

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GREAT AND LITTLE CHISHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Venue: Village Hall
Date: 14th September 2017
Time: 7:30pm
Acting Chairman: Simon Dring
Parish Councillors: Ridge, Pine, Loukes
Clerk / Proper Officer: Sarah Scott
Start Time: 7:30pm

1. Apologies for Absence (and reasons)

Clr Barrett – Previous commitment
Clr Hales – Previous commitment
Clr Topping – Previous Commitment
Clr Harrison – Previous commitment
Clr Clements – Previous commitment
Clr Coney - Unwell

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 20th July 2017

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

4. Co-option of Mrs Becky Pine

Becky Pine was co-opted to the Parish Council after it was unanimously agreed that she should become a Councillor. Clr Dring welcomed Clr Pine to the Parish Council.

5. Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

6. Finance

The Clerk took the council through the finance sheets which had been circulated. Clr Dring signed and dated a copy of the accounts.

The insurance quote from Came and Company for £1212 was approved and the Clerk will pay this.
Insurance quote £1167 Vs £1212.

There was a discussion about any future S106 monies and an idea for this expenditure could be the repair of pavements.

7. Planning

Bloomhall Developments. The Parish Council was pleased with the turnout at the public meeting. The Clerk had emailed Jason Frost straight after the meeting at the time of this Parish Council meeting, had not heard back.

White Horse Cottage, the Parish reviewed the plans and recommended approval of the works.

8. Security Questionnaires

The clerk had collated all the responses and will send this out. She will send them to Robin Dibblee too.

9. Windmill Trust

Work has started in earnest on the windmill. The Windmill Trust is now a charitable trust. Historic England have given a further £50k grant after more damaged was discovered. This will ensure that the structure is removed from the Heritage at Risk site and the weatherboards will be replaced. The sails are being stored in a barn locally. All in all, it was very positive news and the team are to be congratulated on all of their efforts.

10. Lock-up and Telephone Box

Liz Askham has purchased the paint but had not been able to start work this summer as planned. As soon as she can, she will commence the repainting of the phone box.

The Chairman was not present to report on the lock-up.

11. County and District Written Reports

August/September 2017

Report to Parish Councils from Peter Topping, County Councillor

Combined Authority

The Mayor and Combined Authority announced that the first tranche of 250 affordable homes to be built with money negotiated with the Government under devolution. This is the first of some 2,500 houses to be built – or work must have at least started – over the next three years. These are not houses to be built on new sites, they will be built on existing sites, but the govt money will be used to accelerate the building on sites which have stalled or are going slow. Further sites will be announced in the next few months. Many of these affordable houses will be in South Cambs, with a mix of social rent and shared ownership. I chaired a meeting bringing together planners and small and medium sized builders to see how they could be helped, as they often have better designs than the high volume national builders.

County Council general

Libraries

The service has had severe cuts since 2009 but is not intended for further challenges. It is considering:

1 delivering wider public service outcomes, with the library as the 'front door' for council services (and other services, not just public services).

2 allowing Library cardholders access outside staffed hours. Apparently many places already do this.

3 handing more libraries, especially the smallest ones, over to be run by the community (but with central support maintained).

4 being more imaginative in taking library services out to those in isolated places.

Trading Standards Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council are forming a joint Trading Standards service. South Cambridgeshire District Council Environmental Services has a Business Hub model which allows it to sell regulatory advice outside the administrative boundary.

One element of streamlining regulation in recent years has been that businesses can select one provider to supply equivalent services throughout the country, and South Cambs has been quite successful in securing what are known as Primary Authority contracts with several major businesses.

The Greater Cambridge Partnership is exploring Rural Travel Hubs. This initiative is timely given the challenges to rural bus services. The County Council has stepped in to keep running – at least for a year – most of the routes that Whippet could no longer continue commercially, including the 7A. I am investigating changes to school bus routes which have added many minutes to what should be short journeys to school.

The Department for Education has published eligibility criteria for parents of 3- and 4-year olds for 30 hours' childcare which went live nationally on 1st September. The government has information at <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>. The County Council has a Family Information Directory http://www5.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/site/custom_scripts/fid/fid_results.aspx?t=1&view=List with details of which providers will be offering 30 hours places, and information they have provided about their services from September 2017 onwards.

Cambridgeshire County Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council are working together on a six-month pilot from the beginning of August called HOOP (Housing Options for Older People). Those over 65 who want to take part can fill in a questionnaire, online or on paper, about their home and how it suits them. The answers help us put people in touch with local housing options (such as sheltered housing and extra care schemes), support services and community groups that can provide a mixture of practical support and advice – enabling people to make informed choices about their housing and wellbeing at an early stage. You can find out more here: <https://hoop.eac.org.uk/>

Highways Improvement Scheme

All the usual information on the Local Highway Improvement Initiative and the online application form, which remains largely unchanged from previous years, can be found here:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/improving-your-local-highway/> The deadline for LHI applications has been extended to 15th

October, following which you will be contacted to look at the feasibility of your application in more detail. Your final application will then be presented to the LHI Member Advisory Panel in February 2018. I have built up quite a bit of experience by supporting various bids over the years but any queries contact local.projects@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

The Economy & Environment Committee meeting on 10th August also launched the next Minerals & Waste Local Plan, which will be led by Peterborough City Council.

I chaired the Health & Well Being Board for Cambridgeshire, which is submitting the Better Care Fund bid to the Dept of Health this month. The bid includes a proposal to house local people with special needs currently being looked after in other parts of the country, to bring them closer to their families.

12. To Accept Notices & Matters for the next Agenda

There being no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 20:30.

The next meeting is on 12th October.