

GREAT CHESTERFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GREAT CHESTERFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 18TH JANUARY 2012 AT 7.30PM IN THE
COMMUNITY CENTRE, GREAT CHESTERFORD

Present: Joanna Francis - Chairman
Howard Rolfe
Sorrel Gordon-Foxwell
Sharon Tricerri

Elaine Culling – Clerk
Robert Chambers – Essex County Councillor
One member of the public

Action

12/01. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from **Cllr Redfern, Cllr Hall** and **Cllr Mughal**.

Since the December meeting **Cllr Fowell** has submitted his resignation with immediate effect.

12/02. Declaration of Interests

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

Cllr Rolfe declared himself as a member of Uttlesford District Council and the **Chairman** declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item **12/11. Community Centre 2012 Fund Raising Events**.

12/03. Minutes of the Last Meetings

The **Chairman** signed the minutes of the meeting held on 14th December 2011 as a correct record of events.

12/04. 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.

Robert Chambers was attending to provide an update regarding the issue of securing a 20mph limit within the village. Although a final decision is still awaited he wanted it to be noted that he was in full support of **Cllr Rolfe** and the Parish Council in this matter.

The member of the public present wished to speak on planning application **UTT/2425/11/FUL**, High Green, Rose Lane, Great Chesterford

12/05. Planning

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

UTT/2425/11/FUL. Conversion of existing garage to dependent annexe
Location. High Green, Rose Lane, Great Chesterford
No Objection

Clerk

Results

UTT/2013/11/FUL. Proposed erection of two new dwellings

Location. Land Adjacent to Carmel Street Chapel, Carmel Street, Great Chesterford

Refused: The development, by reason of the number, siting and size of dwellings, would result in the overdevelopment of the site. The limited private amenity space and inadequate parking provision would result in development that would adversely affect the residential amenities of future occupiers of the dwellings and would be harmful to highway safety through additional inappropriate parking causing obstruction and hazard to other road users, thereby undermining the principle of seeking to discourage on street parking in the locality. The proposal would therefore be contrary to policies GEN1, GEN2 and GEN8 of the Uttlesford Local Plan 2005 which require adequate parking provision for new development, for development to maintain road safety and that development provides an environment which meets the needs of all potential users.

12/06. Finance - report circulated

To receive and review the 3rd quarter management accounts

Reviewed and accepted

To note the schedule of cheque payments/receipts since publication of the previous agenda

Noted

12/07. Internal Auditor

Louise Luke was appointed as the Council's Internal Auditor for 2012.

12/08. The Essex County Council & Southend-on-Sea Borough Council Joint Waste Development Document – Preferred Approach (Nov 2011)

Cllr Rolfe attended a presentation regarding this matter during which, apart from one 'staging post' for waste which will be sited at Great Dunmow, refers to sites that are outside of the Uttlesford district.

Resolved that no comment be submitted.

12/09. The Veolia Draft Drought Management Plan 2011

The part of this consultation relevant to the Parish Council regards the communication of drought orders to the population and the council's use of water (which is minimal).

Resolved that no comment be submitted.

12/10. Tree planting for Diamond Jubilee

To consider the planting of a number of trees to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. (There is currently no budget for this item and a suitable location would need to be identified)

Resolved to plant one oak tree to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee to be financed from the Jubilee Fund budget.

Suggestions regarding a suitable site will be considered at the February meeting.

Clerk

12/11. Community Centre 2012 Fund Raising Events

With a prejudicial interest declared the Chairman left the meeting.

To elect a Chairman for this item

Cllr Rolfe was nominated as Chairman.

Proposed: Cllr Gordon-Foxwell. **Seconded:** Cllr Tricerri.

There were no other nominations.

Cllr Rolfe was duly elected Chairman.

To agree whether the Community Centre can have use of the Recreation Ground free of charge for certain fund raising events during the year to be agreed in advance

Resolved to refuse this request as it might lead to other organisations asking for similar dispensation.

With this item complete the **Chairman** was recalled to the meeting and resumed charge.

12/12. Chairman's Community Awards – report circulated

To agree whether to include a Chairman's Community Award as part of the Council's Community Engagement

Resolved to establish this award, which will be presented each year at the Annual Village Meeting as follows:

- Any resident will be able nominate a person for this award, the selection criteria being that the person nominated has made a major contribution to the village and its residents.
- The **Chairman** will decide on the recipient of the award unless compromised when the decision will be handed over to 2 fellow members of the Council.

12/13. Matters Arising/Items for Information1. **11/147. Winter Salt Bag Scheme**

To receive an update regarding volunteer numbers

Nothing to report

2. **11/85. Allotment Proposal**

On hold

3. **11/86. Pilgrim Close/Rookery Close Area**

Cllr Tricerri to report on progress with establishing a Community group

Although a number of residents expressed an interest in being part of this Community Group, it has not been possible to get them all together at a meeting. It was agreed to try one more time.

ST

4. **11/65. Recreation Ground**

Flood Defences - Clerk to provide an update on the condition of the flood defence ditches.

Work still remains outstanding on the Hyll Close side of the ditch which is the responsibility of Uttlesford District Council.

Clerk

Bowls Club/Scout Hut Leases – Cllr Hall to provide an update.

Nothing to report.

DH

- 5. **10/22. Community Speed Watch**
Cllr Fowell to provide any update.

Although **Cllr Fowell** had now stepped down from the Council he remains willing to lead this initiative although a suitable date for training purposes is still awaited. **Cllr Rolfe** agreed to contact the police in this matter. **HR**

- 6. **10/79. Matters for Further Discussion - 20mph limit**
Cllr Rolfe to provide any update

Refer to the Public Forum. **HR**

12/14. Matters for Further Discussion

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

With no further contact from the police regarding continuation of the Neighbourhood Action Panels in the village **Cllr Gordon-Foxwell** will invite them to attend the Annual Village Meeting.

The **Chairman** informed the meeting that in addition to continuing with Neighbourhood Speed Watch Tim Fowell was happy to also take responsibility for starting the Neighbourhood Plan.

The **Chairman, Cllr Rolfe** and **Cllr Redfern** all expect to attend the forthcoming North Area Forum to be held on the 1st March.

The need for more residents to come forward and join the Council was discussed.

12/15. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Wednesday 22nd February 2012 commencing at 7.30pm in the Sports Lounge at the Community Centre

Meeting Closed at 21.12pm

Signed (Chairman).....

Date: 22nd February 2012