

Minutes of a meeting of GREAT AND LITTLE CHISHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Venue:	Village Hall
Date:	13 th February 2020
Time:	7:30pm
Chairman:	Cllr Dring
Parish Councillors:	Harrison, Wiseman, Clements, Hatt, Pine, Ridge
Clerk / Proper Officer:	Sarah Scott
County Councillors:	Presently no County Councillor
District Councillor:	Cllr Roberts
Members of the Public:	Two members of the public
Start Time:	7:30

1. Apologies for Absence (and reasons)

There were no apologies.

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

There were none received.

3. Approval of the Minutes from the 9th January 2020 – 5 Minutes

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

4. Public Participation.

Robin Dibblee / Chalk Pit

An overview of work undertaken so far was given. The Parish Council said a formal thank you to Robin. The Clerk to draft a thank you for Robin to send to the volunteers.

It was agreed to reimburse Robin for the final invoice. (Post meeting note: the Clerk cannot claim back the VAT as Robin had paid the invoice and the Parish Council are reimbursing him and not paying the invoice directly to the supplier).

Further works would be undertaken and the clerk to check with John O'Brien that it can be done under the highways volunteer scheme.

There was a discussion about possible signage at the entrances to the chalk pit.

Pub in the Hub

There had been further meetings and as it stands, the group understands that there is a credible purchaser in the picture and valuations from both parties are currently taking place. There was request for £500 to help with the Pub in the Hub group should it be needed. The Parish Council asked for list of items the money might be spend on. The Clerk said it would be for a website, printing etc and will report back at the next meeting.

5. Correspondence Received

Letter re writing to SCDC regarding planning applications

Emails from Cllr Roberts re SCDC planning

Emails from SCDC re delegation process

Various correspondence relating to the chalk pit

Email from SCDC re LDF

Email from a Parishioner re the Rabbit Residence

Email from SCDC confirming Precept requirements

Email from a Parishioner updating us about plans for the Cricket Club and asking about S106 monies from the Hall Farm Development. The Clerk explained that there was none forthcoming.

Email confirming that Duxford is out of the running as a site for Marshalls

Emails from SCDC confirming how we spend our tree money. Background: We obtained a voucher from SCDC to purchase three trees for the Parish with a total value of £60. After visiting the garden centres participating in the scheme, we could not purchase three appropriate trees so we were informed we could purchase just one or two (whichever fell into the budget). A multi-stemmed hornbeam was purchased with the voucher and has been planted on The Plaistow. Separate to this scheme, another tree (a silver birch) was purchased and planted as a memorial tree for Andrew Gardiner. The Parish Council thanked Tim Scott for purchasing the tree and the memorial tree for Andrew Gardiner and planting them.

Email from Historic England re listing Flint Walls

Email confirming the new rail route

Email re Operation London Bridge (confidential)

6. Planning – 10 Minutes

- S/0113/20/FL, 17 Hall Lane, removal of three greenhouses and replaced with one greenhouse and potting shed. There were no objections and the Council recommended approval.
- S/0201/20/TC, 1 May Street, removal of three lime trees and replaced with more suitable species. The tree warden had sent his response to this application to the Parish Council. They agreed with his words, and the Parish Council recommended refusal.
- S/0202/20/FL, 2 School Cottages, Flint Cross, Single Story Front Extension – no ap
- S/0278/20/TC, 46 Heydon Road, reduction of crowns from several trees on the site. There were no objections and the Parish Council recommended approval.
- Heydon Road – Flint Wall. The Clerk had heard from Natural England and Cllr Hatt said he would help the Clerk try and get the Flint Walls listed.
- Colts Croft an enforcement letter has been sent. Cllr Hatt asked about parking in Colts Croft as he thought there were covenants in place restricting parking.

SCDC delegation. Cllr Roberts gave an overview of what has happened to date. Less and less application are going to committee delegation and this is a problem. Originally this was changed when there were lots of applications when the last LDF was taking place due to the extension of the LDF and there were lots of extra, speculative planning applications being received.

- The council has been challenged in the High Court on the legitimacy of its process for determining which planning applications are decided by elected councillors and which are decided by officers.
- Prior to the legal challenge, the decision over whether an application went to the planning committee was taken by the chairman of that committee, a non-executive councillor.
- The Council tried to change the constitution.
- Fewes Lane consortium, which brought the original legal challenge, then made a further intervention, threatening another challenge and alleging it was unlawful for the council to change its constitution by any means other than a vote at full council.
- The Council were called in and given 6 options which were reject and a review is now taking place.
- The LGA are now involved in a proper consultation will take place and we, as a Parish Council, will be invited to submit our views.
- As a consequence here will be delays to planning applications while it awaits a session of its full council to convene on April 2 to amend its planning process.

For clarification – if an application goes to application, the PC can attend the meeting, as can neighbours, the applicants and there is also a site visit. If an application is refused then of course the applicant can appeal so delegation have to watertight with their reasoning for refusal as an appeal incurs more costs to SCDC.

- **LDF** - The five year land supply for the LDF was looking exceptionally close being just 145 houses away, however yesterday 2 large planning applications for were signed off, one for 200 dwellings and the other for 400.

7. Finance – 10 Minutes

- Finance Sheets. These were approved by the Council and Cllr Pine checked and signed the finance sheets with the bank statements.
- Chalk pit extra costs. There were approved.
- Pub is the Hub grant (see above).

8. Highways – 10 Minutes

- Outstanding works since the PC's meeting in July with Highways
 - White Lines
 - Hall Lane Path Repairs (including a hole filled by stoles opposite 17 Hall Lane)
 - Drains on Hall Lane and Little Chishill
 - Flooding on New Road
 - Breaking up of New Road near Flint Cross
 - Trees on May Street
 - Dragons teeth
 - Parking near the Church

Cllr Clements mentioned that a car was parking on a verge on Barley Road. He will have a chat with the owner.

9. Chalk Pit – 10 minutes (see above)

10. The Pheasant Public House (the pub is the hub) (see above)

11. Village Hall - Cllr Pine

Cllr Pine reported that the Village Hall finances are in good shape and the annual charity return has been submitted. There are some repairs and maintenance to be undertaken.

The trade bin (which the Parish Council pays for) has had some domestic rubbish put in it. The Clerk said that she had out some bits in the bin which were from the phone box book swap. The Village Hall Committee to put something in the newsletter.

Speed bumps – this is on-going with the PFA.

The Committee wanted to know about ownership of the Playing field. The Clerk confirmed that this is in the PC's name and is on the asset register.

12. Windmill Committee – Cllr Hatt

There is no new news to date. The Trustees would like the mill finished and are chasing the millwright to complete the fan tail assembly.

13. Speed Watch

A piece is going into the next newsletter.

14. Lock-up – Chairman -

The Clerk and Chair to meet to progress this.

15. District and County Councillors Written Reports

See above under planning.

16. To Accept Notices & Matters for the next Agenda

Cllr Hatt sent his apologies for next meeting 9:03