

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF GREAT AND LITTLE CHISHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Venue: Village Hall
Date: 20th July 2015
Time: 7:30pm
Chairman: Andrew Gardiner
Parish Councillors: Clements, Harrison, Coney
County Councillor: None present
District Councillors: Cllr Hales
Clerk / Proper Officer: Sarah Scott
Start Time: 19:36pm

1. Apologies for Absence (and reasons)

Cllr Susan van den Ven – on leave
Cllr Val Barret – previous commitment
Cllr John Ridge – previous commitment
Cllr Simon Dring – previous commitment
These were accepted by the Parish Council.

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

There were none received.

3. Approval of the Minutes of AGM 2015 (already circulated)

These were approved by the Parish Council 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. Replacement Parish Councillor

The Chairman is to meet with a prospective Councillor later this week, with a view of co-option. South Cambridgeshire District Council has approved co-option as no candidates came forward to force an election.

6. Finance

St Swithun's had requested some additional funds for grass cutting the church yard (currently £300) it was unaimously agreed to raise this to £450.
The Clerk had reclaimed £3825.55 of VAT.
The finance sheets showing all income and expenditure had been pre-circulated and there were no queries. The Chairman signed a copy for the files. A PDF version of the accounts to date has been posted on the Parish Council website.

7. Planning

S/1783/14/CW – the Parish Council have no issue with this as long as the works carried out are under strict supervision by EA or suitable bodies and Cambridgeshire County Council.

With regard to the North Hall Farm – the court case is ongoing and will now return to Cambridge Magistrates Court for 'sentencing, seizure of assets, and fines'.

S/0565/15/LF 6 New Road – this was refused. However the Parish Council queried the last paragraph of the refusal notice whereby issues of village sustainability (no amenities etc) were used as a reason for refusal. The Parish Council is to write to John Koch for clarification on this point only.

8. Fire Hydrants

Following the fire in Barley Road, it became apparent there was an issue with fire hydrant locations. Our thanks to the Chairman who went around Great and Little Chishill to check access / signage with the list sent to us. His findings were fed back to the Fire Hydrant department at the Fire Service and they quickly came out and erected new signs etc.

9. A report from Speed Watch

The Clerk is putting up the speed watch data onto the website. It appears that people are now used to the flashing sign in certain parts of the village and take little notice of it. The data collection is still very useful and interesting.

The Clerk had costings for dragon's teeth on New Road, entering the village and also additional signage at the crossroads from highways. Highways are not keen on the hedge planting idea on Hall Lane. The Clerk has a budget of £2k to implement some of these ideas.

10. A report from the Windmill Trust

There was no report from the Trust as Cllr Dring was not at the meeting. Apparently though, there is now a bat issue at the windmill.

11. Movement of National Speed Limit of Barley Road

This should be in place on or around the 27th July 2015.

12. A Report on the Lock-up – Cllr Coney

The pre-app was submitted last week.

13. County and District Councils Written Reports

Cllr Hales reported on the LDF. A letter came back to the inspector and an approved LDF is unlikely to be seen until April 2016. He cautioned the Parish Council to be wary of property speculators. In Barrington the quarry is being filled in using the old railway and 200 houses have been approved for the site. There are serious concerns about infrastructure and sustainability.

14. To Accept Notices & Matters for the next Agenda

John Murgatroyd had sent a letter thanking the Parish Council for his leaving drinks and also saying how much he had enjoyed himself on the Parish Council.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:28.