

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
GREAT AND LITTLE CHISHILL PARISH COUNCIL**

Venue: Village Hall
Date: 28th November 2012
Time: 7:30

In Attendance:

Chairman: Andrew Gardiner
Parish Councillors: Ridge, Murgatroyd, Harrison, Erskine, Cartwright, Dring
County Councillor: van de Ven
Clerk / Proper Officer: Sarah Scott

Actual Start: 7:31

1. Apologies and Reasons

Jose Hales - previous meeting
Val Barrett - previous meeting.
Both were accepted.

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

There were none received.

3. Approved the Minutes of 10th October (already circulated)

As the minutes were a true and accurate record of events, the Chairman signed them.

4. Public Participation

There were no members of the public.

5. Planning Applications

S/2019/12 change of use and full conversion to agricultural dwelling
After discussion the Parish Council approved the application with the proviso that if there is ever a change of use on the land to non-agriculture, then the buildings will revert also.

Holiday Lets

Following on from discussion at previous meetings, the Clerk produced the original planning application for the Little Chishill holiday lets and it clearly states that the Flint Barn was converted for holiday lets and not residential lettings. If they are holiday lets, business rates apply if residential then council tax is applied. When asked what evidence there was for the residential lettings, the Clerk said that extra newsletters had been requested, there were changes to the Electoral Role and the property had been seen for rent in Bidwells, Saffron Walden. There were a number of properties in Rectory Farm which may or may not have permission for residential lets. It was decided that the Chairman and Clerk would send a letter to the planning department.

As a side, the Clerk had been speaking with Highways and they had been alerted to a new driveway / entrance into the property, which also might need permission. Also the Clerk had now been informed to contact Anglian Water about the sewage problem.

Cllr Ridge is to contact the owner about having a meeting about the styles and footpath.

Action: Chairman, Clerk, Cllr Ridge

Holiday Lets - North Hall Farm

The Parish Council had received a letter from a Parishioner asking about the Holiday Lets at North Hall Farm. Some of the properties continue to be on Country Properties website as residential lets. This is not a new problem and indeed it has been discussed recently and in the past by the Council. The Clerk has spoken with the planning officer on several occasions. There are six properties that have permission for Holiday lets. Again Council Tax is being paid on some and changes to the Electoral Role hi-light that these are being let as residential homes. It was stated that there was little more that the Council could do, however the Chairman and Clerk are to write to the planning office.

Action: Chairman and Clerk

6. LDF

The Chairman gave an overview of Neighbourhood plans and the LDF. The aim of the Parish Council is to look at Great and Little Chishill and make a meaningful submission to the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan by looking at the history of buildings, demographics, village envelope, conservation area, vistas, amenity spaces, amenities, potential development sites etc. The Clerk has drawn together some demographics per street and also looked at the number of new buildings and barn conversions in the last 45 years. She will circulate this information to the Parish Council. The Chairman and Clerk are to put together a discussion document for the next meeting.

Action: Chairman and Clerk to prepare document and Clerk to circulate demographics. Clerk to get LDF Document to Simon Dring.

Cllr van de Ven said that she was impressed with what we are trying to achieve and said that there was a useful link on her website for stats for different areas.

She also asked the Clerk to submit a list of pavements that need attention to her

Action: Clerk

8.17 Susan van de Ven leaves the meeting

7. Speed Watch

The Speed Watch group had a meeting with Roger Mann to discuss equipment. For circ £3k a portable flashing sign which captures data could be purchased.

A meeting will be set up with Karen Lunn to discuss highways issues. Cllr van de Ven had chased up Cllr Orgee to no avail as a follow up from the meeting in the summer. Cllr van de Ven will be meeting the cabinet member and will talk to them about what the Chishill Speed watch group want to achieve in terms of equipment. The local police are very keen to offer support. Nicola Debnam will be the Director of Highways and there will be some redundancies in the department that will affect us.

Action: Cllrs Harrison and van de Ven

8. Windmill

There was nothing to report. It was thought that an insurance issue was holding up the sale completion. Cllr Murgatroyd to speak with John Gandy for an update.

Action: Cllr Murgatroyd

9. Finance

The Clerk handed out the up to date finance sheets. She will do a projection of likely balances for the next meeting in order to set the Precept. She amended one line item to say Youth Group.

The Clerk mentioned that the PFA may ask the Parish Council for help with a large water bill due to a leak on the playing fields. The Clerk will also contact Cambridge Water to see if they can be sympathetic to the problem. The Landlord of the field (Butler Trust) are not obliged to assist.

The Parish Council had received the bill from the Clock repairers and will pay half.

Action: Clerk

10. District and County Councillors Reports

11. To Accept Notices & Matters for the next Agenda

John Murgatroyd spoke about war memorials and it was reported that Monty Mander had kindly cleaned our memorial prior to the Remembrance Sunday

Cllr Erskine brought the Council's attention to a newspaper article which stated that Cambridge County Council were not allowing Wind Farms to be built within 2km of a residential building.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35. The next meeting is to be on 9th January 2013.