

MINUTES OF MEETING
Great and Little Chishill Parish Council

Venue: Village Hall
Date: Tuesday 6th September 2011
Time: 7:30pm

In Attendance

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

Actual Start Time: 19:33

1. Apologies for Absence and Reasons

Cllr Cartwright – Family bereavement
Cllr Scott – Business commitment
Cllr Murgatroyd
District Councillor Hales – 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. There were none.
- 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 12th July 2011

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

5. Planning

Although there were no formal applications to be discussed the Clerk had been informed that the planning application for Maltings Lane which was discussed and approved by the Parish Council in January, will be formally passed for approval.

6. Finance

The Clerk took the Parish Council through the most recent spread sheets. Expenditure is as planned. The next instalment of the Precept is due in September. It was to be formally minuted that the accounts were reviewed and are in satisfactory and good order.

ACTION

7.	<p>Footpaths Chalky Walk – the Clerk and Peter and Lorraine Brand are to meet with Peter Gaskin on Friday to try and formalise a plan for improvement to this By-Way. If needed, Robin Truss is also on board to assist if needed.</p>	Clerk
8.	<p>Highways – village Gates</p>	Clerk
8.1	<p>Village Gates – the Parish Council has been added to an initiative whereby the Council could get the gates at a reduced rate (£1 per electors head). The Clerk has been liaising with Brian Stimpson on this.</p>	
8.2	<p>White lines – the Clerk had been liaising with highways over some of the missing white lines in the centre of the road. Highways are to report back.</p>	
9.	<p>Windmill</p>	
	<p>Cllr Brearley gave an overview of the progress of the mill to date. An excellent report had been written by Dave Pearce and Luke Bonwick. As well as a detailed report on the history of the mill, it gave details of phases of repair and indicative costings. Phase 1 to get the mill watertight would cost £30k, to get the mill to turn (and so aid preservation) would cost £64k and for a full restoration to get it working would cost £170K. If the Trust (that has been set up) were to obtain the mill with it being fully watertight (ie the County Council spending £30k to get it so) then the Trust estimates that by raising £2k-£3K per annum it can keep it watertight and keep it in good condition. On 3rd September 26 members of SPAB visited the mill among them being a lawyer, someone from Country Life and a representative from English Heritage. The Parish Council has been given more time from the County Council to enable the Trust to go to English Heritage and the Heritage Lottery Fund to see if grants might be forthcoming. Nick Sweeny is being kept up to speed on progress and is being very helpful. English Heritage were very helpful and will assist with the case building for any grant applications. If there was to be no dowry from the County Council, it could make it difficult for the Trust to take the mill on and it is thought it might be very difficult to sell the Mill with it being in a negative equity building. However if there were a buyer then the Trust would be a support group for any new owner. Cllr Dibblee asked who was involved with the Trust. Cllr Brearley reported that John Murgatroyd, Simon Oughton and Jeff Gill were to be the trustees. Cllr Dibblee thanked Cllr Brearley for all his good, hard work on the project to date.</p>	
10.	<p>Car Park</p>	Clerk
	<p>The Clerk had two quotes and is to speak to Mick Hicks to see if he would like to quote on the work.</p>	
11.	<p>Residents at Risk</p>	
	<p>Cllr Cartwright was not in attendance so there was nothing to report.</p>	
12.	<p>Winter Contingency</p>	Clerk
	<p>To clerk to formalise the agreement with Robin Truss about snow clearance in the winter and also speak with Michael Wiseman.</p>	
13.	<p>Neighbourhood Watch</p>	Clerk
	<p>The Clerk to speak to Derek Smith.</p>	
14.	<p>Speedwatch</p>	
	<p>Cllr Scott was not in attendance so there was nothing to report.</p>	

15. ROSPA

The Clerk to speak with Kathryn Farrow.

Clerk

16. Correspondence

All had been circulated.

17. Bins – a discussion took place about the bins. It was suggested that as the green bins have food in them (and get smelly and magotty), could they be emptied every week and, as typically the black bins now had very little in them, could they be emptied every 3 weeks. Cllr Barrett to look into this.

Cllr Barrett

There appears to be a dead Chestnut tree in May Street. The Clerk to ask the Tree Warden to investigate.

Clerk /
Warden

There is a pot hole forming in May Street – the Clerk to report it.

A member of the public (via Parish Councillors) asked about the Parish Council's stance on the CCTV cameras in Royston. There were a variety of different views / opinions but it was felt it was not something the Parish Council could take a stance on.

Cllr Van de Ven reported that cameras will be coming to Foxton level crossing due to some dangerous incidents.

The damaged Flint Cross has been reported and action should take place soon.

She also reported that she is trying to set up some car links to specific railway stations; there is a social need for this and for instance a shopping trip could be organised to Stevenage. Cllr Erskine to put this in the newsletter to see if there is a need for this service in the Chishills.

The number 31 bus is being reviewed. If it is scrapped then the County Council will make provision to allow post 16 children to get to college in Cambridge. The Chairman thanked our County and Districts Councillors.

18. Next Meeting 12 October 2011

There were no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:27.