

## **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF GREAT AND LITTLE CHISHILL PARISH COUNCIL**

Venue: 17 Hall Lane  
Date: 17<sup>th</sup> September 2014  
Time: 7:30pm  
Chairman: Andrew Gardiner  
Parish Councillors: Murgatroyd, Ridge, Coney, Clements  
Clerk / Proper Officer: Sarah Scott  
Start Time: 19:28

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### **1. Apologies for Absence (and reasons)**

Cllr Harrison – Previous engagement  
Cllr Dring – Previous engagement  
There were both 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 of 16<sup>th</sup> July 2014**

These were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman as an accurate account of the meeting.

### **4. Public Participation**

There were no members of the public present.

### **5. Co-Option Neil Clements to the Parish Council**

The Clerk had heard back from the Returning Officer that there were no other applications received to fill the vacancy. It was proposed and resolved that Neil Clements be co-opted to the Parish Council.

### **6. Finance Report**

The Clerk took the Council through the pre-circulated finance sheets. These were formally approved and signed by the Chairman. There is a very healthy surplus and the Council has got money to spend if needed. Cllr Ridge mentioned that the French drain in Little Chishill might some money; St Swithun's will also need some sort of funding. The cricket pavilion clock needs fixing too.

The external auditors report has come back and the notice has been displayed in the notice board as is the requirement.

### **7. Village Hall Update**

The Clerk had spoken to Stuart Farrow. Anna Coney is still waiting to see the Constitution. Decision are being made about the floor and shed. There is a meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> September and the Chairman will try to attend.

## **8. Planning**

S/1867/14/PJ – North Hall Farm

The Parish Council had received a planning application for the change of use from agricultural buildings to house/dwellings. This was a scaled down version of the one received last year. The Council can pass comment in the application but as it was submitted as a 'prior approval for change of use' application, the Parish Council are not formally consulted. The Chairman and Clerk had looked at the application and the Clerk has spoken to Andrew Winter, the planning officer. The Clerk to write to formally object to the application as it does not seem to match the criteria of change use of redundant farm buildings in terms of infrastructure, transport etc.

The owner of North Hall Farm is due in court this Friday relating to the full time lets of his holiday lets. He has used 'Abuse of Process' and this will be heard at the hearing. The Clerk is in close contact with the enforcement officer and will be in touch to find out what happens.

S/1902/14/FL – Black Peak Solar Farm, Melbourn. Heydon Parish Council has recommended approval of this scheme. Melbourn will receive £750 per megawatt of power for 20 years, which will equate to just under £1m. The scheme will not be seen from Great Chishill.

Replanting – Heydon Road, contractors are quoting for the replanting scheme.

Cllr Hales spoke about the Local Development Plan (LDF). There were two formulas (Sedgefield and Liverpool) available to calculate the quota of houses required to fulfil a 5 year land requirement. It was then decided that the incorrect formula was used and there is a 1500 short fall in houses for the area. There were many building plots assessed for the LDF and they were graded as to their suitability. This is leaving areas that were not chosen for development in danger of being snapped up by developers and planning permission sought. The LDF is currently being evaluated and is with the inspector and will be approved in early 2015.

## **9. A Report on Speed Watch Activities**

Cllr Murgatroyd spoke about the recent activity whereby police came to New Road (based on Speed watch data). They caught several speeders as well as those not wearing seat belts and using a mobile phone.

Cllr Murgatroyd is getting quotes for a hi-tech speed camera.

## **10. Movement of National Speed Limited to 40mph from Windmill to Village**

The Clerk read out an email from the Police relating to the 40mph limit movement. She had forwarded the email to Highways who are yet to respond. The Parish Council is to push ahead with the public consultation (including bus companies).

## **11. A Report on the Windmill by the Windmill Charity**

A board which has come loose has been removed and a tarpaulin will be put on the mill at the weekend. It was reported that a beneficiary has asked what has happened to their donation as they noted that the windmill was in a sorry state of repairs. The Clerk to speak with Cllr Dring for an update and timescales of works.

## **12. Village Lock-up**

Cllr Coney will have a pre-app assessment done by the next meeting.

## **13. Welcome Leaflet**

The Melbourn Hub and a window cleaner will be added and then it will be printed and distributed.

## **14. Written Reports from the County and District Councillors**

From your County and District Councillors

Normally the councils slow down a bit over the summer but this year has been busy, on account of the continuing momentum of cuts (or savings, according to preferred institutional language). The county's new cross-party system means that all councillors are kept regularly involved and can find common sense consensus on key points early on in the process. However, virtually every service faces further reduction and looking to protect any single thing means compensating from elsewhere. For the Chishills, undoubtedly one of the most contentious areas will be winter gritting. Closure or drastic reduction in opening hours at recycling centres is another. The county's library service faces big cuts though it is now clear that Library Access Points like the one that has been protected via the Melbourn Community Hub will provide a model for continuation, not closure. Through the success of community hubs we are able to take stock of other services hubs can provide, like Citizens' Advice drop-in sessions - and argue where necessary for essential support. The CAB is at Melbourn on the first Monday and third Tuesday of the month, from 9:30-12:30. These advice sessions are free and don't require any advance booking.

A great deal of comparative, very localized, demographic information has been made publicly available at [www.localhealth.org.uk](http://www.localhealth.org.uk) – for example, income deprivation and child poverty indexes for Cambridgeshire villages. These provide a window on quality of life – and geographic disparities - around the county.

If you are interested in train services from Foxton, Shepreth or Meldreth, please come along to the Rail User Group meeting on September 24, 7:30, at Foxton Village Hall. The new train company, Govia, will be there, as will Network Rail, to answer any questions.

Our drop-in surgery continues on the first Monday of the month, 2:30-3:30, at the Melbourn Community Hub – across from the Melbourn High Street Car Park. Meanwhile, please don't hesitate to get in touch with either of us should you have any queries or concerns.

The Chairman spoke about the No 31 bus, in essence it looked like the same bus route at the same times and so thus saving no money. It was a shame as the Parish Council had put a considerably amount of effort into the bus consultation.

The Park and Ride – the Clerk had been at the Park and Ride on the day of the new £1 charges. She said that there was confusion as there was no-one or hand to help with the new machines and technology.

Cambridge Station will be facing a major redevelopment.

## **15. To Accept Notices & Matters for the next Agenda**

There were none.

The date for the next meeting will need to be rescheduled (post meeting note: the meeting date is 29<sup>th</sup> October.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21:11