

## GREAT CHESTERFORD PARISH COUNCIL

### *MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GREAT CHESTERFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY APRIL 9<sup>th</sup> 2014 AT 7:30PM IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, GREAT CHESTERFORD*

**Present:** Gareth Bevens  
Sharon Tricerri  
Julie Redfern

Howard Rolfe  
Tom Newcombe  
David Hall

Alan Cattley – Clerk  
6 members of the public.

#### **14/051. To elect a Chairman for the meeting**

Cllr. Hall was elected.

#### **14/052. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies from Cllrs. Gregory and Rowan were received and accepted.

#### **14/053. Declaration of Interests**

Cllrs. Rolfe and Redfern declared themselves as members of Uttlesford District Council.

Cllr. Hall declared himself as owner of Hall Garden

Cllr. Redfern declared herself a relative of the applicant in Planning Application UTT/14/0866/HHF

#### **14/054. Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The Chairman signed as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

#### **14/055. Public Forum**

A resident commented that they had been unable to see plans for the new footpath on Horse River Green and, while they agreed that a new path was necessary they would have preferred to be consulted before work began. It was commented that the removal of five trees would reduce the ability of the ground to retain moisture and it was asked whether the trees would be replaced.

Cllr. Tricerri explained that the felled trees were either dead or diseased and had been felled on the advice of a professional tree surgeon. Replacement trees would be chosen following advice from Essex County Council. It was understood that ECC's advice was to defer planting until early September.

It was requested by residents that species with a smaller habit be chosen in order to minimise shading of adjacent properties.

Cllr. Redfern suggested that UDC's tree officer Ben Smeedon would also be a useful source of advice and that Barcham Trees offered discounts for public bodies.

Reseeding of the disturbed areas would take place soon.

#### **14/056. Planning**

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

**UTT/14/0866/HHF.** Erection of single storey rear and first floor rear extensions.

**Location:** Fairview Carmen Street Great Chesterford Saffron Walden Essex CB10 1NR

**Resolved: To submit No Objection.**

**14/057. Finance**

Owing to an oversight the schedule of receipts and payments had not been circulated before the meeting. No comment was therefore possible, but copies would be circulated to allow comment at the next meeting.

It was resolved to add Cllr. Tricerri to the list of signatories to the bank accounts.

It was resolved to allow cheques to be issued with one signature following changes in legislation which now allowed this.

Funding was approved for new planting in Hall Gardens to an expected value of £130.

**14/058. Annual Village Meeting.**

Cllr. Hall agreed to draft an agenda.

Cllr Redfern would source a projector and refreshments.

The clerk would obtain microphones and produce the Chairman's Award certificate.

It was suggested that Rutters be approached to supply publicity signs.

**14/059. Chairman's Award**

It was agreed that this year's award go to Joanna Francis

**14/060. Revised Standing Orders**

It was agreed that councillors would review these outside the meeting and submit comments for discussion at the next meeting.

**14/061. Items for Information****1. 13/30 Proposed Cycle Path**

The feasibility study had now been undertaken. Cllr. Bevens would be attending an update meeting. We were working with Access Walden to try to accelerate the process. It is understood that the cost would be in the area of £400k before any land acquisition costs.

**14/062. Matters for further discussion.**

It was understood that the lease for the Village Shop was in the hands of lawyers and that an outcome could be expected soon.

Cllr. Redfern would try to see what could be done to ensure continuity of Post Office provision.

Cllr. Tricerri would investigate the possibilities for improving the appearance of Fagg End.

Cllr. Hall would contact Joanna Francis about arrangements for reseeded Horse River Green.

Cllr. Hall suggested that thanks be given to Joanna Francis for agreeing to speak at the New World Timber planning meeting.

Cllr. Bevens would investigate the possibility of obtaining ECC permission to plant poppies on the road verges to mark the WW1 anniversary.

It was noted that there was potentially harmful ivy growth on trees on the rec. Cllr. Tricerri will obtain estimates for its removal.

Cllr. Newcombe would attempt to ascertain who had responsibility for the maintenance of Station Approach.

**14/063. Date of Next Meeting.**

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at 7:30pm in the Sports Lounge at the Community Centre

**Meeting Closed at 9:50pm**

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

**Date: 14<sup>th</sup> May 2014**