

Minutes of a meeting of GREAT AND LITTLE CHISHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Venue:	Net Meeting
Date:	19 th March 2020
Time:	7:30pm
Chairman:	Cllr Dring
Parish Councillors:	Harrison, Wiseman, Clements, Hatt, Pine, Ridge
Clerk / Proper Officer:	Sarah Scott
County Councillors:	Cllr MacDonald
District Councillor:	
Members of the Public:	11 Members of the public dialled in.
Start Time:	7:30

1. Apologies for Absence (and reasons) – 2 Minutes

None received.

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

There were none declared.

3. Approval of the Minutes from the 13th February 2020 – 5 Minutes

Note that they verbally approved.

4. Public Participation.

To allow up to 10 minutes for any members of the public and Councillors declaring a pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest to address the meeting in relation to the business to be transacted at that meeting.

There were no members' questions from the public.

5. Covid 19 – 20 Minutes

The meeting were introduced to Marianne Yallop and Jeremy Smith who are in the process of setting a Covid 19 support group. Sam Allan was also introduced who has set up Chishill Care as a support group.

The Covid 19 group gave a detailed presentation of how their support network works; essentially they have created a volunteer network for the surrounding villages. This is headed up by Marianne and Jeremy and there is a tier of local coordinators (LC's) who each manage a certain area and they have a list of volunteers how have offered their services to help with jobs such as collecting prescriptions, shopping etc. The scheme can be upscaled and downscaled accordingly and can be immobilised quickly. There is an email address, a website, a Facebook page and the use of Whatsapp is being used as a communication tool for the LC's and their teams.

The clerk also has a list of people which she will map with the electoral role to make sure every area in Great and Little Chishill is covered.

A leaflet is to be distributed which will identify to residents who their LC's are and will provide their phone numbers.

Sam Allen presented his website Chishill.Care which is a very comprehensive website which offers a host of information, contacts, games to assist the over 70's and disabled in the village. He also has printed a leaflet to support the website and his scheme which will be distributed this weekend. The Parish Council offered to reimburse Sam for the printing of leaflets.

On the whole the Parish Council were very impressed with both schemes. The Clerk is to put both groups in contact with one another so that they might work together and share ideas. Cllr Hatt had some reservations regarding the use of social and the number of tiers in the Covid 19 scheme.

It was discussed that a piece should go in the newsletter, telling the community to expect leaflets from both groups.

The Parish Council thanked all parties for taking to time to come to the meeting to present.

Cllr Harrison raised an issue about the playground and outdoor gym (post meeting note: These are now closed to the public and signage has been put up).

6. Correspondence Received – 10 Minutes

Email from Cllr Roberts re Emergency planning re: Corona Virus

Email from Cllr Roberts re Colts Croft

Email from Cllr MacDonald re corona virus communicating

Several emails from Robin Dibblee re tree voucher for the chalk pit

Several emails from Robin Dibblee re Corona Virus and village communication

Email from Heydon PC about the Corona virus

Several emails from Cllr MacDonald re highways issues

Email from Tumi Hawkins – re planning delegation process

Email from Mr Fulton – re delegation

Various emails re The Pheasant

Email from resident about hedge cutting

Email from Village Hall Committee re the playing fields

Email from a resident about putting a skip on the Parish Council car park in April – all happy

Email re: mobile warden scheme

Email from Chishill PC regarding the short-term shutting of the village library

Email and report from Cllr MacDonald

Email from CAPALC re affiliation fee

Email – monthly LDF email

Email – Playsafely re next inspection

7. Planning – 10 Minutes

- 20/01019/FUL – 61 Heydon Road, first floor side extension above reconstructed garage. There were no objections.
- 20/01026/FUL and Listed – 1 May Street, replace and rebuild garden walls. There appears to be a lack of detail to the plan. With regard to the trees, the Council would prefer them to stay, but again more details are need. The Clerk to draft a response to send to the Council
- Heydon Road – Flint Wall. There is a considerable drop of the pavement. The Parish Council to request that some sort of temporary fencing is put up.
- The Clerk and Cllr Hatt to work on getting flint walls in the village listed.
- Colts Croft. An enforcement letter has been despatched.

8. Finance – 10 Minutes

- Finance Sheets – these were verbally approved.
- Approve CPALC invoice. It was approved to pay and we will use their DPO service.

9. 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)
 - Hall Lane Path Replacement
 - Drains on Hall Lane and Little Chishill
 - Flooding on New Road
 - Trees on May Street
 - Dragons teeth
 - Parking near the Church

Cllr MacDonald introduced himself to the meeting. He has been to see highways. So, from now on their will be monthly highways meetings and an excel sheet has been set up to track issues. They accepted that some of our requests need to come to the top of the list as we have been waiting too long. Things will not happen immediately but the jobs will get done. Once again, the highways budget has been cut. However, Cllr MacDonald thinks that money can be found for this department. Issues relating to the safety such as dragons teeth, white lining will be a priority. Highways scheme may take longer.

Cllr Ridge mentioned the drains issue in Little Chishill and the Clerk followed this up with same issue in Great Chishill.

Cllr MacDonald mentioned that his main focus at the moment and in the present climate on business.

10. The Pheasant Public House (the pub is the hub) – 10 Minutes

The pub has been sold to a credible landlord. The Chairman met up with the current landlord. The Chairman is to make contact to see how things are progressing.

11. Windmill Committee – Cllr Hatt - 5 Minutes

There is no change and the committee are still chasing the millwright to complete the outstanding works.

12. Speed Watch – 5 Minutes

There were no volunteers forthcoming following the newsletter piece, so it was agreed to moth ball it for the time being.

13. Lock-up – Chairman - 5 Minutes

The Clerk and Chairman to follow this up.

14. District and County Councillors Written Reports – 10 Minutes

See the County Councillors report below.

15. To Accept Notices & Matters for the next Agenda – 5 mins

Covid 19
AGM / AMP – can they go ahead and in what guise?

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.49.

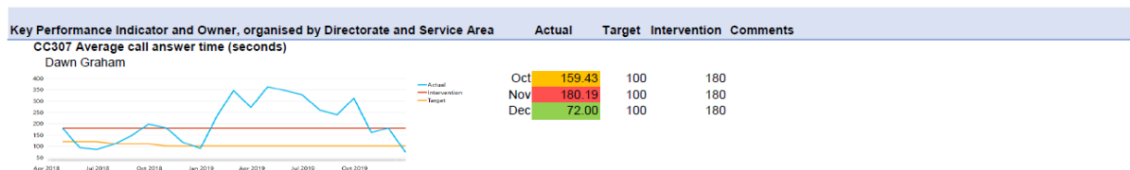
Report for Parish Councils – March 2020 – Cllr Macdonald

South Cambs District Council

Operational Performance – Call Answering

Some significant improvements here – call answering now down to 1m 10s.

Appendix A - Operational Key Performance Indicator Report



<https://scams.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s115434/Appendix%20A%20-%20Operational%20Key%20Performance%20Indicator%20Report.pdf>

Revenue Account Expenditure

Generally positive picture on expenditure here which will mean a surplus vs a £400k deficit in May 2018.

<https://scams.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s115456/Appendices.pdf>

New taxi licensing policy will see CCTV installed as standard and improve air quality across South Cambridgeshire

A new taxi licensing policy for South Cambridgeshire aims to improve air quality and increase the safety of passengers and drivers.

South Cambridgeshire District Council will adopt the new policy from 1 April 2020.

CCTV will need to be installed in all vehicles as standard, to provide a consistent safeguarding approach. Meanwhile, a number of changes have been approved that will ensure taxis are greener, supporting the Council's commitment to become a net-zero carbon district before 2050.

The key points to highlight from the new policy are:

- From 31 March 2021, CCTV will be a mandatory requirement for all Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles without exception.
- From 1 December 2021, new licences will only be granted to taxis that are ultra-low or zero emission.
- From 1 December 2021, licences will not be granted for taxis older than nine years.
- From 1 December 2028, renewed licences will only be granted to taxis that are ultra-low or zero emission.

The initial consultation on the draft policy took place from July to September 2019. In November a decision was taken to run a further consultation to consider additional issues raised by members of the trade.

During the vote councillors agreed to report at least once per year on the frequency of requests to the Council to access the footage.

£5million investment in Climate Emergency

£5 million has been pledged in South Cambridgeshire to tackle the "global climate emergency".

The new multi-million pound investment follows the Council spending around £1.5 million on improving Council homes last year and provided around £100,000 to 19 initiatives under the Council's Zero Carbon Communities grants scheme.

In 2018 the Council declared a climate emergency and pledged to reach net zero carbon by 2050.

To help move toward that goal the Council plans to invest in 2020-21:

- a further £100,000 on Zero Carbon Community grants for community initiatives to cut carbon emissions and tackle climate change
- £1.9 million 'greening' its offices to cut energy bills and show others how they could go green
- a further £1.3 million on improving energy efficiency of Council homes
- £1.3 million replacing 1,800 District Council owned streetlights with LEDs to reduce energy consumption by 60%
- Around £400,000 on an electric bin lorry to see whether it is viable to shift from a diesel to an all-electric fleet

In 2020-21 the Council expects to generate over £3.5 million from investments which will be spent on local services and help offset cuts to their funding by central Government.

Deadline to apply for funding for VE Day commemorations extended

Ahead of VE Day on Friday 8 May, South Cambridgeshire communities are being invited to apply for up to £1,000 to mark the 75th anniversary, with the deadline to apply being extended until 15 March.

VE (Victory in Europe) Day is an opportunity to reflect on the sacrifice, courage and determination of those at home and abroad who gave so much for their country during World War II. The Council is inviting people to apply for a Community Chest grant to fund projects that will help residents remember the guns falling silent at the end of the war.

The Community Chest Grant Scheme is open to voluntary and community groups based in South Cambridgeshire for one-off costs for projects that leave a legacy, such as a commemorative bench or plaque or a memorial in the centre of a village.

Applications can be made until 7 May, but those received after 15 March will not be able to receive funds prior to VE Day on 8 May. Visit our Community Chest page for more information or to apply.

The Council has funded the Community Chest scheme since 2011, handing out more than £550,000 in grants to local good causes in that time.

Local Developments - Latest Status:

Royston to Grant Park aka A505 Study

Next stage Mon March 9th meeting.

Wellcome Genome Campus (AgriTech):

Hinxton and myself met with Tom Clarke and Toby Williams. I will now have a meeting with Stephen K/Toby and our Leader Bridget re the Housing Covenants for local workers to ensure tenure properties do not come to the open market. Meanwhile I will re-engage the County discussion on infrastructure.

Huawei

Expected to come to Planning in April/May.

Cambridgeshire County Report

County Council Meeting - Budget 2020/21 to 2024/25

On 11th Feb the Council approved an unbalanced budget including a £4 million deficit, while increasing Council Tax by 1.59% instead of by the permitted 1.99%. At the beginning of this financial year the potential gap was £21 million, so over the year the Council has had to make savings of £17 million to reduce the potential shortfall. Whilst some efficiencies have undoubtedly been justified, they have made dramatic cuts to Adult services (-£5.8m), to Highways and to Children's Services (-£6.3m). You will all be aware that our Local Highways Officer has been unable to commission work for lack of funds. Many Councillors report waiting years for simple maintenance jobs to be completed.

At a liaison meeting on 20 February with the Clinical Care Commissioning Group and Healthwatch, County colleagues heard some stern words of warning about the impact of the new Adult Social Care charges. Council finance remains in critical state, as seen for example in new controversial and complex charges to vulnerable people receiving Adult Social Care that will save the council £3.4 million over the next two years.

At full Council both main opposition parties (Lib Dems and Labour) proposed increasing Council Tax for 2020/21 by the maximum amount allowed (1.99%). This pattern over recent years (2016-2019) of not raising council tax by small permissible increments, including a sustained period of total council tax freeze, has cost the council £34 million that should have been deployed to prevent this tide of disappearing public services.

The difference between 1.59% and 1.99% for a Band D home is 11p/week/household which could have added £1.17m to the Council budget this year and £6.39 million over the forward plan period.

Highways – Local Highway Improvement Fund 12/02/2020

Matt Staton the Interim Highway Projects & Road Safety Manager has written to parish councils, asking them to feed back their views on the proposed changes to the LHI schedule. He asks parishes to feed back to your County Councillor in the first instance. I wondering if you will you be able to prepare bids ready to submit between 1 April and 31 May 2020?

“Dear Councillor,

IMPORTANT INFORMATION IN RELATION TO 2021/22 LOCAL HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT (LHI) APPLICATIONS

*Following discussions in relation to the delivery timescales experienced for Local Highway Improvement (LHI) schemes and concerns raised regarding the number of schemes not completed within the financial year for which the funding is allocated it is proposed that **the application window for schemes to be delivered in the 2021/22 financial year is brought forward by two months, opening on 1st April 2020 and closing on Sunday 31st May 2020.***

Assuming that the Highways and Infrastructure Committee agree the proposal in March 2020, the schedule will be:

- May – September 2020 – feasibility studies
- October 2020 – panel meetings
- December 2020 – County Highways and Infrastructure Committee – for approval
- January to March 2021 – design schemes
- 1 April 2021 onwards – delivery of schemes

“If you have any questions or concerns please can I ask that you direct them to your local County Councillor in the first instance, in order that they can inform the committee decision-making process in March 2020.”

Please let me know what you think about the schedule.

Peter McDonald

March 5th 2020.