

MINUTES OF MEETING
Great and Little Chishill Parish Council Meeting

Venue: Village Hall
Date: Monday 15th November 2010
Time: 7:30pm

In Attendance

Chairman:	Andrew Gardiner
Parish Councillors:	Cartwright, Scott, Erskine, Brearley, Murgatroyd, Dibblee
Clerk / Proper Officer:	Sarah Scott
County Councillor:	Susan van den Ven
District Councillors:	Val Barrett
Members of the Public:	Peter Wiseman, Derek Smith

Actual Start Time: 7:05

1. Apologies for Absence and Reasons

Jose Hales – prior engagement (accepted)
Cllr Brearley – prior engagement (accepted)

2. To Receive Any Declaration of Interests

2.1 Councillors to declare any personal interest in any items on the agenda. Every member of the Parish Council declared that they were friends with Mr Peter Wiseman and one of the planning applications related to him.

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. There was no public participation.

Mr Wiseman gave an overview of his planning application and explained how he and his brothers had investigated all avenues to which to convert the buildings and felt the least disruptive option was to convert them to dwellings.

4. To Approve Previous Minutes of 12th October 2010

4.1 It was agreed that these were a true and accurate record of events and were duly signed by the Chairman. Cllr Scott then pointed out that the Clerk had typed the word Pavilion instead of Village Hall at the end of the minutes.

ACTION

ACTION**5. Youth Group**

Cllr Dibblee reported that at the last minute the members of the Youth Group were unable to attend. She is to speak with Fred and Dan on Tuesday to chase this up. There was an air of disappointment about this and Cllr Scott pointed out that there needs to be some responsibility for the Skate Park and the survival of the Youth Group. Cllr van den Ven pointed out that most Youth Groups are actually run by adults and it maybe was daunting for them to take these projects on. Cllr Scott asked if the Youth Workers are trained in facilitating meetings. It was pointed out that the skate park is getting into a bad state of repair. Cllr Erskine had contacted Bourne Youth Club to ask about how they obtain grants. The discussion was concluded by offering the group another opportunity to speak at the next meeting.

Cllr Erskine /
Cllr Dibblee

6. Neighbourhood Watch

Derek Smith introduced himself to the meeting. He started by saying that Neighbourhood Watch is a sort of non-organisation in the village whereby in some areas it is self-running and everyone looks after each other, but it did need more volunteers for areas where this does not happen. Cllr Erskine said that she thought there was a band of volunteers to help with it, Derek said he would check with Rosemary Livings. Derek will write a piece for the newsletter for Cllr Erskine. Cllr Murgatroyd asked if Great Chishill needed Neighbourhood Watch and Cllr Erskine said she felt we did. The Chairman concluded by commenting that he hoped that the scheme progressed and looked forward to hearing how it progresses; he thanked Derek for coming to the meeting

The Parish Council agreed to pay £60 for the Neighbourhood Watch signs for the village.

7. To Discuss Planning Applications

S/1810/10 Bridgefoot Farm Kennels – the Parish Council has no objections to the physical appearance of the property, but still had issues as to if it was an agricultural plot or not. The Clerk will take this question to her meeting with planning on Thursday. She will circulate the answer and ask the Council to pass judgement via an email vote.

Clerk

S/1861/10 Mssrs P D E T Wiseman – after a discussion about the use of redundant farm buildings (these had not been used of 8 or 9 years) it was agreed that the Council had no objections to this application, but for the planning authority to be mindful of the planning process relating to redundant farm buildings building out of the Village Envelope and policies on affordable housing.

Clerk

S/1944/10 Mr and Mrs Scott – the Clerk to circulate and then the Parish Council will reconvene to discuss it.

8. Finance

8.1 The Clerk gave an overview of the bank accounts to date (already circulated). The mandates for payments were signed by the Chairman and Vice Chairman. A cheque was also raised for Derek Smith for the Neighbourhood Watch Signs.

8.2 The Clerk reminded the Council that the Precept discussion and ratification should take place at the next meeting in January 2011. She will circulate the budgets and any relevant documents. It was requested that the Clerk write to all village groups to ascertain their requirements for the next financial year.

Clerk

The Clerk asked Mr Wiseman if the account name for the Chishill Charity could be changed to just that (as opposed to Mrs Cynthia Buckland) - her reasoning for this was unanimously accepted.

9. Footpaths

The Clerk gave an overview of the meeting she had with Peter and Lorraine Brand regarding the repairs for Chalky Walk. Highways had offered planings and Peter Brand had graded the ruts and worked out how much would be needed. The next step is for the Clerk to write to any local farmers to ascertain if they might help with:

- a. Temporary storage of materials
- b. Assistance with laying the planings
- c. Clerk to see if a working party can also be got together to assist on this project

If this is not an option, then the Clerk will investigate costings for employing an individual / company to spread the materials

Clerk

10. Highways

10.1 A lengthy discussion was had about the continuing issue with New Road being pulled off the gritting schedule. The Clerk had made contact with some of the local press about following it up via the media if we need to. Cllr van den Ven suggested that a petition could be the way forward, as the argument of simply being a school bus route will not stack up. Questions were asked as to what a good number of signees were for a petition. The Clerk to speak to Meridian to ascertain the school bus route and to try and get a handle on the numbers of children involved, then a view will be taken as to if a petition is the best way forward in this instance.

Clerk

10.2 Barley Road - Gates to Village

The Clerk reported that she had chased this up with Karen Lunn, but she could apparently not offer any costings as she was snowed under with a back log of work. The Clerk was asked to contact her in six weeks (about now) and will chase this up.

Clerk

11. Speed watch

Cllr Scott had attended the last Police panel meeting and Great Chishill Speedwatch Group were singled out and congratulated. He is attending a meeting in Huntingdon on 9th December to talk with the police about speeding in villages and see if there is any new technology to try and eradicate the problem. Barkway and Barley are now looking at Speedwatch. Speedwatch has confirmed continuing speeding problems on the B1039.

Cllr Scott

12. Windmill

The Chairman reported that the windmill had been patched up. The Clerk and the Chairman had been to County Hall to discuss the windmill. The Windmill had now been made surplus to requirements. If the windmill were repaired it and that the annual running costs were not prohibitive (say £2k a year) then the windmill was probably best in the hands of the Parish Council – but there is a long process ahead before we get to that stage. The next step is for the County Council to get it valued.

13. Lock-Up

The Clerk is waiting for the third quote. If it is not forthcoming in 7 days then she will arrange for the works to be carried out straight away.

Clerk

