

MINUTES OF MEETING
Great and Little Chishill Parish Council

Venue: Village Hall
Date: Monday 21st November 2011
Time: 7:00pm

In Attendance

Chairman:	Andrew Gardiner
Parish Councillors:	Scott, Murgatroyd, Brearley, Cartwright, Erskine
District / County Councillors:	County Cllr van den Ven, Cllr Barrett
Clerk / Proper Officer:	Sarah Scott
Members of the Public:	Martin Gruselle, Geoff Crowther (part)

Actual Start Time: 19:04

1. Apologies for Absence and Reasons

Cllr Jose Hales – previous appointment - accepted
Cllr Ruth Dibblee – previous appointment - accepted

2. To Receive Any Declaration of Interests

- 2.1 Councillors to declare any personal interest in any items on the agenda. There were none declared.
- 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

Martin Gruselle and Geoff Crowther arrived at 7:16.

4. To Approve Minutes of 10th October 2011

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

5. Planning

S/2217/11 – 29 Heydon Road, Mr and Mrs and Dring – no objections.

S/2121/11 – 7 Maltings Lane, Mr Alan South – providing all neighbours have been consulted and Conservation Policies are adhered to, then there were no objections.

6. Speedwatch

Martin Gruselle gave an overview of the statistics which the Clerk circulated (appendum 1). In total 397 letters have been sent out to vehicle keepers in respect of those travelling 35mph or more. Of those 58 were from village, 185 from surrounding villages and 154 from other locations. All co-ordinators have been invited to attend a meeting on 13th December at the police HQ in Hinchinbrook; Cllr Scott will also go long. Geoff Crowther has drawn up a wish list which was discussed and the Clerk is to take this to highways and Cllr Scott to take this to his meeting. Cllr Scott asked about the audit that

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was to be undertaken which would 'rate' roads. The Clerk to follow this up. Martin Gruselle read out newly worded letters that are sent out to speeding offenders and he added that speeding was no worse or better than it had been in previous years. Cllr Erskine will put a piece in the newsletter.

Cllr Van de ven put a suggestion forward about a blanket 20mph limited in all villages. Cllr Scott had reservations and stated it may work if it was a national scheme with lot of publicity around it, he worried that a 20mph limited could encourage more aggressive driving and even overtaking in the village and that fact that a 30mph limit cannot be policed effectively, how will a 20mph limit be monitored. County Councillor van de Van is to do some research on this and see if any trials had been undertaken and report back. The Parish Council will wait for this before making any decisions. The chairman thanked Geoff and Martin and they left the meeting at 20.05.

20.05 Stuart Farrow arrives.

7. Windmill (this was discussed prior to Speed Watch)

The Chairman gave an overview of history and meetings with funders thus far. To gain funding from the Heritage Lottery there needs to be a level of social interaction with the project and next year they will have more funds available. The Chairman spoke about the timeframes and the fact that the applications need to be in by December to get an answer by March ie 3 month for round one. Meetings have been held with English Heritage and they have implied that they will act as a financial back up should other funds / money cannot be raised. The Chairman asked Cllr Brearley about the Articles and Memorandums of the Trust .

Cllr Brearley said the Trust was using a template recommended by SPAB and he would send a copy to the chairman for approval.

Cllr Brearley commented that at this stage a A & M was not necessary as the Trust did not have an annual turnover of the magnitude to require this action.

The application is know as a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) that can be extended if the annual turnover requires further registration.

Cllr Brearley suggested that if the chairman did not approve the form then he should suggest an alternative. The Chairman felt that the documents should also show a relationship to the Parish Council and the Community (similar to the Viillage Hall Trust). The Chairman also asked if the Trust had considered being a Company Limited by Guarantee so that the Trustees are not liable for any large debts, should things go wrong. This was not deemed necessary at the moment.

Cllr Brearley reported that a meeting of the Trustees has taken place on 17th November. The application form for funding is being completed by the Trustees and it will be passed to the Parish Council to overview it before submission. He said that he had an £85 donation from the members of SPAB. The website is currently getting 10-20 hits a day. He also spoke of the possibly of asking the County Council if the mill could be leased.** It was also reported that an educational film could to be made about the Windmill which will be circulated to schools and organisations to promote the windmill and its history. Other fundraising ideas / awareness were a mini fete to be held on site. It was asked if a museum could be housed in the windmill and in theory this was possible as long and as health and safety issues were overcome. After discussion it was felt a public meeting should be held to tell the Parish what the Trust is planning. County Councillor van de Ven wishes to attend the next Trustee's meeting on 12th December. The Trust will report to the Parish Council on their progress. As a side Geoff Crowther said that the grave of the little Boy who was killed by the windmill is in Great Chishill Churchyard. The Chairman thanked Cllr Brearley. The Clerk is to write to Nick Sweeney to give him an update.**The Clerk has written and opened an dialogue for the Trust to follow up on with regard to leasing the Mill.

8. Residents at Risk

Claire Bruin is away until the 5th December, but this is on-going. Letter heading is to be forwarded to Cllr Cartwright.

9. Children's Playground

The Clerk had spoken with Kathryn Farrow and they will come back to the Clerk with confirmation of Public Liability Insurance and also their decision regarding the skate park.

10. Finance

The Clerk had circulated the Income and Expenditure. Cllr Cartwright asked about the bank charges and the Clerk reported that these had remained consistent. The Clerk to make provision for a Jubilee Gift and investigate costs. The Clerk to prepare annual budget prior to the next meeting when the Precept will be set. Three cheques were signed, one for the Chishill Charity, one for childrens Christmas Party and the other for the Playground Committee for grass cutting.

Clerk

11. District and County Councillors Report

Cllr van den Ven spoke about the Bus Consultation for subsidised services. It was asked if the operators were canvassing / pushing the consultation and Stage Coach was, but this had caused some confusion with users. If the 31 was scrapped then the County Council would have to find some other way for school children to get to school. The Clerk had spoken with a bus driver and he said it was used regularly. She went on to talk about the Melbourn Hub that will be created on the old police station site. Melbourn Parish Council had borrowed £250k to create this and it will used as a library, access point for those without computers and even a Citizen's Advice self-service terminal and meeting rooms. 100 Houses Housing Association had bought the whole site and were building a community of 13 homes there. Cllr van de Ven also circulated some bicycle ride maps. Cllr Barrett spoke about the Green Bin maggot issue and some tests are being used using corn bags in the bottom of the bins. The Chair thanked Cllrs van den Ven and Barrett.

12. Correspondence

All ready circulated.

13. Chishill Charity

Sarah Scott has been appointed a Trustee to Chishill Charity.

14. Village Hall Update

Stuart Farrow represented the Village Hall and reported to the Parish Council. An Energy and facilities audit had been undertaken. The Clerk to circulate the report but in summary:

- The first option is the heating of and energy consumption of village hall, some of the recommendations were to double glaze the hall, insulate the roof, put in cavity wall insulation, an heat pump, solar panels and under floor heating
- Insert a French drain
- This had come about as the floor needs replacing as it cannot be sanded anymore. It has a life limit of 2 years absolute maximum.

Option two is to knock down the existing hall and replace it with a new facility. If this option is undertaken it is thought it could be done with complete funding through grants. There followed a discussion about the some of the emotions attached to the village hall.

Cllr Scott asked if the committee could get comparative quotes for both sets of work and asked if a needs assessment of the needs of the village / parishioners ie Youth Club Room, Parish Office for example.

The Village Hall Committee also stated that they need some new blood on the their committee. It was suggested that a skills set was ascertained then certain people might be approached in conjunction with a dedicated door drop to everyone in the village. The Clerk to assist with a flyer.

15. Matters for Future Consideration

Precept

Localism – neighbourhood plans

Elections – the Chair and Clerk to draft a piece

Planning / conservation issues

Section 106 / Raglan Homes

Meetings for 2012.

17. Next Meeting

24th January 2012

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:54.

Val Barrett said that the Orlando Singers are performing in Melbourn on 12th December.

APPENDUM 1

**GREAT CHISHILL SPEEDWATCH
Memorandum for Parish Council**

Activity in 2011

We held 13 sessions in entrance to the Playing Fields in Hall Lane and another 13 sessions at the entrance to The Pudgell in Barley Road.

All sessions were set up to check traffic speeds of vehicles travelling towards Saffron Walden and almost all were of 1½ hours duration held on Fridays between 4pm and 6.30pm.

In total 1122 vehicles were monitored at the Playing Fields of which 752 passed the Camera below 33mph (67%). At the Pudgell 1243 vehicles were monitored of which 788 passed the Camera below 33mph (63.4%).

The speed of those which registered on the Camera fell into the following (Cambs Police preferred) categories:

	Hall Lane		The Pudgell	
33 – 34	63	5.61%	40	10.06%
35 – 40	224	19.96%	245	19.71%
41 – 45	63	5.61%	67	5.39%
45 – 50	15	1.34%	14	1.13%
51 plus	5	0.45%	4	0.32%

Comparison with 2010

Attached is a Column Graph with the above data and that for 2010 set out in it. It is evident from this that there has been no significant reduction in the percentage of those who speed through the Village!!

Police enforcement

A total of 450 vehicles were monitored at 37mph and above (out of 2365) – 19.0%; the owners of these vehicles should have received letters from Cambridgeshire Constabulary. I have asked them to inform me before the meeting how many letters were in fact issued.

Martin Gruselle Speedwatch Co-ordinator 2011.

Great Chishill Speedwatch 2010 v 2011 Data

