

GREAT CHESTERFORD PARISH COUNCIL

*MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GREAT CHESTERFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17TH JUNE 2009 AT 8.15PM IN THE
COMMUNITY CENTRE, GREAT CHESTERFORD*

Present: Peter Fentem – Chairman
Susan Ross
Howard Rolfe
Tim Fowell
Sorrel Gordon-Foxwell
Shirley Clark
Joanna Francis

Elaine Culling - Clerk

Ulrike Maccariello, Development manager at Hastoe Housing Association
Left at 8.10pm

Action

7.30pm. Ulrike Maccariello gave a short presentation to the Parish Council regarding the Hastoe Housing Association and how it would propose to work alongside the Parish Council to provide an affordable housing scheme in the village.
See Q&A paper attached.

AGENDA

09/53. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from **Cllr Redfern.**

09/54. Declaration of Interests

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

Cllr Rolfe declared himself a District Councillor for Uttlesford District Council and a trustee of the Community Centre.

Cllr Francis declared an interest in Item **09/60.Great Chesterford Steam-Up**

09/55. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The Chairman signed as a correct record of events the minutes of the meeting held on 20th May 2009

09/56. 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 members of the public present.

09/57. Planning

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

UTT/0603/09/FUL. Amendment to approved planning permission UTT/1364/95/FUL to include change of use from car parking to office space and changes to roof space of both Phases I and III offices with new basement area, total additional floor area 352m².
Location: Plextek Ltd, London Road, Great Chesterford.

The council does not object in principle although without access to the original plans it is not possible to confirm that the size is relative. In addition there are concerns regarding proximity to the River Cam that will need advice from the Environment Agency. The question will be asked whether this was the only side of the existing building considered for development. **TF**

In light of the Plextek 'Green Travel Policy' **Cllr Fowell** will explore the possibility of their funding a cycle path from the Wellcome Trust campus to Great Chesterford **TF**

The **Clerk** reported that an application for 5 London Road had been submitted with comments due by 07/07/09 according to the UDC website. As the next meeting of the Parish Council is after that date **Cllr Fowell** is to request an extension **TF**

Results

None

Linton Wind Farm

To receive any update and to discuss who will be able to attend the UDC meeting, to be held on the 23rd June, at which a decision regarding the turbine in Uttlesford will be made.

The officer recommendation is refusal on 3 counts, landscape, noise and aircraft radar. **Cllr Redfern** is to appear in her capacity as District Councillor and the **Chairman** agreed to appear on behalf of the Parish Council **PF**

Hexcel Composites Ltd

It is now known that South Cambridgeshire District Council has granted permission to Hexcel for the construction of a Carbon Fibre Precursor Plant and the storage of Acrylonitrile.

Affordable Housing

Following the presentation earlier to discuss and agree the next step.

The **Clerk** is to write a formal letter asking that Hastoe proceed and suggesting that they approach the surrounding land owners first regarding the possibility of a site. Names and contact details will be provided. **Clerk**

09/58. Recreation Ground

To receive any update on funding/fundraising

Skate Board area

Cllr Gordon-Foxwell reported that £2,200 had recently been awarded by the UDC Community Initiatives Fund.

In addition the outcome of a grant application to the ECC Youth Capital Fund, for £15,000, submitted by the Youth Club will be known soon.

It is hoped that in the case of there being excess funding for the Skate Park that it can be redirected to the Multi-Sports project.

Multi-sports

Cllr Gordon-Foxwell reported that £2,300 had recently been awarded by the UDC Community Initiatives Fund.

The National Lotteries site visit has now taken place and although there is a lot of work still to do the council has been appointed a mentor to guide it through the process.

Contracts for all users of the Rec

To receive an update on progress made.

Cllr Gordon-Foxwell reported that a draft contract between Spartak and the Parish Council was nearly ready and that once agreed would be used as a basis for all other contracts with the exception of the Scout Hut.

SGF/SR/Clerk

Cllr Ross reported that she had made contact with the Scout Master who is now working alongside a new person. They had suggested that the new contract be again for 25 years but with the new younger person. It was agreed to proceed on this basis and to employ a local law firm to draft the document

SR

09/59. Parish Plan

Following the news that Cllr Fowell may have identified a resident willing to take responsibility for producing a Parish Plan, to discuss and agree how best to proceed.

Cllr Fowell reported that the resident was no longer in a position to help. He will now approach someone else before handing this issue back to **Cllr Redfern**.

TF

09/60. Great Chesterford Steam-Up – Saturday 3rd October

To consider the request from the organisers to have use of Horse River Green and Coronation Green for this event.

It was agreed to grant permission and to ask that they advise the new owners of the house on Horse River Green.

Clerk

09/61. Membership of the Uttlesford Association of Local Councils

To discuss and agree whether to continue membership of this association which currently costs £25.

Constitutional aims are as follows:

- *To establish a two-way communication between local councils and Uttlesford District council and any other body in order that both parties have a better working relationship.*
- *To act for the mutual benefit of all local councils, putting united opinions and views to the officers and councillors of the U.D.C. on topics of general interest and concern*
- *To assist local councils in the performance of their duties, and promote a widespread interest in local government.*

It was agreed to continue membership for a further year.

Clerk

09/62. Matters Arising/Items for Information

1. *Update on recruiting new councillor.*

Nothing to report

2. **09/31. Planning**

The Chairman to report back regarding possible membership of the Wellcome Trust Community Liaison group.

A reply is still to be received. If not forthcoming the **Chairman** intends to pursue the request further up in the organisation.

PF

3. **08/92. Community Speed Watch Scheme**

The Clerk to report back on how the grant awarded is to be realised

Although the question has been asked, clarification is still awaited. Concern was raised over whether there will be a charge made by the police for the training

TF/Clerk

4. **09/48. Litter Pick**

Cllr Redfern to report on progress in arranging a date.

Still to be arranged.

JR

5. **09/50. Matters Arising**

Cllr Rolfe to report on parking issue in Carmel Street and letter received regarding highways issues.

Parking Issue – After consultation with the resident it has been agreed that a suitable letter be circulated to the residents of Carmel Street and that the possibility of erecting a sign be explored. The resident had wanted a driveway protection marking (white line) to be painted however it is now known that ECC will no longer provide these.

HR

Highways Issues – Clarification of the issues involved had now been obtained and involved the condition of the road outside Plextek, the finish underneath the new barrier on the B1383 and the poor condition of many of the pavements in the village, **Cllr Rolfe** had agreed with the resident to copy him in on all future correspondence regarding these matters.

HR

6. **09/50. Matters Arising**

Cllr Redfern to report on outcome of village school admissions appeal.

The Littlebury children have lost their appeal and will not be attending the village school. It is known that the sibling policy is to change next year and that this will disadvantage Chesterford children. It was agreed to invite the Head Teacher and Chairman of the School Governors to either the September or October meeting in order to discuss further.

SR

09/63. Matters for Further Discussion*/Items for information

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

Cllr Rolfe reported that he had been notified that the B184 was to be resurfaced in July.

The footpath at the top of the High Street, on the side of Chesterford House, was discussed. It is thought that this is included in the programme of works for this year. The need for a footpath on the other side of the road was acknowledged and it was agreed to request this formally with the view that it would be a cost saving exercise to complete them both at the same time.

HR

Cllr Francis has agreed to pursue the provision of allotments in the village. She has been informed that the new ones in Ickleton are privately run rather than Parish Council run and that the land involved was secured on a 40 year lease.

JF

Cllr Ross raised the issue of the potential footpath from Ash Green/Granta Close to the centre of the village. **Cllr Fowell** agreed to explore the ownership of the river bank.

TF

Cllr Fowell reported that he had received reports of drug use within the village. The **Clerk** added that she had left a message with the police but was still awaiting a call back.

Clerk

A letter had been received linking the part night scheme to a recent spate of break-ins/vandalism in the School Street area. It was agreed to ask the school for information regarding its security lighting before considering further.

SR

09/64. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Wednesday 22nd July at 7.30pm at the Community Centre.

Meeting Closed at 9.35pm

Signed (Chairman).....

Date: 22nd July 2009