Report May 2017

We are pleased to report that the past year has seen a clear increase in use of the hall, with a significant increase in hire income and a wider range of local users. This is reflected in a more diverse range of activities being held in the hall, with the two major users being the Dance school and the various exercise classes. The corresponding increase in revenue has been welcome, with the potential for significant further costs incurred in maintenance and general upgrades, which are being planned by the committee.

We continue to be very grateful for the continuing financial support received from the parish council, which plays an essential part in the running of the hall.

At this time we would like to acknowledge the outstanding contribution from Janet Crouch in managing the hall bookings , and Stella Russells management of the hall cleaning requirements .

We would very much welcome new committee members, and also encourage suggestions from the village regarding the running and use of the hall going forward.

Finally Anna Coney will be taking over as committee chair following the AGM.

Stuart Farrow

Chair Village Hall management committee.

Addendum 6 – Windmill Report

Great Chishill Windmill Trust

Report to the Annual Parish Meeting 12 May 2017

This year we have sadness in our reflection, satisfaction in our progress and excitement for the contracted work about to begin.

As you all know, we lost Jim Brearley, our Chairman and guiding light, to cancer in January this year. We miss him and his enthusiasm greatly but believe that we are moving with a purpose and direction that he would be pleased with.

Hazel Hayden took the Chair in February and we have three other Trustees, Jeff Gill, Treasurer, David McKeown, Secretary, and John Murgatroyd. During the year we welcomed two new members, Tony Andrews and David Livingstone to our committee, joining Simon Dring, our GLCPC representative, and Ed James, who has overseen our planning application. We continue to benefit from the technical advice of Cambridgeshire Windmills Consultancy, Dave Pearce and Martin Davies.

We gained Listed Building Consent in December for strengthening of the trestle and repairs to the roof plus an investigation of the condition of the main structural timbers. Restraining straps were fitted to the trestle the day before Storm Doris blew a gale at the mill. Very timely reinforcement! Our two new members have cleaned the trestle and it is now ready to receive epoxy resin in the large cracks that have appeared over the years. To prevent continuing decay, we will cover the tops of the trestle timbers with aluminium and will paint the whole structure white to match the rest of the building.

Our latest advance is to agree a contract with a millwright, Bill Griffiths, for repair to the roof, inspection and repair of the main timbers and replacement of the fifty year-old weatherboards. Bill comes highly recommended from Great Gransden mill and is fortunately able to fit our work into his schedule with a late June start.

We have had a good year in terms of fund raising with strong contributions from Dance Lessons and the Recipe Book, plus a share of proceeds from the Craft Fair and Music Night. These efforts, together with a grant from the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, have given us a fund of us just over £31,000. Unfortunately the work commissioned requires about £10,000 more so we will be vigorously pursuing grants, sponsorship and fund raising throughout the summer. We are, however, confident that the mill will be a fine spectacle once more before Autumn is over.

Addendum 7 – Speedwatch

Memorandum for Annual Parish Meeting May 2017

GREAT CHISHILL SPEEDWATCH

Memorandum for Annual Parish Meeting May 2017

Activity in 2016 using the Police Speedwatch Kit

We used the kit on 6 occasions (2 less than in 2015) in our usual Eastbound sites. Here is the Data (taken over 1½ hour periods each session), showing number of vehicles at 35mph and above for the last 3 years:

Eastbound at The Playing Fields Hall Lane

Vehicles At	2014 2 Sessions		2015 3 Sessions		2016 3 Sessions	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
35 - 40	35	16.36%	60	19.05%	57	18.75%
41 - 45	6	2.80%	23	7.03%	17	5.59%
46 - 50	0		7	2.22%	4	1.32%
51 plus	0		1	0.32%	0	0.00%
Total 35+	41	19.16%	91	28.89%	78	25.66%
Total Passing	214		315		304	
Vehicles Per Session	107		105		101	

Eastbound at The Pudgell

Vehicles At	2014 4 Sessions		2015 5 Sessions		2016 3 Sessions	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
30 - 35	40	9.39%	64	12.80%	58	18.87%
41 - 45	13	3.05%	13	2.60%	19	6.15%
46 - 50	2	0.47%	1	0.20%	4	1.29%
51 plus	0		2	0.40%	1	0.32%

Total 35+	55	12.91%	80	16.00%	82	26.54%
Total Passing	426		500		309	
Vehicles Per Session	106		100		103	

We also did a Westbound one at the Pudgell in July 2016 but, of the 100 vehicles passing, only 8 exceeded 35mph – so hardly worth our time!

My thanks to Albert Phillpot, Michael Melville, John Murgatroyd and Keith Goodall for their assistance.

Comments on above Data

Playing Fields – better than 2015 – particularly above 40mph.

The Pudgell – a big disappointment – far worse than in 2015; last time it was this bad was in 2011!

Flashing Sign

The Data recording system in the Flashing sign died on us on 23 August 2016.

The Parish Council considered that – as the results from the Data have been more or less consistent for each of the sites since the Sign as installed in May 2013 – the £600 cost of replacing the system was not warranted.

The Sign was reinstated on 26 October – but no longer records any Data.

As all Chishill residents will have noticed it now tells you your speed – even if you are only doing 28mph!

Thanks once again to Albert Phillpot - who does almost all the work - the Flashing Sign is still rotated throughout the Village on a regular basis, which means it is advising motorists of their speeds for each direction on all 4 roads through the Village for 2 weeks (the life of the Battery without a recharge) 3 times a year.

Volunteers required

More help is required for both of these activities!

Speedwatch is usually between 4.15 and 6pm on Fridays between May and September – the Police kit has to be collected from whichever of the 7 other villages who share it with us happens to have it when we want it.

The Flashing Sign needs turning or moving to a new location on alternate Wednesdays at 9am throughout the year! Anyone willing to help please ring me on 01763 838494.

Martin Gruselle Speedwatch Co-ordinator

Addendum 8 and 9 – Youth Group and Playground Report for Great & Little Chishill Annual Parish Meeting 20th May 201

Gt Chishill Youth Club

Chairperson: Amy Tait

Secretary: Betsy Kagwidzo

Treasurer: Emily Brown

Youth Workers: Dan Horne and Stephanie Hicks

Volunteers and other committee members: Amy Tait, Emily Brown

Great Chishill Youth Club continues to be a thriving group and offer a valuable meeting place for the young people of Great Chishill and the surrounding villages aged 10 - 17. Steph and Dan are still doing a brilliant job as our Youth Workers and continue to be supported by extra volunteers on club nights.

The Club runs a variety of activities including lots of sports and games, food and theme nights, fun competitions, cooking, crafts, and specialist evenings such as football and dance tutors. In exchange for Christmas party treats the youth club members donated food for a Hertfordshire homeless charity.

As always, in an effort to sustain funding and afford both Youth Workers, we are involved in running the village fun day this year. The Youth Club account currently holds approximately £350. Our great thanks to the Parish Council for their funding support. We would also like to thank the village hall committee for their support in providing storage space for our equipment.

Report for Great & Little Chishill Annual Parish Meeting 12th May 2017

Great Chishill Playground

Chair: Emily Brown

Secretary: Laura Barnes

Treasurer: Islay Dring

Other Committee Members: Claire de Froberville, Hannah Millward, Jude Cooper, Katie Slater

The Playground Committee continue to keep the playground maintained to a good standard. Our great thanks again go to John Drury who regularly checks the condition of the playground and helps to keep it maintained. Our thanks also to the Playing Field Association's wonderful grass cutting team who keep it looking neat and tidy. Currently the Playground account holds approximately £5600.

The skate ramps were removed in May 2016 due to poor condition. This is a project still to be undertaken to either replace with a similar facility or use the space for another community project – all ideas very welcomed!

As always we continue to work closely with the other village groups to host fun community fundraising events. We are again organising the annual summer village fun day, this year on Saturday 15th July. As always we want this to be a collaborative village event so please do get in touch to get involved.

The Village Children's Christmas party plans are already in process for Sunday 10th December.

Our great thanks to The Parish Council for their continued financial support of the Playground and Children's Christmas Party.