

## GREAT CHESTERFORD PARISH COUNCIL

*MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GREAT CHESTERFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2007 AT 8PM IN THE  
COMMUNITY CENTRE, GREAT CHESTERFORD*

**Present:** Michelle Cookson – Chairman  
Peter Fentem  
Russell Pope  
Howard Rolfe  
Julie Redfern  
Tim Fowell

Elaine Culling - Clerk

Two members of the public

### Action

#### 07/14. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Susan Ross.

#### 07/15. Declaration of Interests

To receive any ‘personal’ or ‘personal and prejudicial’ interests relating to items on the agenda. No interests were declared.

#### 07/16. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The chairman signed as a correct record of events the minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2007.

#### 07/08. Planning

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

**Application No: UTT/0892/07/FUL.** Pitched roof to single storey extension.  
Insertion of 2 dormer windows to front elevation.

**Location:** 2, London Road, Great Chesterford.

**Support, providing the dormer windows are the same size as existing ones in neighbouring properties.**

TF

**Application No: UTT/0971/07/FUL&UTT/0972/07/LB.** Alterations and extensions to Copperfields and Wren Cottage. Demolition of outbuilding & flat roof extensions.

**Location:** Copperfields & Wren Cottage, Church Street, Great Chesterford.

**Support.**

TF

**Application No: UTT/0991/07/FUL.** Two storey/single storey rear extension.

**Location:** 5, St Johns Close, Great Chesterford.

**No objection.**

TF

**Application No: UTT/0992/07/FUL.** Proposed rear conservatory.

**Location:** 20, Pilgrim Close.

**No comment.**

**TF**

**Application No: UTT/1046/07/FUL.** Two storey side/rear extension and rear porch.

**Location:** 51, Jacksons Lane.

**No comment.**

**TF**

**Application No: UTT/1056/07/FUL.** Two storey side extension including integral garage and enclosed porch, alternative scheme to that approved under UTT/2018/06/FUL.

**Location:** Karu, School Street.

**No objection.**

**TF**

### **Proposed Wind Farm South West of Linton**

It is now known that a scoping opinion request has been submitted to South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) in respect of a wind farm to be sited south west of Linton. It would consist of 8 turbines, each 125 metres tall, and one of these turbines would be in the parish of Great Chesterford with the nearest residence 700 metres away. The company submitting the request intends to hold 2 open days in Linton village hall and might be willing to hold a similar event in Great Chesterford. As a result of this and other similar proposals, it is believed that SCDC plan to establish a Local Environment Committee.

The Parish Council has received from Enertrag UK Limited, the company putting forward the proposal, a copy of their Information and Consultation Document. In addition copies of various reports addressing the potential health effects of wind farms have been provided by concerned residents.

It was agreed that the circulation of this information to the residents of Great Chesterford should be supported, through both the Broadsheet and the website, and that the dates of the open days to be held in Linton should be publicised.

**EC**

In addition the Clerk will write a letter to Uttlesford District Council asking what role they intend to have, and to enquire how the people of Uttlesford will be able to express their views should a planning application be submitted. Their positive support of Great Chesterford being represented on the proposed SCDC Local Environment Committee will also be sought.

**EC**

### **Affordable Housing**

The Chairman gave a brief verbal report of the recent meeting of the Rural Excellence Programme for strategic Housing and Affordable Rural Housing. For a development to be genuinely affordable it has to contain shared equity properties in which up to 60% can be purchased. As the sites are outside of the development limit, they usually involve either the donation of land, or the purchase of land at agricultural prices. In Great Chesterford the land seen as ideal for such a development is beyond Ash Green on the B1383.

It is now known that the proposed new planning proposal, provided by Brian Christian which includes 'affordable housing' involves development of the nursery Site on London Road. This outline residential development consists of 25 properties,

of which 10 are classified 'affordable'. If they are not shared equity, but simply smaller/cheaper than the other houses, they will not satisfy the affordable criteria. It is also known that in previous proposals for this site, there have been problems regarding the access.

It was agreed that Julie Redfern would enquire of Brian Christian what was meant by 'affordable' and to check whether access to the site was now secured. Both Julie and Howard Rolfe will then discuss this proposal with the Uttlesford District Council Planning department in order to explore the possibility of ensuring that true 'affordable' housing is developed on this site, together with seeking some guidance on the sort of questions the Parish Council should be putting to the developer. **JR/HR**

The Chairman drew attention to the forthcoming Rural Housing Trust open day to be held at Bowker Close in Newport – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July, 10am to 5pm.

### **07/18. Part Night Scheme**

It was decided to proceed with including some of the Parish Council owned street lights in this scheme on the basis that they will be converted with a simple chip, and not part of the Telensa trial as previously understood. Howard Rolfe will write to Essex County Council Highways to advise them exactly which street lights to convert, to request that they go off at the later time of 1am and that the Essex County Council lights do the same. At the same time he will enquire whether the switches will be removed free of charge should the pilot scheme be abandoned. **HR**

### **07/19. Reports**

#### **Highways:**

**Station** – It is now known that as a result of the Mouchel Parkman Report a representative for Transport Regeneration has been appointed. There is a budget of £50,000 and a car park at Great Chesterford station is seen as a priority. It was agreed that the provision of 'real time' information should be pressed for as well. **HR**

The Chairman asked that Russell Pope inform those residents, who responded to the Parish Council questionnaire regarding rail transport, of this development and asked that a copy of the Mouchel Parkman Summary Report be placed on the village website. **RP/PF/EC**

**20 mph limit** - As a result of the request for a 20mph limit in the village, speed checks will be carried out in on various roads in the village.

#### **Open Spaces**

**Tree** – Following the suggestion by Uttlesford District Council to pollard the tree it was agreed to proceed with this option and obtain quotes accordingly. The Clerk reported that as pollarding could not be carried out until the autumn, it would be advisable to deal with any weak branches now. This was agreed **EC**

**Parking** – Tim Fowell is to seek another contractor for the tarmac work. **TF**

**Recreation Ground** – Report received.

**Path behind Play Area** – Tim Fowell agreed to talk to Tom Dazey about solving The flooding problem. **TF**

**CCTV** – Deferred until the next meeting. In the meantime the Clerk will obtain copies of the 2 quotes received. **EC**

**Youth Shelter** – Deferred until the next meeting.

**Communications & Flood Prevention**

Following very heavy rain last week, and the prospect of more rain to come, the Parish Council has received and stored 40 filled sandbags via the District Council. The Clerk reported that there had been problems with getting through to the Emergency Planning Department at Uttlesford District Council and the Chairman asked that this issue be raised in order to prevent any repetition. **PF**

**Neighbourhood Watch** – nothing to report.

**North Area Panel Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2007**

Three councillors attended this meeting. A presentation was given on Yellow Buses, however it was clear that they were not cost effective.

**07/12 Matters for Further Discussion**

None

**Meeting Closed at 10.30pm**

**Signed (Chairman).....**

**Date: 18<sup>th</sup> July 2007**