

MINUTES OF A MEETING

GREAT AND LITTLE CHISHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Venue: Village Hall
Date: 14th March 2013
Time: 7:30pm

In Attendance:
Chairman: Andrew Gardiner
Parish Councillors: Harrison, Erskine, Dring,
Clerk / Proper Officer: Sarah Scott

1. Apologies for Absence (and reasons)

Cllr van de Ven - previous commitment

Cllr Barrett – previous commitment

John Ridge - family commitment

John Murgatroyd - annual leave

Christine Cartwright - annual leave

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

There were none declared.

3. Approved the Minutes of 13th February 2013 (already circulated)

They were agreed as a true and accurate account of proceedings and were signed by the Chairman.

4. Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

5. Planning Applications

The Clerk reported that the holiday lets at North Hall Farm had been approved. The planning application for Bridgefoot Farm had also been approved.

The Clerk had received a planning application for two additional car parking spaces in Wallers Close. There is a need for more parking and the Clerk had spoken to a couple of residents about this. The Parish Council recommended approval for this.

The Clerk spoke about one disabled car parking space which is being proposed in Hall Lane in the car parking area which was created five or so years ago. The Clerk had spoken to Karen Lunn and suggested marking the area to make bays might be a better option. There are three known people with disabilities, so to make just one dedicated space might cause problems. The other point mentioned is that there is always parking spaces for the residents and for the majority of time, they can park at the foot to their gates leading to their properties.

6. LDF

The Parish Council has made its submission. Keith Miles has confirmed receipt and has said he will respond in due course.

7. **Speed Watch**

Cllr Harrison has obtained all the quotes. In total to purchase, install, and calibrate the equipment will cost approx £4k. As speeding historically and currently is a major concern for residents and speedwatch has been up and running in the Great Chishill for 7 years with no financial contribution from the Parish Council, it was unanimously decided that the Parish Council will fund the equipment. It is noted that VAT can be claimed back. The Clerk asked if those near to where the equipment is to be installed have yet been informed that the equipment will be cited near their homes. Cllr Harrison to check and report back to the Clerk. Once this has been done, Cllr Harrison will arrange for the equipment to be ordered and the contractors informed. All invoices are to be addressed to the Great and Little Chishill Parish Council and the Clerks address can be used as the point of delivery. The Chairman thanked Cllr Harrison and asked that thanks were passed on to Martin Gruselle for all his hard work.

8. **Windmill**

The Clerk had an email from Jim Brearley saying that he will be having a meeting about the insurance issue and it should all be sorted. The Chairman had also spoken to Nick Sweeney who had indicated that the County Council are happy to lease the mill to the Trust (99 year lease) and also insure the mill. The County Council are in the process of drawing up the paperwork and legalities.

9. **Village Hall**

Cllr Erskine had spoken to the Caretaker at Foxton Village Hall but was unable to ascertain what they were paid. She has, however, found someone in the village who might be able to take on a caretaker role. The Clerk and Chairman are to arrange a meeting with Stuart Farrow to discuss some ideas for the future of the village hall.

10. **Track behind Wallers Close**

A decision will take place on 20th March about whom the track will be transferred to.

11. **Finance**

The Clerk handed out the updated spread sheets and took the Parish Council through them. We had received the reclaimed VAT and the Section 106 monies. The Noticeboards in Great and Little Chishill were being refurbished and repaired. The Lock-Up will also have a facelift too.

Cllr Erskine thanked the Parish Council for its continued support of the Youth Club - it is doing well. The Chairman was pleased to hear this.

12. **County Councillors Reports**

As there is no viable alternative to the 31 bus, the subsidy cannot be removed. Therefore it will take time before the bus goes.

13. **To Accept Notices & Matters for the next Agenda**

The Clerk spoke about an email from a member of the public relating to broadband speeds. The Clerk to write to Cllr van den Ven and the portfolio holder citing concerns about superfast broadband ever reaching our villages due to various reasons. She will also draw their attention to the fact that our BT exchange is in a different county.

The next meeting is on 16th April 2013.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:30.