

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF GREAT AND LITTLE CHISHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Venue: Village Hall
Date: 18th February 2016
Time: 7:30pm
Chairman: Andrew Gardiner
Parish Councillors: Clements, Coney, Ridge, Dring, Harrison
Clerk / Proper Officer: Sarah Scott
Start Time: 19:30pm

1. Apologies for Absence (and reasons)

Cllr van de Ven – prior commitment
Cllr Loakes – prior commitment
Cllr Hales – prior commitments
Cllr Barrett – prior commitments

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

There were none declared.

3. Approval of the Minutes of 21st January (already circulated)

These were approved by the Parish Council as a true and accurate (there were two minor typos) account of proceedings and were signed by the Chairman.

4. Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

Jenny Nuttycombe and Clare Gibbon were present from SCDC to talk about Neighbourhood Plans.

Neighbourhood plans are based on planning policy; they cannot change a green belt boundary or designate listed buildings. Items such as new facilities, design policy, new housing and protecting areas are covered in a neighbourhood plan, as long as they correlate with the LDF and associated policies.

The start point is to designate a neighbourhood area which is then submitted to SCDC. If this is agreed, then a plan is prepared with various rounds of consultation. It is then submitted to SCDC then there is a further round of consultation. A planning inspector is then brought in to scrutinise the plan and take it through a referendum.

It can cost in the region of £12k to produce from start to finish and can take up to 2 years to complete. As small communities have less scope for Neighbourhood Plans it might be beneficial to join us with another village such as Heydon to produce one.

There are 7 Neighbourhood Plans with SCDC at the moment in larger communities.

The LDF should be adopted in 2017. A Neighbourhood plan would last 20 years to run concurrently with the LDF.

Jenny will promise to answer some questions specific to Great Chishill after further investigation.

The Parish Council thanked Clare and Jenny for coming to the Parish Council and they left the meeting at 20:35.

The Clerk to email our submissions to the LDF.
There followed a discussion about various aspects of a Neighbourhood Plan.

5. Finance

The Youth Club had requested a top up of their annual grant. They now pay an annual rent to the Village Hall – it was agreed to raise the grant to £1250 per annum.

6. Telephone Mast

There is no further news at present.

7. Butler Trust

Following a meeting with the solicitor and follow-up correspondence it was decided not to follow up the reversion clause with the Shortgrove Estate.

8. Planning

The Parish Council could not comment on 6 New Road, as the plans and some of the narrative was inaccurate. If revised plans are received in time, it will be resolved at the next meeting.

9. Speedwatch

The statistics were much the same, but a car in Heydon Road was clocked at 57mph. Our thanks go to Martin and the speedwatch team.

10. Windmill Trust

There is a meeting tomorrow

11. Lock-Up

Clr Coney will follow this up at the next meeting.

12. County and District Councillors Reports

There were no reports.

13. To Accept Notices & Matters for the next Agenda

There were none.

The next meeting is on 10th March 2016.

There being no further business, the chairman closed the meeting at 20:58.