

GREAT CHESTERFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GREAT CHESTERFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 10TH 2014 AT 7:30PM IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, GREAT CHESTERFORD

Present: Tom Newcombe
Gareth Bevens
Neil Gregory (From 8:30)
Sharon Tricerri
David Hall

Matt Rowan
Howard Rolfe
Julie Redfern
Simon Witney

Alan Cattley – Clerk

One member of the public.

14/141. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for an expected late arrival were received from Cllr. Gregory. As Vice-chairman, Cllr. Rowan took the chair for the meeting.

14/142. Declaration of Interests

Cllrs. Redfern and Rolfe declared themselves as members of Uttlesford District Council.
Cllr. Redfern declared an interest in agenda item **14/150** as owner of an adjoining property.

14/143. Minutes of the Last Meetings

The minutes of the meeting on 13th August were approved as signed as a correct record of events.

14/144. Public Forum

Comments included as part of minute **14/145**.

14/145. Planning

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

UTT/14/2569/FUL . Alterations to access points and site walling, including: partial demolition of wall; replacement of fencing with walling; replacement of access gates, and works to pedestrian access including path, patio and levelling.

Location: Great Chesterford Primary Academy School Street Great Chesterford Saffron Walden Essex CB10 1NN

Resolved: Strong support.

It was asked whether the recently introduced parking restrictions outside the school would still be enforceable without the presence of the signs which were thought to be visually obtrusive and out of character with the street. Cllr. Bevens to ask ECC Highways.

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UTT/14/2383/HHF Proposed front (garage) and rear single-storey extensions.

Location: 4 Ash Green Great Chesterford Saffron Walden Essex CB10 1QR

Resolved: No objection.

A discussion took place concerning planning application UTT/14/0425/OP (land off Bartholomew Close). Concern was expressed that the width of the access would not be sufficient for the projected volume of usage, and that if it were opened up as a through road usage would probably not be restricted to residents of the houses.

Cllr. Redfern would be attending the UDC Planning Committee meeting.

14/146. Finance

The receipts and payments were noted without comment.

Budget holders were asked to prepare brief written reports for consideration at the October meeting, along with the half year's financial report.

The review of the asset register was still awaited.

14/147. Steamup.

Permission to use Council land was confirmed.

14/148. Rose Lane Land Registry Application

Although no objection was raised in principle, the Clerk was asked to confirm that the Land Registry had evidence of the applicant's entitlement to register. **AC**

14/149. Football pitches on the Recreation Ground

As one of the senior teams had folded since the last meeting, there was no longer a need for an extra pitch. It had been agreed that the junior club could mark their pitch within the adults' pitch.

14/150. Road markings.

It was pointed out that in addition to markings to discourage parking outside Garden Cottage and Littlemead there was also a perceived need for similar opposite the *cul de sac* in Carmel Street.

Cllr Rolfe agreed to progress requests already made to Essex C.C., after which Cllr. Bevens would assume responsibility. In view of possible consequences to parking outside neighbouring properties, it was agreed to defer a decision until a proper study could be made.

14/151. Sale of the Shop.

It was confirmed that the Parish Council does not intend to exercise the option to bid for the shop as provided in the legislation regarding an Asset of Community Value.

14/152. Sewage on the Recreation Ground.

It was resolved to request a brief report from the Flood Officer, and to register a formal complaint with Anglian Water. **AC**

14/153. Ditch clearance.

It was resolved to draft a letter to landowners outlining their responsibilities and to appoint contractors to undertake the necessary remedial work. **MR**

14/154. Community Land.

It was reported that UDC had requested that the land be ploughed and sown to grass with an intention to hand over to the PC next spring.

14/155. Matters for further discussion.

Cllr. Tricerri reported that it was intended to plant replacement trees on Horse River Green after the SteamUp and the tree on Coronation Green was to be trimmed.

The village sign was still in need of maintenance.

It was reported that problems with communications between the local Speedwatch and the Police had now been resolved

The cycle path project has a strategy in place, but is on indefinite hold until funding becomes available and is in competition with other projects for funding.

It was requested that moderation criteria for the village Google group be discussed at the next meeting.

14/156 Date of Next Meeting.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Wednesday 8th October at 7:30pm in the Community Centre

The meeting closed at 9:40pm

Signed (Chairman).....

Date: 8th October 2014