

GREAT CHESTERFORD PARISH COUNCIL

*MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GREAT CHESTERFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2010 AT 7.30PM IN THE
COMMUNITY CENTRE, GREAT CHESTERFORD*

Present: Peter Fentem – Chairman
Tim Fowell
Sorrel Gordon-Foxwell

Elaine Culling – Clerk

1 member of the public

Action

10/14. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from **Cllr Rolfe, Cllr Redfern, Cllr Francis, Cllr Ross and Cllr Clark.**

10/15. Declaration of Interests

To receive any 'personal' or 'personal and prejudicial' interests relating to items on the agenda.

None declared.

10/16. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The Chairman signed the minutes of the meeting held on 20th January 2010 as a correct record of events.

10/17. Public Forum

There will be 15 minutes available for Public Forum, if required, and the opportunity for members of the public to register with the Chairman should they wish to speak on a particular agenda item.

No requests were made.

10/18. Planning

To consider any comments to be returned to Uttlesford District Council (UDC) on the following applications:

None received

UTT/1728/09/FUL: 5, London Road, Great Chesterford – Letter Circulated

To further discuss this application following receipt of the letter submitted to UDC

Although this planning application is still to be determined, it was noted that work had commenced on access to the plot from Station Road. It is unknown whether permission from the owners of Station Road has been obtained.

It was agreed that UDC be requested to take a firm response to any retrospective applications, for access from the London Road, should access from Station Road not be achieved. At the same time support for the comments made in the submitted letter will be given.

TF

Results

UTT/0038/10/AG. Erection of storage building.

Location. Field Farm, Field Farm Drive, Great Chesterford

Refused

A subsequent planning application has now been submitted which is very similar to the original. As there was no objection to the original application it was agreed not to comment.

UTT/1645/09/FUL. Two storey rear extension.

Location: 24, Pilgrim Close, Great Chesterford

Conditional Approval**Affordable Housing**

To receive an update regarding any progress in identifying a suitable site.

Possible sites, together with the owners, have been identified. To date though nothing more has been heard from Hastoe. **Cllr Fowell** agreed to follow this up. **TF**

Linton Wind Farm Inquiry – report circulated

It was noted that discussion of noise has been deferred until September.

The Stop Linton Wind Farm group is to fly their blimp on the 2nd/3rd March for the benefit of the inspectors.

Uttlesford Local Development Framework – Housing Options

To consider and agree the Council's response to this consultation

Concern was expressed over the circulation to residents of the flyer by UDC, as it arrived in an anonymous brown envelope addressed to 'The Occupier'. It is known that some residents have discarded it without opening as it was assumed to be junk mail.

In the original consultation the Council had stated its preference for Option 4.

It was agreed to continue in support of Option 4 although it will also be stated that the Council would prefer there to be no development. **TF**

It was recognised that there was a need to make clear to residents the implications of the alternative locations and to this end a newsletter for distribution had been prepared.

The **Clerk** will enquire whether this newsletter, along with the flyer for the Annual Village Meeting, can be distributed via The Walden Local. **Clerk**

10/19. Highways**Annual Parish Visit – 9 February 2010**

To receive a report of this visit and to note any actions to be taken as a consequence.

It was noted that the report did not include a number of outstanding issues and **Cllr Rolfe** has contacted Essex County Council Highways to discuss.

10/20. Recreation Ground**Skate Park**

To note the successful completion of this project.

Although the official opening was well attended and the ribbon cut, the accompanying display could not take place due to rain. It is hoped to re-arrange the display for later in the year.

It has been noted that a pool of water collects in one corner of the Skate Park and this is to be taken up with Maverick.

SGF

Multi-sports

To receive a progress report regarding the funding for improvements.

A meeting has been arranged to commence the 2nd stage of the application.

SGF/SR

10/21. Community Centre

To receive an update regarding possible changes in governance.

The **Chairman** reported that unfortunately there was nothing to say at this time.

10/22. Community Speed Watch

Notification has been received that a proposal is being put forward that would result in members of the scheme paying the costs of any corresponding police back office costs.

To discuss the implication of this in relation to the proposed scheme in Great Chesterford for which a grant has been secured.

Cllr Fowell had contacted **Essex County Cllr Chambers** in this matter and had been assured that there was no question of money being charged to pay for police back office costs.

Cllr Fowell will continue to pursue the establishment of the scheme in Great Chesterford with the appropriate police representative.

The Clerk will liaise with Essex County Council regarding the grant secured.

TF
Clerk**10/23. Afternoon Tea Sessions – report circulated**

To consider and agree whether the council will continue subsidising these sessions whilst alternative funding is sought.

It was agreed to underwrite these sessions for a further 3 months.

10/24. Proposed Changes to Public Rights of Way at Linton – report circulated

To agree any formal response to this consultation.

Information regarding the consultation has been placed on the website and circulated via googlegroups.

It was agreed that as there is not a published timescale to this consultation that the information also be placed in the next edition of the Broadsheet.

Any formal response by the Council will be based on comments received.

To nominate a councillor to take responsibility for monitoring the local rights of way.

Cllr Gordon-Foxwell and the **Clerk** agreed to share this task between them.

SGF/Clerk

10/25. Risk Assessment Review – Paper Circulated

This document was approved as circulated.

10/26. Annual Village Meeting

To discuss and agree the format for this year's meeting to be held on 24th March 2010.

It was agreed that the main item should be a presentation and discussion of the UDC housing options. **Cllr Redfern** will be asked to lead this item.

PF

Other topics to be covered will be the plans for the Multi-Sports and Play Area, Neighbourhood Watch, Youth Club and Afternoon Teas.

Absent members will be asked to suggest any additional items after which a draft flyer will be circulated for approval.

Clerk

10/27. Matters Arising/Items for Information**1. 10/06. Highways**

Cllr Rolfe to confirm letter sent regarding the council's view that traffic calming measures in the High Street were not necessary to support the 20mph limit.

Letter has been submitted.

2. 09/118. Planning (Abbotsfold)

Letter to the Director of Planning at UDC has now been submitted as agreed. No reply to date has been received.

3. Update on recruiting new councillor.

Nothing to report

4. 09/78. Public Forum – security of children on bridges at rec

An email has now been received from Essex County Council in which they state that additional support poles and clamps will be fitted to both of the footbridges.

In addition they are to replace the boards on the footbridge from Carmen Street and they will look into extending the handrails of the footbridge at the bottom of Meadow Road.

5. 09/58. Scout Hut Contract

Cllr Ross to report on progress.

Carried forward to the next meeting.

SR

6. 09/69. Planning: Earthworks at the Chesterford/Ickleton Border

To receive an update regarding the submission of a retrospective planning application.

A letter detailing this matter was submitted to Sir Alan Hazlehurst; in addition ECC and the Environment Agency were both contacted again.

A report has now been received that shows, as a result of the works, that land has indeed been raised beyond what it should be in the flood areas. It is also possible that the levels have been raised elsewhere.

Further investigations are due to be carried out.

7. 09/98. Matters for Further Discussion

Cllr Ross/Cllr Gordon-Foxwell to report back on any progress with regard to finding someone willing to take on responsibility for the village youth club.

It is understood that 2 residents have come forward who are willing to take on the running of the Youth club and it is hoped that it will re-open soon.

10/28. Matters for Further Discussion*

For Councillors to raise any items that may need to be discussed at a future meeting.

None

10/29. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Wednesday 14th April 2010 commencing at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.

Meeting Closed at 9.45pm

Signed (Chairman).....

Date: 14th April 2010