

GREAT CHESTERFORD PARISH COUNCIL

*MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GREAT CHESTERFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 11TH 2015 AT 7:30PM IN THE
COMMUNITY CENTRE, GREAT CHESTERFORD*

Present: Neil Gregory
Sharon Tricerri
Collette Altaparmakova
Julie Redfern
Alan Cattley – Clerk
10 members of the public.

15/145. Apologies for Absence

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

15/146. Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Redfern declared herself as a member of Uttlesford District Council.

15/147. Minutes of the Last Meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on October 14th 2015 were signed a correct record of events.

15/148. Planning

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

UTT/15/3128/LB Replace existing window with door and associated groundworks to rear.

Location: 2 South Street Great Chesterford Essex CB10 1NW

Resolved: No Comment

UTT/15/3110/HHF Proposed two storey rear extension and single storey garage extension.

Location: 6 Bartholomew Close Great Chesterford Saffron Walden CB10 1QH

Resolved: Object

Reasons: Inadequate parking provision, pitched roof out of keeping with existing, internal dimensions do not meet standards, overbearing and shadowing of neighbouring property.

UTT/15/3197/LB Retention of replacement of roof covering with artificial slate

Location: Station House Station Approach London Road Great Chesterford Saffron Walden Essex CB10 1NY

It was observed that this was a retrospective application; Cllr. Redfern would seek further details.

15/149 UDC Local Plan Consultation

It was commented that there were some difficult questions, and it was suggested that our response should be informed by the Village Plan. This would indicate that developments of over 50 houses should be resisted, and support be given for a new settlement.

This would indicate a response to the “other possibilities” question of new villages separate from existing, possibly between Chesterford and Linton.

It was observed that UDC had a “duty to co-operate” with adjoining districts. In response to a question asking for advice on the important points for residents to raise it was suggested that everyone should make their own points on matters important to them. The PC had engaged the services of a resident who was an expert in planning matters, and it was intended to submit our response late on in the process. Anyone who wished to see our draft response was invited to request a copy from the clerk.

Cllr. Redfern commented that the village had already had its quota from the last planning period; we had accepted 120 new houses, of which 40 have been built so far.

It was noted that Wellcome were planning a large development on their site and the resultant increase in jobs was likely to be reflected in increased demand for houses.

The deadline for submissions was December 4th.

Any comments on the draft response should be sent to the Clerk.

The draft response was considered to be very good, and it was resolved to approve this for submission to UDC on the closing date.

15/151 New Residents’ Welcome Packs.

It was noted that the church was already producing a welcome pack. Cllr. Altaparmakova would prepare a draft of suggestions for details of the Parish Council and village plans etc. and request that these be added to the existing pack.

15/152 Area outside shop.

It was noted that the owner was making an application to Essex Highways to redesignate the carriageway outside Days Food Hall as a footway. There was no action open to the PC on this matter; details would be passed to Cllr. Newcombe for information.

15/153 Trees.

The report from the Hedgerows Monitor was noted.

It was noted that any planning conditions relating to trees lasted only during the building stage and were difficult to enforce afterwards. Developers often needed to be reminded of their obligations. The clerk was asked to write to the developer of the Rose Lane site expressing our concerns; Colin Day would supply the necessary wording.

With respect to the hedge forming the boundary of the prospective Thorpe Lea site, it was suggested that a tree preservation order would be appropriate to ensure the survival of what was felt to be an important village feature. It was understood that UDC would be happy to consider an application provided it satisfied the necessary criteria.

In response to a suggestion that preservation orders be made elsewhere in the village in anticipation of possible future developments, it was noted that the necessary classification and assessment would require professional assistance. It was resolved to ask Colin Day to seek quotes for this work.

It was resolved to plant two whitebeams and a rowan on Horse River Green to replace the diseased trees which had been felled.

It was also noted that the lime trees were in need of crown lifting. It was agreed to consider a budget request for this work, and for a report on condition of the other trees.

15/154 Defibrillator.

The clerk was asked to take over the task of seeking an appropriate site and organising installation.

15/155 Bollard in Rose Lane.

As none of the bollards on UDC’s list of suggestions was felt to be appropriate for the location, Cllr. Redfern agreed to seek an alternative to resemble the existing one as closely as possible.

15/156 Finance

The receipts and payments were noted without comment.

As many of the budget holders were absent from the meeting, it was agreed that they be asked to prepare draft budget requirements to be considered at the December meeting.

15/157 Newport Quarry

It was resolved to submit no comment to ECC’s request for comments on the proposed inclusion of Newport Quarry as a site for recycling and disposal of inert construction and demolition waste in the Replacement Waste Local Plan.

15/158 Great Chesterford Primary Academy Admissions Policy

The proposed changes were noted without comment.

15/159 Wellcome Genome Campus Open Day.

The clerk and chairman had attended. The proposed developments were substantial, and would be subject to full publicity soon.

15/160 Allotments

Cllrs. Gregory and Witney were to meet the former landowner on Nov. 27th.

The transfer of ownership was to be discussed at the next meeting of UDC’s cabinet.

The nascent allotment committee has had informal meetings and taken measurements of the site.

The plots were to be 10m x 10m, which was slightly under the traditional size. Copies of the constitutions of Sawston’s and Ickleton’s committees had been obtained and the clerk was asked to forward a template constitution from the National Association of Local Councils for consideration.

Applications had been received for sixteen of the twenty plots, and the remainder would be used for a shed and for educational use.

[Cllr. Gregory left the meeting at this point and Cllr. Redfern assumed the chair]

15/161 Neighbourhood Plan.

No progress since last report

15/162 Local Plan.

Covered under item 15/149

15/163 Matters for further discussion.

None.

15/164 Date of Next Meeting.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Wednesday 9th December at 7:30 in the Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 9:20pm

Signed (Chairman).....

Date: 9th December 2015