

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**Great and Little Chishill Parish Council**

Venue: Village Hall  
Date: Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2012  
Time: 7:30pm

In Attendance

Chairman:	Andrew Gardiner
Parish Councillors:	Scott, Murgatroyd, Brearley, Cartwright, Erskine
District / County Councillors:	Cllr van de Ven Cllr Barrett
Clerk / Proper Officer:	Sarah Scott
Members of the Public:	Angela and Rod Coxall

Start Time 7:33

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

Jose Hales - previous commitment

**2. To Receive Any Declaration of Interests**

Councillors to declare any personal interest in any items on the agenda

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

**3. Public Participation**

To allow up to 10 minutes for any members of the public and Councillors declaring a prejudicial interest to address the meeting in relation to the business to be transacted at that meeting

**4. Approval of Minutes**

Meeting on 13th March 2012 - the minutes were signed as a true and accurate account of the meeting and duly signed by the Chairman.

## **5. To Discuss Planning Applications**

**5.1.** S/0614/12/FL - Flint Cross, jet wash. The Clerk to speak to the planning officer re clarification and report back

**5.2** S/0521/12/VC - Rabbit rescue. This was approved but the Parish Council in consultation with the Waller's Close residents, would like the extra occasional open hours to be between 9am and 5pm.

**5.3** S/0523/12/FL - Bridgefoot Farm. This was approved

**5.4** S/0737/12/FL – The Pudgell. This was approved

## **6. Future Structure of the Parish Council**

The Chairman reported that there would not be an election so the Parish Council needs to look to co-opt people onto it. Three people had come forward for co-option and they can be co-opted after 7<sup>th</sup> May 2012. Only one other person needs to be co-opted and the Council discussed a couple of people who might be interested. The Chairman to speak to them.

## **7. Finance**

The Clerk had circulated the year end spread sheet and took the Council through the finances which are in good order. She will put this onto the website.

## **8. Windmill**

Cllr Brearley had some comments on the previous minutes – see Addendum. He then gave an overview of Trust activities to date:

- Gill Crutchington is now the Secretary
- Cllr Brearley had undertaken a fundraising exercise asking for sponsorship on the Windmill website. They now have appointed Elizabeth Gandy as Sponsorship Manager.
- There had been a write-up in The Listings magazine
- There is current £2281 in the bank account and SPAB had offered the Trust £1000 for interim, essential repairs
- The Millwrights conference had been successful and 89 people had attended and this had put 'Great Chishill on the map'.
- The Trust is paying the Restoration Manager, Bob Tribble, to attend a training session on mill restoration

- The windmill has poor access and a small car park. The Trust is to see if they can rent some of the field below the windmill and erect picnic tables.
- As education programmes are key to the success of applications to funding bodies, the Trust is running a programme with Melbourn Village College to design the Trust a logo.
- The Trust is to cover up the contact details on the sign at the windmill. The Trust currently hold keys to the windmill and they will hand one to the Clerk for safe keeping.
- The sale of the windmill is progressing although there is a boundary dispute that the Council is dealing with. The Trust has done all it can on the procedure of the sale and is awaiting on the County.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Brearley and asked that it was formally minuted that he feels that what is being done is good news. County Councillor van den Ven commented on how inspirational and positive the Parish Council and Trust had been in handling this.

## **9. Jubilee Mugs**

The Clerk had ordered 100 mugs and there were approximately 85 children on the list that she had put together. Several members of the Parish Council then requested mugs for Grandchildren. These requests need to be looked into.

## **10. Speed Watch**

Cllr Scott reported that Speedwatch will continue but maybe not as frequently as in the past and the team are a little disillusioned by the lack of support by the Police. Speedwatch had proved (with their data capturing) that there is an issue and this is a speeding hot spot. The police do send out the police speeding van on occasion. But this does not stop repeat offenders. John Fuller, who has been very good, is retiring. At the recent panel meeting, Cllr Scott said the Parish, District and County Councils need to work together. Speed watch is a start point and not a solution. It was asked if Cllr Scott had any suggestions and he said he thought that a solution was in the form of technology. A mobile average speed camera with vehicle recognition shared with other Parishes might be one such solution. This way offenders would be fined. This seemed a good idea and is to be followed up by Cllr van de Ven.

## **11. Designated Roads**

New Road – the tarmac is breaking up where it was patched last year. The Clerk to contact highways. The pot holes had already been reported by the Clerk

Barley Road – it was reported that the new works carried out by North Herts County Council were akin to a motorway bridge. More seriously, trenches that ran either side of the road have been filled which causes the road to flood. The Clerk to write to her contact at North Herts and to copy South Cambs Highways as well.

In May Street there is rubbish being dumped in the lay-by. Thanks were passed to Michael Melville who frequently litter picks in the village.

## **12. Residents at Risk**

Cllr Cartwright has a meeting to speak with Louise Trennan. It was explained that the register is purely a list of consenting people who rely on carers to deliver medicines etc who can be checked upon in bad weather etc. Cllr Cartwright will report back to the Clerk.

## **13. Street Lights, Phone Box and Lock-Up**

As Cllr Dibblee was delayed in arriving at the meeting, there was nothing to report.

## **14. District and County Councillor's Report**

Cllr Barrett reported it could be her last meeting (because of elections) but hoped not. There are three parties standing for election on 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

Cllr van de Ven reported that the £5k allocated for minor highways improvements had been greatly oversubscribed.

The subsidised bus schedule could be changing as the operator had made changes to its commercial contracts and could pull out of subsidised routes.

It is unclear what money will be available next year when the 31 bus is pulled from the schedule and what solution will be put in its place. Cllr van de Ven has joined the Cambridge Future Government Transport Group.

She has also received letters of complaint about New Road and will follow these up.

Finally with regard to the Foxton Level Crossing, the MD of Network Rail is attending a meeting in Foxton village hall and changes at the crossing are afoot.

**15. Correspondence**

All had been circulated.

**16. Matters for Future Consideration**

The Chairman had been to a session on Neighbourhood Plans. He had been in contact with Keith Miles to ask about the villages doing their own plans and what level of detail / quality they have to be. There is something that the village will need consulting on when the time comes and something for all Parish Councillors to think about.

The Parish Council thanked Angela Coxall for all her help with Waller's Close residents. Both she and Janet Crouch had been selected by the Parish Council to attend a Jubilee event in the summer at Burleigh, where HM the Queen will be in attendance.

The Chairman said he was sorry to see some of valued Parish Councillors leaving.

**17. Next Meetings**

The Clerk will fix a meeting after the 7<sup>th</sup> May to co-opt the new Councillors and then the AGM/APM will take place.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:39 meeting

## ADDENDUM

It was Cllr Brearley's opinion that the previous minutes were misleading because of the following:

Cllr Brearley did not recall Cllr Scott asking for an action or five year plan in previous meetings. He had checked back on previous minutes.

Cllr Brearley believes that the Parish Council has been kept informed about the Windmill Trust's progress and information was not in short supply as he had copied all Parish Councillors with the Windmill Trust minutes.

The Chairman had also had three separate meetings with the Trust outside of Parish Council Meetings.

Cllr Brearley apologised that Cllr Scott had not received the Articles and Memorandum's prior to the last meeting. This was because of the accidental use of an incorrect email address. The rest of the Parish Council had received their copy.