

Minutes of a meeting of GREAT AND LITTLE CHISHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Venue:	Village Hall
Date:	17 th October 2019
Time:	7:30pm
Chairman:	Cllr Dring
Parish Councillors:	Harrison, Ridge, Wiseman, Pine
Clerk / Proper Officer:	Sarah Scott
County Councillors:	
District Councillor:	Cllr Roberts
Members of the Public:	There were two members if the public present.
Start Time:	7:30

1. Apologies for Absence (and reasons)

Cllr Hatt – Previous Engagement
Cllr Clements – Previous Engagement
These were agreed 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 from the 12th September

The Council approved the draft minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting and the Chairman signed and dated them.

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.

Minute 10 was bought forward.

Cllr Roberts went through the process of registering the pub as a community asset. The Clerk had prepared and forwarded all the documentation to the council and it was agreed that the clerk would submit the application by midday on Friday (the next day) and the Parish Councillors should send over any comments prior to this. The Green Man at Thriplow was talked about as an example as to how a community can make a pub work. There had been a good response from organisations / parishioners offering their support to registering it as a community asset, which the Clerk had collated and added to the submission document. The package to be submitted would be:

The completed form
Supporting evidence (from Clubs, societies, business owners and Parishioners)
The PC's policy document which includes the Standing Orders
A photo montage of events held at The Pheasant

A discussion took place about the business rates and it is thought that the owners will stop paying business rates for three months, after that they will be recalculated based on the turn-over of the last three years and then they will have start to start being paid again. It was also mentioned that when you purchase a pub, you are buying a business and not a house and land. Any valuation will be based on the business and not the value of the building and land. Further discussions took place as to what could happen to the garden of the pub and also what might happen if a buyer is found and what the Parish Council could do if the pub is made a community asset.

The clerk will now look at registering other assets and has been talking to her contact at the Community Asset department.

5. Correspondence Received

Email from The Rector the regarding Church Clock
Email from a Parishioner regarding The Pheasant Public House and where to direct questions
Emails / phone calls / direct messages from a various Parishioners regarding The Pheasant Public House
Email from Robin Dibblee and Highways regarding the chalk pit clear-up
Email from a Parishioner about a proposed mobile communication mast
Email from a Parishioner about a new dog waste bin by the side of the playing fields

6. Planning

- Potential new mobile communication mast off Heydon Road
The Parish Council had received prior notice that Walden are looking at another site in the Village. Although on paper it looks okay, it is right on the boundary of property which seems unnecessary. Two Parishioners had written to express their concern. The Parish Council acknowledges their concerns.

- S/3330/19/FL – Two story side extension, 6 Plaistow Way. There were no objections.
- S/3345/19/PA – Two dwelling / houses, change of use of agricultural buildings, North Hall Farm. The Parish Council acknowledged this application.
- The Lock-up – The Parish Council acknowledged this application

Enforcement

14 Colts Croft
Heydon Road, Flint Wall

The Clerk had chased up the planning department regarding the two planning infringements. She had also sent photographs but regretfully, had not received a response. Cllr Roberts also commented that she had been chasing for us too.

7. Finance

Finance Sheets

These were signed by the Chairman. In line with the new financial regulations, the Vice Chairman check the sheets with the bank statements and also signed them as correct and tallying with one another.

New Financial Regulations

The clerk had circulated these and updated the Parish Councils Policy Document. The Chairman signed these off.

Chishill Charities

The Clerk is still working on closing this account with Black Rock Investments.

8. Highways

Council Topping was not present at the meeting, so there was nothing further to report, except to say that the Clerk and Cllr Topping had been chasing up highways on the outstanding works:

White Lines
Hall Lane Path Repairs
Hall Lane Path Replacement
Drains on Hall
Flooding on New Road
Trees on May Street

- Issue with Speed Humps on the road to the Village Hall
This is with the PFA / Village Committee
- Possible replacement of Speed Sign – Cllr Clements
Cllr Clements will report on this at the next meeting.
- Flint Cross junction
The Parish Council are waiting to hear from Barkway Parish Council.

9. Street Light Next to bus shelter

The Clerk has sorted out the energy supplier and has taken over the management of this.

10. The Pheasant Public House

See public participation.

11. Windmill Committee – Cllr Hatt

There was nothing to report on the Windmill.

12. The Church Clock

The Clerk had received a letter from the Rector and he confirmed that the clock is owned by the Church.

13. Lock-up

The Planning application is in and we await to see the outcome.

14. District and County Councillors Written Reports

Cllr Topping was not at the meeting.

Cllr Robert reported that there are major issues with the planning department. They are short staffed in the office and are losing staff (down approximate 1/3 in manpower). They have been using staff on temporary contracts which does not appear to be working. They are probably bringing in private consultants to carry out work the work, to which there is a concern, as they do not know the area or some of complexities associated with our villages. Stephen Kelly (Director of Planning) was not pleased to be questioned about this as he said it was operational. The District Council are getting hammered by the problems in Planning.

Marshalls could potentially move to Duxford. They are looking at three sites, Cranfield (which is deemed too far out), Wytton (the runway is in place but there issues with buildings), Duxford (the runway is not long enough but the IMP are keen to proceed). With Duxford there are lots of concerns from surrounding villages which include the A505 traffic congestion, air movement and the noise from engine testing. It is not known if the car franchises businesses would also move. The Mayor would prefer Marshalls to move to the Wytton site. There had been a meeting with concerned villages about this but Great Chishill had been left off. They will now be added.

15. To Accept Notices & Matters for the next Agenda

Speedwatch

The next meeting is on 14th November.