

A Meeting of GREAT AND LITTLE CHISHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Venue:	Village Hall
Date:	8 th July 2021
Time:	7:30pm
Chairman:	Cllr Dring
Parish Councillors:	Hatt, Ridge, Harrison, Pine, Wiseman (remotely) and Harrison (remotely)
Clerk / Proper Officer:	Sarah Scott
County Councillors:	
District Councillor:	Cllr Roberts
Members of the Public:	Two members of the public
Start Time:	7:30pm

1. Apologies for Absence (and reasons)

Cllr Clements – previous appointment. This was accepted by the Parish Council.

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

There were non received.

3. Approval of the Minutes from the AGM 21st May 2021 (already circulated)

These were approved and duly signed off by the Chairman.

4. Public Participation.

There were no comments.

5. Correspondence Received (already circulated)

There were no queries or questions on the communications reports.

6. Covid – 5 Minutes

The clerk reported that cases are rising in the Cambridge area and vaccination take up is below the nation average. She had been sent some communication to post on social media about walk in vaccinations in Cambridgeshire which she had duly posted. A member of public said you could get PCR test (for travel) for £99 from Cambourne.

7. Planning

- LDF – There was no news on the next stage of the LDF and the sites which are being put forward. The Clerk and Cllr Pine had met with the potential developer for land in the village and had sent a report of the meeting to the Parish Council, after the event.
- 21/02730/PR103Q – prior approval of use of agricultural building to 1 dwelling, Bridgefoot Farm. There was much discussion about this application and its suitability. The Chairman had previously spoken to the planning officer who had said that each application has to be taken on its own merit. He will contact Julie Ayre about this application. The Clerk is to draft a response based on the previous submission and will circulate to the council for approval before final submission. The Council recommends refusal.
Action: Clerk
- 21/02666/273 – Removal of condition 3 of planning permission S/1827/13/FL residential 2 bedroom bungalow for live/work unit as the kennels are now shut and there is no job for a kennel manager – Bridgefoot Farm. The Clerk to draft a response recommending refusal and encouraging the planning department to take an overview of the whole site.
Action: Clerk
- Submission of details required by conditions 4 (Contamination) and 5 (Biodiversity Enhancement) of planning permission 20/04466/FUL Bridgefoot Farm.
The Clerk to draft a response.
Action: Clerk
- 21/02354/LBC, 21/02353/HFUL – re ridge and repair thatch roof. Replace glazing in garden room, raising wall and replacing the door, 17 Hall Lane, Great Chishill. Cllr Hatt asked if planning permission was needed to replace and repair a thatch roof. The applicants had been advised it was necessary. The Council supported this application and there no objections.
- 21/02323/LBC, 21/02322/HFUL replacement outbuilding and linking single storey extension, internal and external alterations including a new oil tank position. The Council supported this application and there were no objections.

8. Highways

- Parking on Heydon Road. As there is building work being carried out on Heydon Road and there are more vans etc parked along the road it was decided to carry this forward to the next meeting. However, the clerk is to find out indicative costs of putting yellow lines along a section of the road.
Action: Clerk
- Outstanding highways issues in Great Chishill. A further section of the Hall Lane footpath had been completed, the final section needs to be resurfaced. Outstanding issues include the white lines, the drain clearing in Hall Lane and May Street, the handrail and steps in May Street. The Chairman is to raise a formal complaint to highways.
Action: Chairman and Cllr McDonald
- Outstanding highways issues in Little Chishill. Cllr Ridge reported that the road had been shut and not all works were completed. There is a manhole that is protruding and is dangerous which had not been repaired or replaced. The gully cleaning had not been completed. Some of the bollards that had been replaced and already been damaged.
Action: Cllr McDonald

The Clerk commented that it is utterly frustrating that when parishioners ask about these works (repeatedly) she has to say yet again that we the works are on highways radar but they haven't progressed them. It looks like the Parish Council are doing nothing when this is calorically not the case.

9. Community Chest Grant / Chalk Pit 5 Minutes , Clerk

The Clerk thanked Mr and Mrs Dibblee for all they had done with regard to the chalk pit clearance and the planting of trees that children can adopt. They reported that 79 children and grandchildren had adopted a tree. After the Parish Council had decided to apply for a Community Chest Grant (Covid regeneration) for a bench to be put in the chalkpit they found out that they had been successful. The Clerk had completed the final paperwork in order to accept the grant including liaising with Cllr McDonald and CCC Farms who had agreed that we could a bench in the chalk pit. There was a discussion about PL insurance and it was commented that County Farms do have PL insurance. A member of the public asked that the clerk obtains this in writing. Cllr Harrison asked Mr Dibblee if he had asked permission to plant the trees which he said he had not.

10. Police Meeting – 5 Minutes, Cllr Ridge

Cllr Ridge had attended the police meeting. He spoke of the importance of being aware of all the scams / cybercrimes that are taking place and has signed the Parish Council up to Friends against Scam scheme. The Clerk will receive emails about the latest scams to disseminate to the newsletter / social media etc. Speedwatch is still operating in the same way with shared kit and volunteers recording number plates and speeds. Then the police send a letter to speed offenders. Cllr Ridge commented that he was quite impressed by the new police commissioner. County Lines was to be a police priority.

11. Stansted Flight Path

Robin Dibblee, having attended a You Gov session said that we are more vulnerable to noise as the stacking system is going to be made bigger. He had said that the natural beauty could be disturbed. There will be a consultation that we should be aware of and comment on.

12. Finance

- The clerk took the meeting through the finance sheets which had been pre-circulated.
- Audit – the external auditors have all of our paperwork and we will wait to receive confirmation in due course.

12. Lock-up – 5 Minutes, Chairman

Cllr Ridge and the chairman are to work on this together.

13. Windmill Committee – Cllr Hatt

It was commented on how good the windmill is looking now it has been cleaned. There is to be a 'Windependence Day' event in August. Once a few more jobs have been done then the mill will be free to roam on its own. Cllr Hatt had written to neighbouring Parishes to see if they might like to make a donation to the windmill fund and he had achieved success. Cllr Roberts urged him to make contact with Parishes that are further afield.

14. District and County Councillors Written Reports – 10 Minutes

Cllr Roberts said the restoration of the windmill was a wonderful achievement for the village.

She went on to talk about a group who are challenging SCDC over the current 5 year land supply and are threatening to take them to the high court. She said that the group think that SCDC planning department is underperforming and the planning department do not appear to be unduly concerned about this latest challenge. Cllr Roberts is concerned that if the planning department is found to be underperforming then it will be taken over by central government which will mean the loss of decision makers who have a good knowledge of the local area. The clerk queried the methodology being used to calculate the next 5 year land supply as initially it was not going to be the Liverpool or Sedgfield options but on the latest LDF update it had made reference to them. This would be a worry as the planning department used the wrong option last time around which meant the whole process had to be revisited, which in turn meant a free for all for developers. Cllr Roberts went on to say that the planning department are low in staff, some are inexperienced and they are not being supplied with the tools to undertake their jobs to their potential.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Roberts.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 9:00am.

The next meeting is 16th September in the Village Hall.

Report for Parish Councils – July 2021.

South Cambs District Council

I mentioned last month that South Cambridgeshire Growth fund is opening for applications on 1st July 2021. It is for micro and small businesses operating in/from South Cambridgeshire. Priority applicants will include those who have not previously received government backed (covid related) funding. A one-off grant of between £1,000 to a maximum of £50,000 will be awarded to eligible applicants.

The Growth Fund scheme is designed to support businesses' growth and expansion plans in the district. Eligible applicants for the scheme must be South Cambridgeshire based start-ups who are looking to scale and grow quickly, or they can be established South Cambridgeshire based companies who can clearly demonstrate ambitious growth plans in the District. Businesses in any sectors can apply, including, sole traders and partnerships. One-off grants of between £1,000 and £50,000 may be awarded to successful applicants. The scheme will end when all funds have been allocated. The link is here: <https://www.scams.gov.uk/business/business-support-and-advice/growth-fund-grant-scheme/>

South Cambridgeshire Planning Delegations

I said I would update on this periodically. The delegation meetings can be found here:

<https://www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/planning-applications/step-by-step-guide-to-permissions/delegated-planning-decisions/#A2>

In June there were 3 meetings and the result was:

June 15th 1 referred, 1 delegated

June 8th : 1 referred no delegated

Jun1st: 3 delegated 1 referred

Q4 Performance report

This report looks at the council performance. Problems in the Contact Centre (due to staff moved to Business Grant unit) are now being addressed.

<https://scams.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s122475/Appendix%20A%20-%20KPI%20Performance%20Cab.pdf>

Business Plan Update

The update on the business plan is here:

<https://scams.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s122476/Appendix%20B%20-%20Q4%20Business%20Plan%20Actions%20Update%20Cab.pdf>

Biodiversity Supplementary Planning Document

As new SPD outlining in detail the policies surrounding biodiversity has been published

<https://scams.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s122524/Biodiversity%20Supplementary%20Planning%20Document%20-%20AMENDED%20DRAFT.pdf>

Cambridgeshire County Report

Vaccination

You can see the daily data here:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/covid-19-vaccinations/>

Apprenticeship Funding

Cambridgeshire County Council has agreed to transfer £273,000 of its apprenticeship levy fund to K-10, an organisation set up to support apprenticeships in the construction industry.

K-10 will work with award winning house builder Hill to find placements for the 21 apprentices in the county, allowing them to gain skills and qualifications in plumbing, electrical, carpentry, groundworks, dry-lining, bricklaying and painting.

As a levy paying employer, the council is able to transfer 25% of unused, annual levy funds to other employers that wish to utilise apprenticeships to train their staff. As the transfer of funds would support employment for Cambridgeshire residents on major construction projects with Hill, the funding transfer was approved.

All of the apprenticeship positions are full time with the first year pay rate being £8.36 per hour. Apprentices will all be studying at colleges or training providers within the county for the duration of their apprenticeships.

K10 is recruiting now, so if you know of anyone aged 18 or above who may be interested in one of these fantastic opportunities, please encourage them to apply at www.k-10.co.uk/vacancies or send their CV directly to K10 at mahbub-uddin@k-10.co.uk.

Covid

Some worrying trends being addressed by the expanded testing and vaccination drop in centres.

Coronavirus in Cambridgeshire

20 - 26 June

598 New cases of people infected
[85.1% more than previous week]

92 Infections per 100,000 population

2 People have died in the past month

[Within 28 days of a positive test for the 4 weeks 30 May - 26 June]

Got symptoms? Book a test.

Support is available – visit cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Correct at time of publication

Let's work together to stop Covid-19 in its tracks



Covid Rapid Testing vans

For more information, including the opening dates/times of new rapid-testing facilities, plus any changes to site locations, visit our rapid testing webpage.

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/coronavirus/coronavirus-covid-19-rapid-community-testing>

Learning Disability Partnership

The Cambridgeshire Learning Disability Partnership (LDP) brings together specialist health and social care services for people with a learning disability. The LDP is responsible for commissioning and providing these services on behalf of Cambridgeshire Primary Care Trust and Cambridgeshire County Council.

Some staff are employed by the County Council and some by Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Mental Health Trust, but they are all part of the LDP.

The roles we currently have available are:

- Nurses
- Lead Nurse for Adults with Learning Disabilities

- Senior Community Nurse
- Psychologists
- Principal Clinical/Counselling Psychologist
- Highly Specialist Clinical Psychologist- Huntingdon
- Highly Specialist Clinical Psychologist- March
- Occupational Therapists
- Specialist Occupational Therapist
- Physiotherapists
- Physiotherapist
- Lead Physiotherapist

Please click here to go to our vacancy home page for further information and to apply.

<https://www.cpfh.nhs.uk/latest-vacancies>

Consultation: Cambridgeshire Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure

This is an important opportunity to contribute views – please note closing July 13th.

<https://consultcambs.uk.engagementhq.com/ccc-local-cycling-and-walking-infrastructure-plan-consultation-2021>

Foxton Travel Hub

We met officers on June 15th. Still a lot of work to do to balance the City and local benefit.

Whittlesford Travel Hub/A 505

The GCP held a call on the work being done on the station/travel hub and the A505 study. I will circulate these slides.

East West Rail

Consultation finished June 9th. The County Council response is here. [Document.ashx \(cmis.uk.com\)](#)

Thakeham

Thakeham has to date not lodged a submission to the South Cambs Call for Sites. We have asked Anthony Browne to write to the NFU and CLA to advise landowners that there is No Government support for Thakeham and therefore not to make land option agreements. We will update once we hear back from Anthony.

Updates as usual here: www.swcag.org.uk

Peter McDonald

July 6th 2021