

MINUTES OF MEETING
Great and Little Chishill Parish Council Meeting

Venue: Village Hall
Date: Tuesday 11th January 2011
Time: 7:30pm

In Attendance

Chairman:	Andrew Gardiner
Parish Councillors:	Cartwright, Scott, Erskine, Murgatroyd, Dibblee
Clerk / Proper Officer:	Sarah Scott
District Councillors:	Val Barrett, Jose Hales
Members of the Public:	Rosemary Livings, Derek Smith, Janet Smith, Graham Erskine,

Actual Start Time: 7:29

1. Apologies for Absence and Reasons

County Councillor Van de ven – family commitment (accepted)
Cllr Brearley – prior engagement (accepted)
Cllr Dibblee – family commitment (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

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 the meeting.

ACTION

Graham Erskine queried the amount of the proposed donation for the village hall as he thought they had a healthy bank account and a good regular income. The Chairman duly noted his comments and pointed out that the Parish Council are purely agreeing a budget for the next financial year in order to set the Precept; the Parish Council has the right to choose who and the amount of monies it wishes to pay out and these are always considered carefully.

Derek Smith spoke about Neighbourhood Watch. He reported that there had been no progress or response since the newsletter item. He went on to explain that it is an informal organisation and entails good neighbours who are eyes and ears on each road. Rosemary Livings also pointed out that if a village has this scheme, then insurance premiums in cases can be reduced. It was also pointed out that Neighbourhood has some very good literature and practical advice. The Clerk will make a page on the Parish Council website and upload information. Cllr Scott suggested it goes in the newsletter again, illustrating five key benefits and that also a slot is given each month for a 'Neighbourhood Watch, Tip of the Month'. It was also agreed that Neighbourhood Watch would be given a slot at the Annual Parish Meeting in May.

Clerk /
Rosemary LivingsCllr Erskine /
Derek Smith

19:39 – Graham Erskine leaves the meeting

4. To Approve Previous Minutes of 7th December 2010

4.1 It was agreed that these were a true and accurate records of events and were duly signed by the Chairman.

5. Youth Group

Cllr Ruth Dibblee reported prior to the meeting that £200 had been made from the Christmas Card delivery and this will go towards the skate park. The Clerk pointed out that the basketball hoop is still waiting to be re-erected. The Clerk had also had a conversation with Amanda Silvester asking how much the Parish Council would donate to the Youth Group. The Clerk explained that a budget figure would be allocated at this meeting and she would email the minutes as confirmation. The amount would not be less than £1000, but the Parish Council had to be mindful of proportionate donations to groups. With regard to funding, it will be March before there is any further news. Cllr Hales commented on how good the Youth Group is in the village.

Clerk

6. To Discuss Planning Applications

Cllr Scott gave an overview of a meeting that was held in Cambourne regarding planning and conversation. It was reported to have been a worthwhile and good meeting and it is hoped that there will be some improvements made. Comments were taken on board and all the issues were laid on the table. Some of the issues are not easy to solve but it is hoped progress will be made. There was a delay in communication after the meeting, but this is now resolved.

The Clerk reported that she had received the latest Electoral Role. She had some concerns as a building that was renovated for short term holiday lets at Rectory Farm, Little Chishill now had people registered on the Electoral Role. She had left a message with the owner of the building to ask for clarification, but had not heard back and she will chase this up.

Clerk

7. Finance

7.1 The Clerk had pre-circulated the latest financial data and reported that all accounts are in good shape.

7.2 Resolve requests for payment
The mandate for request of payments was signed by the Chairman and Cllr Murgatroyd.

7.3 Precept 2011/12
Cllr Jose Hales spoke about his concerns about the Precept going forward and intimated that having had conversations with Alex Collier (RFO at SCDC), the Precept that will be set tonight will most probably be capped for 2012/13.
The Chairman gave an overview of the proposed budgets for 2011/12. A discussion then took place as to if the Precept should stay the same or increase. It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr Murgatroyd that the Precept should raise from £22,248 to £22500 an increase of 1%.

7.4 Review of Clerks Salary
The Clerk and Cllr Scott left the room as the Clerks salary was reviewed. After the meeting the Chairman wrote to the Clerk informing her that the Parish Council had agreed to raise her salary to £430 per month, commencing in April 2011.

8. Footpaths

The Chairman reported that a working party will be put together once the weather has improved to lay plannings on Chalky Walk.

9. Highways

9.1 Winter Gritting
The Chairman reported that after a meeting and many emails, the Parish Council has secured permission to allow local farmers to undertake snow clearance. There is no change on policy regarding school bus routes and as such New Road will not be gritted. The Chairmen did feel that another review may well take place.
Cllr Erskine was asked by the residents of Little Chishill to convey their thanks as Little Chishill was gritted.

The Clerk advised the Parish Council that she is reporting pot holes as soon as she sees them

9.2 30MPH Sign
The Clerk had some costings from highways for erecting a gate at the windmill. The Parish Council asked the Clerk to organise this. They will review at a later date if gates should be erected on New Road.

10. Speed watch

10.1 Cllr Scott reported that his was unable to attend the meeting on 6th December but had chased John Fuller for meeting notes. He went on to talk about 'Radar Lux', a piece of equipment that records speeds of motor vehicles. It costs £3,000 to purchase and the Speed Watch team had asked if the Parish Council would be able to make a donation for it. It was felt that whilst collecting data is good, it was not a solution to speeding traffic. However Cllr Barrett suggested that it could be shared with other Parishes. It was felt that initially motorists would react to it, but would grow accustomed to it. Cllr Scott to response to Martin Gruselle. .

ACTION

Clerk

Cllr Scott

11.	Windmill	The Chairman reported that the Parish Council had been offered the Windmill for sale for £1.00. There are a number of options that the Parish Council can look at. Which are buying it for a £1 and then leasing it on a 99 year lease to some sort of specialist organisation who would maintain and restore it, set up a trust and obtain grants and funds for restoring it or tell the County Council we do not want it. Cllr Scott made the point that the current owners had mismanaged it for many years and if it were to stay with them, it would most probably continue to be mismanaged. The Chairman pointed out the windmill would be returned in the state of repair it is now, as there is no legal obligation to do any works on it. After discussion it was decided that it was paramount to ballot / consult with the people Great and Little Chishill, (as there had been already a couple of parishioners opposing the Parish Council taking this on). The Chairman and Clerk to work together to produce a ballot sheet with the appropriate narrative. The Green Box will be used to collate responses..	ACTION Cllr Scott
12.	Residences at Risk	Cllr Scott asked for clarification on the register, which Cllr Cartwright explained. It will be purely a list of those people in the village who have carers coming in regularly and it gives contact numbers in case of an emergency. Cllr Cartwright to progress this with Janet Crouch and Claire Bruin.	Cllr Cartwright
13.	Trees	The Clerk spoke about the quotes she had received and was given the go ahead to get the works done with the exception of the tree in Bull Meadow.	
14.	Parish Plan	There had been no response from the newsletter piece asking for assistance so this to be put on hold for the time being	Clerk
15.	County and District Councillors Report	The Clerk read out the County Councillors report. The District Councillors had nothing to add to this.	
16.	Correspondence	There was none.	
17.	Matters for Future Consideration	There was none.	
18.	Date of Next Meeting	8 th February, this meeting date may now change. Clerk to advise accordingly. There being no other notifyable business the Chairman closed the meeting at. 20:59	