

MINUTES OF MEETING
Great and Little Chishill Parish Council Meeting

Venue: Village Hall
Date: Monday 8th 2010
Time: 7:30pm

In Attendance

Chairman:	Andrew Gardiner
Parish Councillors:	Cartwright, Scott, Dibblee
Clerk / Proper Officer:	Sarah Scott
County Councillor:	Susan van de Ven
District Councillor:	Val Barrett
Members of the Public:	Deborah Lauterpacht, Colin Aylott, Caroline Collings, Nicola Bates, Gareth Bates, Robin Truss, Norman Mardell, Ken Lawrence, Ben Cleghorn

Actual Start Time: 7:32

ACTION

1. Apologies for Absence and Reasons

District Cllr Guest
Cllrs Brearley and Murgatroyd– on holiday
Cllr Erskine – sent apologies after the meeting

2. To Receive Any Declaration of Interests (prejudicial or personal)

2.1 Councillors to declare any personal interest in any items on the agenda. There were no new declarations received.

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 received.

4. To Approve Previous Minutes

4.1 Cllr Cartwright wished to state that she could not support Paragraph 5.2 of the meeting minutes and felt the word 'unanimous' was too strong. Apart from this the minutes of the meeting from the 27th January 2010 were taken as read, confirmed as a true account of proceedings and signed and dated by the Chairman.

5. Planning Applications

5.1 S/1216/09/F – Mr Webb appeals process.

Clerk stated that any further comments were to be sent to the planning inspectorate in Bristol by 8th April (in triplicate). The Clerk to scan and circulate the Council's previous comments and circulate to the Parish Council.

Clerk

5.2 **S/1930/08/F – Rabbit Residence.**

The Chairman gave an overview of the Parish Council's decision and once again stated that they were not against the Rabbit Residence but were responding to consistent and substantive complaints from the neighbours of the Rabbit Residence. The council has not yet received the detailed planning report but as far as they were aware the application was not granted permanent permission but a two year temporary permission. The second issue is to ensure that communication between the residents and the Rabbit Residence is effective. To enable this, a viable, formal management group needs to be set up (this has been done) on it should sit a member of the Parish Council and a resident Wallers Close. The Clerk will represent the Parish Council and the Wallers Close member will be appointed at a later date. **Post meeting note – Wallers Close representative will be Mrs Angela Coxall** . Other minor amendments to the planning permission are thought to be that some clauses that were previously removed are to be reinstated and these will become apparent when the planning report is sent out. It is envisaged that any problems / complaints will be addressed quickly and hopefully the difficulties will alleviate. The Chairman asked for a timetable of meetings and asked if meetings would be minuted. The venue would most probably be in the Village Hall. Cllr Barrett commented that she thought this was a good outcome for all parties. Mr Aylott (representing the Rabbit Residence) said they wanted to improve communications and he was available to discuss issues as and when they arrive. He would try and have a meeting within 6 weeks. Mr Lawrence said that there is a sign that said no access beyond a certain point at the Rabbit Residence and asked how this could be on a right of way. A discussion with Ms Collings followed. Cllr Scott commented that this illustrated why it was necessary for the Parish Council and Wallers Close to be on the committee and the clarification of rights of way /access should be a topic for the next Rabbit Residence meeting. Mr Aylott stated that the truck that damaged and blocked Wallers Close was instructed not to go down to the Rabbit Residence and this should not happen again. Mr Mardell asked that Ms Collings please take more care when coming into and departing Wallers Close as he did not want to witness an accident. Ms Collings thanked Mr Mardell for his advice.

5. **Finance**

- 5.1 The Clerk gave an overview of the accounts to date and stated that the accounts are all in good order.
- 5.2 She went on to explain the payments since the last meeting were: Clerks salary for Jan / Feb (£724.60) newsletter (£46.45) and eon (£8.46).
- 5.3 The Clerk said that the request for payment did not include £700 to the PFA for grass cutting duties. It was proposed by Cllr Cartwright, Seconded by Cllr Dibblee and resolved to pay: Sarah Scott £362.30 (March salary), Berforts £45.46 (newsletter), Children's Playground Fund £100 (for Christmas party), PFA £700 (grass cutting).
- 5.4 Payments to the Parish Council were £176.73 (Vat reimbursement) and £2.50 from the Solicitors. The Clerk had chased up £185 for grit bin reimbursement.

ACTION**6. Website Update – www.greatchishillpc.com**

6.1 The Clerk explained that there had been one group meeting for the website and there would be a second for those who could not attend the first. She explained that all communication in and out is on the site. She had looked at the stats and the site is being well used. Cllr van de Ven asked if communication could be grouped in month order for simplicity. The Clerk to action. Cllr Cartwright asked if the link from the Village Website could be more prominent – the Clerk to contact Phil Maynard.

Clerk

Clerk

7. Footpaths

Kate Day had still not come back to the Parish Council since the meeting in November. The Clerk to forward all correspondence to Cllr van de Ven.

Clerk

8. Highways

The Clerk had circulated an email from Richard Preston regarding various issues including the use of resource and the 30mph sign being moved in lieu of the horse traffic. The Clerk is to request a site meeting as suggested in the email. A discussion then followed about the lack of funds and the state of the roads in our parish. The Clerk also spoke about the snow fall a few weeks back when the crossroad was dangerous and when she contacted highways she was told to call the police. Cllr Scott requested that Mr Cooper or some such person comes a Parish Council meeting in order that these issues can be addressed. Cllr Dibblee said getting to work had been very difficult as the roads were so icy and this could affect the economy as people either arrived late or not at all. She asked if the Clerk had heard back regarding Mr Knobel-Forbes request to receive data from the gritting lorries. The Clerk confirmed she had heard nothing. Cllr van de Ven said that the escalating costs of the guided bus scheme in Cambridge is sucking resources and is having a knock on effect on other budgets; Youth Services for instance are looking at a £700k cut in budget. It was decided that Cllr van de Ven will ask the Cabinet Minister for highways to attend a meeting and she concluded by saying that it really is at Parish Council level that the toughest questions are asked. Regarding the question that the Parish Council put to County Council Public Question Time this has been resubmitted and the Clerk will also submit a question about the gritting of Fowlmere Road in Heydon as a priority route (as it is the designated emergency services route to the Chishills, Heydon and Chrishall). Cllr Scott added that it cannot be too difficult for County to work out what the hot topics are and to address these he also stated that he hoped they do not use an election as an excuse for poor service.

Clerk

Cllr van de Ven

9. Windmill

The Chairman gave an overview of the meeting that was held at the windmill. The windmill needs substantial work doing to it and the County Council had a statutory obligation to ensure the work was completed. It was pointed out that the windmill was done-up less than 10 years ago, but not to a high standard hence the need to do all this further work. Cllr Scott asked if there was any come back on the previous contractor. The Parish Council can expect a written proposition to be in place by Mid-May. The Clerk to monitor this.

Clerk

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10.	<p>Community Award Scheme Cllr Dibblee said that there had been no further nominations. Cllr Scott suggested presenting an award to one of the nominees to create interest. The Awards will continue to be advertised in the Chishills Newsletter.</p>	Cllrs Dibblee / Erskine
11.	<p>Lock Up and Plaistow Ownership The Clerk had now received all the amended Land Registry records and so this was now complete.</p>	
12.	<p>Chalk Pit Cllr Scott updated the Parish Council on the history of this project. The next plan of action is for Charlie Shickell to undertake the audit of the trees and species. He also introduced Mr Robin Truss who is the new tenant to Lynchetts Farm.</p>	
13.	<p>Litter Pick-up Cllr Cartwright suggested that a Village Litter Pick took place before the grass starts to grow. For instance the field opposite Bull Meadow (behind Colts Croft) had bottles and cans in it. However it was pointed out that this was not the Parish Council's remit rather than the land owner. Cllr Scott suggested that as each Parish Councillor has specific areas of the village to monitor maybe they could check these for litter. The areas are: Cllr Cartwright - New Road, Cllr Scott - Heydon Road, Cllr Erskine - Little Chishill, Cllr Brearley - Hall Lane, Cllr Dibblee - Barley Road, Cllr Murgatroyd - May Street and Maltings Lane. The areas of responsibility are to be added to the website and also the newsletter.</p>	ALL Clerk Cllr Erskine
14.	<p>Residents at Risk Register Cllr Cartwright had contacted Age Concern about Data Protection issues and had not heard back. This is to be an agenda item for the next meeting.</p>	
15.	<p>Co-Ordination of Fundraising Projects The Clerk needs to follow this up and get a meeting together to discuss this with the Village Hall Committee, PFA, Children's Playground, Youth Group. The Clerk also needs to chase up the insurance documentation. Cllr Dibblee stated that the Youth Group want to raise their own funds and are looking to hold a village fete in June. This has been well received by other village groups and a planning meeting will take place soon.</p>	Clerk
16.	<p>Correspondence Comma – funds available for community projects. Cllr Scott will attend the next Youth Group meeting to discuss this. Cllr Dibblee took and read the consultation papers. The Chairman stated that the Parish Council had written in support of Mr Truss and his plans for a very small Caravan site at Lynchetts Farm. Sadly Mr Truss reported that the Caravan Club had written to say that there was opposition from Villagers and they could take it no further. He will hopefully try again and reapply.</p>	Cllr Scott

ACTION

17. Matters for Future Consideration

- 17.1 Cllr van de Ven said that the Melbourn Anti Social Behaviour Solving Problem Group would like to come to the Youth Group as it was such a good example of an initiative working well. Cllr Scott said that there were great differences between the issues facing Great Chishill and Melbourn. In Chishill generally, if a problem arises it is solved quite quickly, for instance the members of the Youth Group who were running around Wallers Close. They were spoken to and it has not happened again. Cllr Cartwright asked about the BMX track in Melbourn and Cllr Barratt stated it was still in the planning process.
- 17.2 Cllr Scott said that Speedwatch would be restarting and he will try and get one of the coordinators to come along to a meeting. Cllr Scott
- 17.3 Cllr Scott reported that the RoSPA inspection would be taking place in May and some thought needs to be given to the Skate Park area.
- 17.4 Cllr Scott had attended a Tree Warden Meeting the previous Saturday. The opening statement was to apologise for the venue but there are very little funds available. He said he knows we all have the message, and would request that all County / District Councillors please refrain from reiterating this as it is becoming increasing irritating. Cllr Barrett said she will pass this on. Cllr Barrett
- 17.5 Cllr Cartwright asked about the A505 improvements. It is promised that these will commence within the financial year ie sometime in March.
- 17.6 Cllr Dibblee suggested that the Lock up might be used as a paperback book swap shop. Cllr Scott said that money needs to be allocated to make it structurally sound and water tight and suggested maybe using the Church for this.
- 17.7 Cllr van de Ven spoke about the Melbourn library and thanked the Parish Council for putting the Story Time advert on the village website.

17. Date of Next Meeting – Please note there is one amendment (July meeting) to the list of dates that were previously circulated.

- Tuesday 13th April - meeting
- Wednesday 5th May – Parish Council AGM
- Friday 14th May – Annual Parish Meeting
- Monday 12th July – meeting –
- Wednesday 15th September – meeting
- Tuesday 12th October – meeting
- Thursday 25th November – meeting

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:53