

MINUTES OF MEETING
Great and Little Chishill Parish Council

Venue: Village Hall
Date: Monday 10th October 2011
Time: 7:30pm

In Attendance

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| Chairman: | Andrew Gardiner |
| Parish Councillors: | Scott, Murgatroyd, Brearley, |
| District / County Councillors: | County Cllr van den Ven |
| Clerk / Proper Officer: | Sarah Scott |
| Members of the Public: | There were none. |

Actual Start Time: 19:30

1. Apologies for Absence and Reasons

Cllr Cartwright – Annual leave
Cllr Erskine – Annual leave
Cllr Dibblee – Prior engagement
District Councillor Barrett – previous commitment

All were accepted by the Parish Council

2. To Receive Any Declaration of Interests

- 2.1 Councillors to declare any personal interest in any items on the agenda. The Clerk declared an interest under planning as she sometimes works for the applicant at Milestone Farm.
- 2.2 Councillors to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interest in any items on the agenda and to inform the Chairman if they wish to speak on the matter during the public participation. There were none declared.

3. Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

4. To Approve Minutes of 6th September 2011

These were approved to be a true accurate account of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

5. Planning

s/0236/11 – 12 Maltings Lane – there were no objections and the Council recommended approval.

S/1637/11 – 7 May Street – there were no objections and the Council recommended approval. Cllr Brearley will visit the applicants to look at the trees and discuss their height.

ACTION

S/1798/11 – Milestone Farm – there were no objections and the Council recommended approval, but added that sympathetic hedge planting should be done to shield the new building from the road.

6. Finance

The Council went through the current finances. The following items are budgeted for future expense (ball park figures):

£1000 for tree works

£1000 for resurfacing the car park by the bus shelter

£2500 – clerks salary

£800 to repay / replace the noticeboard

£1000 for the entrance gates to the village

£500 for the Children’s Playground for grass cutting

£400 for the newsletter

7. Footpaths

The Clerk gave an overview of the positive meeting with Peter Gaskin. Money has been found to repair Chalky Walk and the Clerk to circulate the tender documentation. It was requested that the Clerk take before and after photographs.

Clerk

8. Highways

The Clerk had spoken with highways and the white lines will be fully restored.

The Clerk had spoken with Robin Truss and he is happy to assist with snow clearance this winter. She is emailing him with a plan of action.

9. Windmill

The Chairman had spoken to Corrie Newell about the windmill. Great Gransden has now been made surplus and they are holding a meeting tomorrow. Cllrs Murgatroyd and Brearley to attend this meeting. The Chairman is meeting with English Heritage on the 24th October and the Heritage Lottery Fund on 25th October. Cllr Scott asked if there were any unique features of the mill and the answer was no. If £30k can be found to make the windmill watertight, then the trust is triggered and is ready to take it on.

10. Car Park

The Clerk has three quotes ranging from £700 to £3.5k. She is still awaiting one other quote from a local contractor, she will chase this up and if it is not competitive will go with the £700 quote.

Clerk

11. Residents at Risk

Cllr Cartwright was not in attendance so there was nothing to report.

12. Neighbourhood Watch

The Clerk had spoken with Derek Smith. No-one has volunteered their services and it is generally felt that people look out for each other in a neighbourly way.

13. Speedwatch

Cllr Scott reported that they are still active. They are to be invited to the next meeting to discuss their findings and the way forward. They have had issues with one persistent motorist who is abusive and speeds up when speed watch is in action. It is known where this person lives and the police will be following this up.

14. ROSPA

The Clerk to attend the Children's Playground meeting next meeting and will report back.

15. Correspondence

All had been circulated.

16. Matters for Future Consideration

A discussion took place about the Village Hall Committee. They owe the Parish Council an update on the action plan and will be asked to come along to the next meeting. The Parish Council meeting will be moved back to the 21st and will start at 7:00 and they can pop in just before the start of their meeting.

County Councillor van de Ven asked that the Consultation relating to the bus subsidy was replied. The Clerk reported that she had filled this in and also sent it out for others to complete.

The pedestrian gates at Foxton are locked and it is extremely dangerous.

The County Council has ordered a blanket ban on any turbines on Council owned land. Primary Schools in South Cambridgeshire have had funding removed for the safe cycling scheme.

She thanked the Chairman for bringing his charity to her attention.

Community Transport has also taken a hit in all the cuts.

Cllr Murgatroyd spoke about the Chishill Charity. He will speak to Peter Wiseman to see if it might be an idea to wind the Trust up and let the Parish Council administer this (as they donate the funds to the trust). To be discussed at the next meeting.

Cllr Brearley asked if anyone had commented on the small caravan site in the village. The Clerk had not received any comments but Cllr Murgatroyd had. Cllr Scott pointed out that the landowner needs to grab every opportunity to make the farm work. He has planted hedging that will grow. He also said it was fantastic view for caravan owners to enjoy.

17. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on the 21st November at 7:00pm.

There were no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:41.