

## **Minutes of a meeting of GREAT AND LITTLE CHISHILL PARISH COUNCIL**

Venue: Village Hall  
Date: 12<sup>th</sup> July 2018  
Time: 8:00pm  
Chairman: Cllr Dring  
Parish Councillors: Pine, Clements, Harrison, Ridge, Wiseman, Hatt  
Clerk / Proper Officer: Sarah Scott  
County Councillors:  
District Councillor: Cllr Roberts  
Members of the Public: One member of the public  
Start Time: 8:00pm

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1. Apologies for Absence  
Cllr Clements – business appointment  
Cllr Topping – previous engagement  
Cllr Dring arrived at 20:21 (as planned)
2. To receive any declaration of Pecuniary and non-Pecuniary Interest of Councillors  
There were none received.
3. Approval of the Minutes from the meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> May and 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018  
23<sup>rd</sup> May. These were approved as a true and accurate account of proceedings and were duly signed by Cllr Pine in the absence of the Chairman  
21<sup>st</sup> June. A minor amendment was added, and these were signed by Cllr Pine as a true and accurate account of proceedings.
4. Public Participation.  
There were no matters brought to the Council's attention.
5. Finance  
The clerk took the Council through the finances to date. All is as expected at this time and the finance sheets were signed and dated by Cllr Pine.  
There is a dead tree on the Plaistow. The Clerk will get quotes for its removal and it was suggested we plant a replacement tree in memory of Andrew Gardiner (former Chairman). The Clerk to speak with Kate Gardiner to see if she likes this idea and what tree she might like.  
The Clerk had also chased the contractors about the beech tree by Reeves Pightle.  
Cllr Wiseman mentioned that she thought the verges were not cut too well. After a brief discussion the Clerk will ask the contractors to take a little more care.
6. Planning  
Bloomhall – there was still no news on this. A discussion took place on what makes a village unsustainable. Cllr Roberts explained that SCDC will have assessed the village on facilities / amenities / transport and come to the conclusion that a village is unsustainable. A discussion on infrastructure and types of new build then followed.

SCDC have now demonstrated a 5-year land supply and so this should now bring to a halt the types of speculative planning applications that have become common place because of the lack of an LDF being in place. She also went on to say that a planning application in another village had had an application refused as it was outside its village envelope.

Phone mast – there had been no further news and a statement from the planning department was read out:

*I spoke to the agent earlier in the week and communicated our view that we don't think the current location on the verge of Hall Lane next to houses on Colts Croft was particularly suitable, given the proximity to houses and to the Conservation Area and listed buildings.*

*They had suggested a few other locations for discussion (including Land At Great Chishill Playing Fields Association (Adjacent to the Village Hall) on Hall Lane and a Field South of Heydon Road). I said I thought those options should first be discussed with the PC and local people as, to be honest, it is going to have a local impact both in terms of benefits of increased coverage and also potential visual impacts. If the PC and local people are happy with a location, I think it is likely the Planning Authority would be happy too. I know that's famous last words, but I thought it was better to suggest they start locally than with us.*

The Council to liaise with Cllr Clements and have a look at the other sites mentioned.

7. Highways

The clerk had chased up the drain issue.

On New Road there had finally been some action taken on the potholes.

Verge Ownership – the Clerk has still not heard back on this.

There had been an accident on a path leading to Colts Croft. The clerk has reported this.

The footpath leading out of Colts Croft onto farm land is very overgrown, the clerk has reported this.

8. Security Committee

The Clerk is monitoring the email account and sent out an alert last week.

9. Windmill Committee

Cllr Dring reported that the scaffolding is now down and permission has been approved for the tail fan. The committee are preparing a tender document for three quotes for the next phase of works (the Parish Council have agreed to pay for the works to the tail fan and steps). There was a discussion of nominating those people working on the physical work of the repairs to be put forward for an award. The Clerk to look into this.

10. Lock-up

The Chairman to speak to James Coney about this.

11. Speedwatch / Flashing Sign

Cllr Clements and James Coney have taken over this initiative.

12. To Accept Notices & Matters for the next Agenda

Peter Johnstone has kindly offer to take over tending the flower bed at the crossroads from Alan Parkes. The Clerk to buy a some thing for Martin Gruselle and Alan Parkes as a thank you for volunteering on behalf of the council gift.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21:32.