

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GREAT AND LITTLE CHISHILL PARISH COUNCIL**

Venue: Village Hall  
Date: 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017  
Time: 7:30pm  
Acting Chairman: James Coney  
Parish Councillors: Clements, Dring, Ridge, Harrison, Loukes  
District Councillors: Val Barrett  
County Councillor: Peter Topping  
Clerk / Proper Officer: Sarah Scott  
Start Time: 7:30pm  
Members of the Public: Hazel Haydon, Robin Dibblee, Jason Frost, Peter McKeown, Chris Senior

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### **1. Apologies for Absence (and reasons)**

Cllr Hales – Previous commitment

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

There were none declared.

### **3. Approval of the Minutes for the AGM on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

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

### **4. Public Participation.**

Item 1 – Potential Development on land next to Colts Croft

Jason Frost, Bloomhill Developments

Peter McKeown, Carter Jonas

Chris Senior, PRP

A draft proposal was presented to the meeting (it has not reached planning stage) for 14 dwellings on the land next to Colts Croft. 7 Would be affordable housing and 7 market dwellings. Some proposed drawings were shown at the meeting showing single story units. As there is not a local plan in place yet and there is a shortfall of new houses Blomhill have identified this site and it is up to the developers to demonstrate to the council that the scheme is workable in terms of infrastructure and sustainability. The scheme would comprise 4 x 1 bedroom dwellings, 2 x 2 bedroom dwellings and 1 x 3 bedroom dwellings for the affordable and 2 x 2 bedroom dwellings, 2 x 3 bedroom dwellings and 3 x 4 bedroom dwellings for the market houses. The group reported that there would be local employment in the construction of the properties and any s106 monies could be used for, as an example, the purchase of a community transport vehicle, improvements to open spaces, monies for Dr's surgeries and schooling. The design of the properties is contemporary but lending itself to the older properties in the villages in terms of timber cladding. A question was asked about parking provision and there would be 2 spaces per dwelling, Councillor Barret commented that South Cambs recommends 1.5 space per dwelling. There has been no pre-application meeting with the planning office as yet, nor any formal consultation with Highways. The next step is to organise a Parish Meeting to introduce this scheme to the village and gauge the feeling of the Parish on this potential development.

**Action: The Clerk to liaise with Jason Frost to arrange a public meeting in early September.**

#### **Item 2 – Village Security**

Robin Dibblee introduction himself and explained the background for his report on village security. He has created a questionnaire which the Parish Council will circulate to the village and the Parish Council will collate the responses. A discussion took place about E-Cops, local PCSO's, Neighbourhood Watch and the CCTV used at Croxted Village Hall. The Parish Council are very grateful for Robin for his time in putting this together and they will liaise with him throughout the process.

**Action: Clerk to finalise the questionnaire, get it printed and all to help deliver it.**

### **Item 3 – Windmill Group**

Hazel Hayden read out the report (already circulated) about progress to date on the windmill. She added her thanks for previous support and requested a total of £4k (£2k which was not asked for last year and a further £2k for this). There was a discussion about the windmill being VAT exempt and Hazel said that the committee had explored this extensively. The Parish Council thanked Hazel for her time.

After Hazel left the Parish Council resolved to award £2k in September, when the next tranche of the Precept is paid and possibly revisit it again towards the end of the financial year. The Parish Council may need to look at raising the precept for the first time in several years next year to pay for the increase of grants going forward.

### **5. Finance**

The Clerk took the meeting through the finances to date and the Chairman signed and dated them. The Parish unanimously agreed to pay £2k to the windmill group.

The Village Hall had asked for a further grant because the doors need replacing. One solution was agreed at the meeting but in hindsight this could not be done as it would (albeit temporarily) leave the reserves nearing zero.

**\*\*After meeting note:** The Parish Council have agreed to give a £2k grant with conditions.\*\*

### **6. Mobile Phone Mast**

Following a consultation with user groups of the planning fields and immediate neighbour,s the Parish Council have turned down this offer as it was much taller than anticipated and its proximity to the village hall was unacceptable.

### **7. Planning**

10 Hall Lane – extension to property to side and rear.

There were no objections to the planning application and the council recommended approval.

### **8. Speedwatch**

Emily and Andrew Brown have offered to help move the sign around the village. Once again, our thanks go to Martin and his team for their continued dedication.

### **9. Windmill Trust**

This was covered earlier.

### **10. Lock-up and Telephone Box**

It was unanimously agreed to take Liz Askham up on her offer of refurbishing the telephone box.

The Chairman is to submit the planning application for the lock-up refurbishment.

### **11. County and District Written Reports**

Cllr Barrett asked if there were any issues with the bin emptying service, none had been reported. She informed us that public buildings in South Cambridgeshire had been inspected and they all conform to British Standards and flats are not cladded and none are over 3 stories in height. The Parish Council were advised to consider an emergency planning policy. The Parish Council can get advice from Miles Bevington and Mike Hill **(Clerk to Action)**

Peter Topping will send in a written report, but mentioned that S106 monies can be diverted to other projects if the Parish has no specific projects in place. He spoke of Children’s Centres closing due to cuts. He also mentioned Peter Taylor and minor highways grants.

### **12. To Accept Notices & Matters for the next Agenda**

The clerk will be getting on with a new Welcome leaflet **(Clerk to Action)**

James Coney to speak to the residents in Heydon Road about the low-loader which is sometimes parked on the verges. **(Action Chairman)**

There had been a complaint about the speed traffic passes down New Road (the whole stretch), unfortunately there is very little that the Parish can do about this.

There being no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 21:22.