

## GREAT CHESTERFORD PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GREAT CHESTERFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> 2015 AT 7:30PM IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, GREAT CHESTERFORD

**Present:** Gareth Bevens  
Sharon Tricerri  
Collette Altaparmakova  
Simon Witney  
Neil Gregory  
Alan Cattley – Clerk  
2 members of the public.

#### 15/117. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs. Rowan, Hall, Redfern and Newcombe.

#### 15/118. Declarations of Interest

None.

#### 15/119 Public Forum

It was suggested that the PC had been misled about access to the development to the Stanley road site as refusal of access would not have precluded development.

The PC would be receiving an email concerning lampposts overhanging trees.

#### 15/120 Planning

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

**UTT/15/2461** Proposed two storey side/rear extension and single storey front and rear extensions.  
**Location:** 37 Jacksons Lane Great Chesterford Saffron Walden Essex CB10 1PT  
**Resolved:** To submit No Comment

#### 15/121 Uttlesford Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment.

*To consider a response to UDC's request for comments on proposed methodology changes.*

It was resolved to defer a response until all councillors had been able to review the document.  
The clerk was asked to circulate copies.

#### 15/122 Outdoor Gym Equipment

*To consider the provision of outdoor gym equipment on the recreation ground.*

It was noted that quotes had been received of up to approximately £20,000.  
The idea was agreed in principle, although it was suggested that the council make a reservation for part of the cost and seek funding for the balance. It was proposed that a survey be undertaken to establish the demand for such a facility and Cllr. Witney would investigate possible sources of funding.

#### 15/123 UTT/15/0643/DFO Bartholomew Close

*To appoint a representative to speak at the UDC Planning Committee meeting on September 16<sup>th</sup> in respect of the above application.*

Cllr. Gregory agreed to speak subject to his availability on the day; Cllr. Altaparmakova agreed to step in if required. Andy Leclerq and Victoria Choat were asked to provide speaking notes.

**15/124 Uttlesford Local Plan**

*To consider a response to the initial statement.*

It was agreed to ask Gabrielle Rowan to draft a response on behalf of the PC and submit an invoice for the work.

**15/125 Neighbourhood Plan.**

It was commented that Neighbourhood Plans were becoming an increasingly significant part of the planning process.

Cllr. Gregory and the clerk had attended a short briefing about the Wellcome Trust’s plans for expansion and it was clear that there was a significant amount of development planned which could include up to 1200 houses.

A response to the FOI request of UDC was still awaited.

**15/126 Finance**

To note receipts and payments made since last meeting.

These were noted without comment.

**15/127 Matters for further discussion.**

It was noted that no response had been received in respect of the allotment land. It was suggested that the PC should write to UDC requesting that the transfer of ownership should proceed.

It was suggested that a constitution for an allotment users’ group be drafted for approval by the PC. It was noted that the UDC grant has officially expired and an extension has been requested. The Community Initiatives Fund grant remains valid until March 2016.

It was observed that the Walden Road cycle path was now open.

Michelle Wisbey of Little Sampford Nursery has agreed to speak at the next PC meeting to outline draft plans for possible nursery provision on the community land.

The swings are to be replaced in September.

**15/128 Date of Next Meeting.**

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 7:30 in the Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 8:30pm

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

**Date: 14<sup>th</sup> October 2015**