MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GREAT AND LITTLE CHISHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Venue: Village Hall

Date: 16th November 2017

Time: 7:30pm Chairman: Cllr Coney

Parish Councillors: Pine, Clements, Dring

Clerk / Proper Officer: Sarah Scott
County Councillors: Peter Topping

Members of the Public: Deborah Roberts, Robin Dibblee

Start Time: 7:35pm

1. Apologies for Absence (and reasons)

Cllr Ridge – Previous commitment.

Cllr Harrison - Previous commitment

Cllr Loakes – Work commitment

Cllr Barrett – Previous commitment Cllr Hales – Previous commitment

The apologies were accepted by the Council.

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

There were none declared.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the meeting of 12th October 2017

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

4. Public Participation

Robin Dibblee spoke about the security questionnaire and the results. He had put together a paper with next steps and recommendations. Firstly, a subcommittee will be set up and the Clerk will draft something for the newsletter. It is hoped that an email alert will be sent to all people who wish to receive it and it will contain security updates and reports of any crimes.

Cllr Deb Roberts was very interested in what we are proposing and indeed security issues relating to rural communities (theft, hare coursing etc).

She also said that the LDF is progressing. There will be a public consultation and then it goes back to the inspectorate. It appears that there should not be anything contentious in the plan.

5. Finance

The accounts to date were signed off by the Chairman and a copy was signed and dates.

The Clerk to chase some S106 monies which were requested at the development at Hall Farm.

The Clerk to contact all groups with regards to grants for the next financial year in order to set the Precept in January.

6. Planning

S/3782/17 – Conversion of garage to annex. The Clerk read out a letter from an immediate neighbour. The Council, in principle supported the application, but wanted to make sure that annex and the main house cannot be sold in the future without each property ie as the annex would be backfill, it could not be put on the open market as a standalone property.

S/3991/17/LB – There were no comments and the Council recommended approval.

7. Windmill Trust

There was nothing to add since the last meeting.

8. Lock-up and Telephone Box

There was no progress on the lock-up.

The telephone box had been renovated. A memorial plaque will be added at a later date. The clerk has some wording for the plaque from the Livings family. The Parish Council are very grateful to the Livings family for all their hard work on restoring the phone box.

9. Defibrillator

A member of the village has acquired a defibrillator for the village from the Royston Hospital Trust. Post meeting note: The PFA have unanimously agreed to have it put on the pavilion. Chairman to progress this.

10. Members of Committees

There were some vacancies on committees. The Clerk would like to stand down from the PFA and the Village Hall Committee need a Trustee from the Parish Council. Cllr Pine to speak to the Chair of Village Hall Committee. Possibly Cllr Clements or Cllr Loakes to join the PFA.

11. County and District Council Written Reports

Cllr Topping reported that PCSO's are not being disbanded, but no more are currently being recruited and current PCSO's are being encouraged to train as Police Officers.

Two rural crime units are to be set up in the county.

There is now a realisation that the A505 is getting busier and there is now some funds available to investigate what can be done in terms of improvements.

12. To Accept Notices and Matters for the Next Agenda

The Clerk to look at meeting dates for 2018.

The scheduled meeting for December will not take place.

There being no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 20:45.