

A Meeting of GREAT AND LITTLE CHISHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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| Venue: | Village Hall |
| Date: | 14 th October 2021 |
| Time: | 7:30pm |
| Chairman: | Cllr Dring |
| Parish Councillors: | Hatt, Ridge, Harrison, Wiseman |
| Clerk / Proper Officer: | Sarah Scott |
| County Councillor: | Leader of SCDC, Cllr Bridget Smith was present |
| District Councillor: | |
| Members of the Public: | |
| Start Time: | 7:37pm |

1. Apologies for Absence (and reasons)

Cllr Clements – Previous commitment
Cllr Pine – Unwell
These were accepted by the Parish Council

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

There were none received

3. Approval of the Minutes 16th September 2021 (already circulated)

There were no comments or amendments; it was unanimously agreed the minutes were a true and accurate account of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

4. Public Participation.

Jacob Taylor (his intern) and Matt Hare spoke about Bull Meadow, Wright Meadow and the land next to Colts Croft. They have agreed a deal with the Landowner and came to the meeting to talk about options. They stressed that they are very early in the process of looking at options for the sites, but at this stage they would be looking at developing the land next to Colts Croft and possibly entering in an exception scheme for affordable housing. With regard to the other fields, the owner of The Pheasant had expressed interested in purchasing some of Wrights Meadow (as had other parties) and there were other options such as community orchards, have the village take over Bull Meadow and use it for dog walkers and other such ideas. Mr Taylor will be working with the Harvey Family too. The Chair mentioned that all three sites had not been included in the selection of sites for the LDF which was acknowledge and which was why they were looking at the Exception Site Schemes. Cllr Wiseman commented that what is needed is quality house for older people to downsize to. The Colts Croft site is 2 acres and potentially 20 dwellings could be built there. The other two fields equate to 13 acres and for various reasons might not be suitable for any development. At present they have not approached SCDC. Cllr Smith commented that for a scheme of this type the Parish Council (and community) need to support it, it needs to be outside the village framework and those living there have to be well related to the Village. Cllr Smith said that if the Parish were to take over the other two fields, they would have to precept for that occurrence. The Parish Council spoke about holding a survey and meeting, Mr Taylor estimated that this might be approximately 9 months away. They thanked the Parish Council for their time and left the meeting at 8:00pm.

Cllr Smith spoke about the infrastructure workshops run by Stephen Kelly. The new LDF consultation will commence in November; this is a new layer of consultation. The headlines for new sites included environmental issues and affordability. The sites chosen thus far are on or very close to public transport links to main working areas, hence the sites on Cambridge fringes, Northstowe, Waterbeach and Bourn. There will be a minimum of 11600 additional houses and 380 in villages (with excellent transport connections). Cllr Hatt asked if those council houses with large gardens have additional houses build on their gardens. Cllr Smith said that this practice does happen. The housing stock is 6000 and 30-80 addition houses are provided a year via new builds or garages being knocked down and new houses built instead. If a house is sold (as like the one in the village) the money has to go into a housing revenue account for the maintenance of houses or the building of new ones. Cllr Smith said that Great and Little Chishill is totally unsustainable in terms of planning as there are no schools, very little employment opportunities and very poor transport links; you need a car to live here.

A question was asked about the planning process. The Parish Council sited several applications whereby the Parish Council felt completely ignored when they raised valid and serious concerns about potential development, which were relevant. We also feel there is no feedback to our valid comments and we feel we are not listened to. It was raised that there should be a minimum standard of plans in planning applications as some that have been received have been very poor. She said she pass on our comments because it was important we were listened too. At planning committee meetings, she encouraged councillors to attend to speak and make their concerns known.

The Council thanked Cllr Smith for attending and she left the meeting.

5. Correspondence Received (already circulated)

There were no further comments to the sheets which had been circulated.

6. Land in Village (Bull Meadow, Wrights Meadow and land next to Colts Croft) – Jacob Taylor / Matt Hare (Carter Jonas)

See public participation.

7. Planning

- LDF. The consultation will commence in November, the Clerk, when she receives the publicity will share it.
- Rectory Farm, Little Chishill Cllr Ridge spoke about his concerns about some of the permissive development on this site. The indoor riding school has yet to removed which was part of the planning permission. A run down barn in a field looks like it is being redeveloped without permission. The Council to contact planning.
- Bridgefoot Farm – Cllr Ridge spoke about concerns all the houses on the Bridgefoot. He has first-hand experience of flooding on this site, which the Parish Council raised and yet approval was given to the latest conversion.
- Campsite, Lynchets Farm. Cllr Hatt reported that there are some static caravans on site and it would appear that people live there permanently. The Council to contact Cllr McDonald who is in charge of County Farms as well as enforcement.

8. Highways – 10 Minutes

- Parking on Heydon Road. There is still building works on Heydon Road which adds extra vehicles parking on the road. The pub does not appear to be impacting Heydon Road too much, but we will carry this item forward to the next meeting.
- Outstanding highways issues in Great Chishill (path, white lining, drains). Cllr Wiseman commented that the drains are not running correctly on the B1039. Highways had said they had no money to finish the path (although there were white lines on it) and that they were phasing out white lines on some roads. The Clerk had written to say that Heydon Road is the dedicated emergency services route and should have lines reinstated. She had also asked about the pavement. She was disappointed not to have had a reply.
- Outstanding highways issues in Little Chishill. Cllr Ridge said the drains were half done, the manhole fixed but the bollards are in the incorrect place. He is meeting John O Brien to discuss
- Straw lorries from Langley are continuing to be a problem. There have been lots of emails about this subject. Using the evidence which Cllr Hatt produced the Chairman is to write an email to the MD of the power company explaining our predicament.
- Speeding – investigate possible 20mph limited in Hall Lane. As Cllr McDonald was not at the meeting, the Clerk will write to him to investigate this.
- Overhanging Branches / Hedges. Cllr Hatt showed some picture of some hedges and feels that people are letting them grow and intrude into the road. After a short discussion, Cllr Hatt will write a piece for the newsletter.

9. Lock-Up

The Chairman and Cllr Ridge to met up and discuss this.

10. Finance – 10 Minutes, Clerk

- Finance Sheets (already circulated). There no comments
- Cllr Hatt has made contact with someone who might do the base for the new bench. He will follow it up.

11. District and County Councillors Written Reports

Cllr McDonalds report follows.

12. To Accept Notices & Matters for the next Agenda

There being no further business to transact, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:58pm

Report for Parish Councils – October 2021.

Cambridgeshire County Report

The return of schools this term has, as expected, led to a rise in the number of positive cases amongst both pupils and staff. In Cambridgeshire, 31.5% of recorded COVID cases for the week ending 22 September were in the 10 to 14 age group. A further 11.1% were amongst those aged 15 to 19.

As a result, schools are working hard to balance safety with the need to ensure that children receive the education they deserve. All schools continue to ensure buildings are well ventilated and have enhanced cleaning regimes in place and children are encouraged to wash their hands well and regularly.

The rules around self-isolation changed last month and it is no longer a requirement for anyone who is under 18, or has had both doses of the vaccine, to self-isolate if they are a close contact of a positive case. Those who have not had both doses of the vaccine still need to self-isolate. It is therefore important that everyone who is eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine, takes up the offer.

Pupils with symptoms should not attend school, given the potential risk to others, and should get a PCR test as soon as possible. Headteachers can take the decision to refuse access to school to protect other pupils and staff from possible infection with COVID-19 if they consider the pupil has symptoms.

All education establishments will have contingency arrangements in place to deal with a significant increase in cases and they will work closely with the Local Authority to step up measures where they are needed. This may include reintroducing temporary measures, including the wearing of face coverings and individual classes being ring-fenced from other groups within the school in shared spaces. Where there are insufficient staff to safely operate the school, children may be temporarily moved to remote learning, but only as a last resort. Support is available for people who need it whilst self-isolating, including payments for those who will lose income and struggle financially. Parents are also able to claim financial support if they need to self-isolate as a result of a child having symptoms or testing positive.

For more information about this support, see the Council's website here:

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/selfisolationsupport

Covid 19 Testing

Residents are being advised that changes to lateral flow test collections from pharmacies come into force (Monday, 4 October).

Under the proposed change, people collecting a test from a pharmacy will be asked to register

Sawston Library

The reopening was on Saturday, October 2nd, with an official ribbon cutting ceremony at 10am. The building replaces the original Sawston Library regrettably lost to fire in 2012. The library opened for use last summer, but public celebration had been delayed due to Covid restrictions.

This new building has been designed as a community hub, housing other services including the relocated children's centre, multi-purpose spaces and an outdoor play area. The library is situated next to the Marven Centre, on the Sawston Village College site.