

GREAT CHESTERFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GREAT CHESTERFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 11th 2013 AT 7:30PM IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, GREAT CHESTERFORD

Present: Matt Rowan
Joanna Francis
Gareth Bevens
Sharon Triccerri
Julie Williams

Howard Rolfe
Neil Gregory
David Hall
Julie Redfern

Alan Cattley – Clerk
Two members of the public.

13/147. Apologies for Absence

None.

13/148. Declaration of Interests

To receive any 'personal' or 'personal and prejudicial' interests relating to items on the agenda.
Cllrs. Rolfe and Redfern declared themselves as members of Uttlesford District Council.
Cllr. Gregory declared himself a parent of a member of the Scouts.

13/149. Minutes of the Last Meetings

The Chairman signed the minutes of the meeting held on August 14th 2013 as a correct record of events.

13/150. Public Forum

Agenda item 13/155 was taken at this point to allow the members of public with interests to hear the discussion and then leave the meeting.

13/151. Planning

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

Ref. No: UTT/13/2182/HHF Remove and replace wall to front of property, shortening length to enlarge driveway opening.

Location: Manor Mead High Street Great Chesterford Saffron Walden Essex CB10 1PL

Resolved: To submit no objection

Ref. No: UTT/13/2286/HHF Demolition of detached garage. Erection of two single storey extensions, alterations to roof line to northeast elevation, additional chimney, and erection of boundary wall and gate.

Location: July Cottage Carmel Street Great Chesterford Saffron Walden CB10 1PH

Resolved: To submit no objection

13/152. Finance

The report of receipts and payments made was noted with the reservation that the date given for the balance of the Recreation Ground account was incorrect. This should have been stated as August 31st, not July 31st.

13/153 Walden Wanderers F.C. donation to cost of moveable goal posts.

The request from WWFC for the Council to assume ownership and responsibility for maintenance and insurance of moveable goal posts for use on the recreation ground was granted. The Chairman signed a letter of confirmation.

The clerk was requested to ensure that the goals be added to the insurance schedule.

AC

13/154 Priorities for Future s.106 Agreements.

The Parish Council's priorities for requests made under provisions of Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 were considered. Among the suggestions were:

- Provision of Allotments
- Footpaths and cycle paths
- Improvements to the verges on London Road, including provision of trees.

It was suggested that the list be reassessed after the results of the Village Questionnaire were known.

13/155 Stanley Road Planning Application.

It was understood that Bellway Homes have an option to purchase the site and have been in contact with UDC.

Due to the position of plot 42, it was now intended that this should be on its own in Four Acres. There would be a total of twenty affordable properties.

It was suggested that the SW access to the site should be a road, rather than a footpath or cycle track. It was noted that the 5% wheelchair accessibility requirement appeared not to be satisfied.

The number of bungalows will remain at twelve.

Reservations were expressed about some of the parking bays which appeared to be too long for effective use.

It was noted that Bellway were intending to meet residents and the PC to discuss the plans, with an expectation to submit plans in November

It was agreed that Cllr. Francis would respond to UDC.

JF

13/156 Scout Hut

Meetings have been held with Mark Benfold who was reported to be trying to persuade the Scout Association to return the Hut to the PC and some of the funds formerly held by the GC scout troop. As the money was not likely to be sufficient to undertake the necessary work to bring the Hut up to the currently required standard, it was suggested that it might be better for the PC to wait until the lease had expired.

It was noted that the new Scout troop was not charging subscriptions, and would therefore run out of funds at some point in the near future, although it is possible that grants might be available.

It was also suggested that the Scout Association be sent a quote for the refurbishment work or insist that they undertake the required work.

It was suggested that the Scout Association should be formally advised of the need for this work to be carried out. Cllr. Hall was asked to re-examine the lease and advise the Council on an appropriate course of action.

DH

Cllr. Gregory agreed to draft a letter to the Scout Association.

NG

It was noted that as the summer ends, the new Scout troop would no longer be able to hold meetings outside; it was mentioned that the Community Centre had agreed to offer them a concessionary rate.

13/157. Items for Information**1. 12/35. Council Standing Orders**

Review is underway.

2. 11/85. Allotment Proposal

On hold until an appropriate piece of land can be secured.

3. 13/30 Proposed Cycle Path

Cllr. Bevens reported that plans had been submitted to South Cambs. DC.

Hinxton and Sawston PCs and Cambs councillor Peter Topping have been contacted to request their support.

Cambs’ officer responsible for sustainable transport strategy agrees that our proposal is “a perfect fit” with their plans to link Cambridge to surrounding market towns.
 Sustrans are supportive.
 It was suggested that an approach to Essex CC’s deputy Highways Chief might help to accelerate progress on the feasibility study.

13/158 Matters for further discussion

To consider topics for possible discussion at future meetings

It was observed that the approach to the village from the north on the B184 compared unfavourably with the section of the same road in Cambridgeshire. It was suggested that we might consider making requests to ECC and the Highway Rangers to undertake maintenance work including tidying the roundabouts, cutting back overgrowth and re-establishing the footpath.

It was commented that the cycle racks have not yet been installed on the rec.

It was noted that the ash dieback survey had not identified any affected trees, although some other work would be necessary on other trees.

13/159. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Wednesday 9th October 2013 at 7.30pm in the Sports Lounge at the Community Centre

Meeting Closed at 9:05 pm

Signed (Chairman).....

Date: 9th October 2013