

GREAT CHESTERFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GREAT CHESTERFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 12th 2014 AT 7:45PM IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, GREAT CHESTERFORD

Present: Neil Gregory
Tom Newcombe
David Hall

Matt Rowan
Julie Redfern
Simon Witney

Alan Cattley – Clerk

Seven members of the public.

14/177. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. Bevens, Rolfe and Tricerri.

14/178. Declaration of Interests

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

Cllr. Redfern declared an interest in item 14/181 UTT/14/2728/HHF as a family member is a neighbour.

Cllr. Gregory declared an interest in item 14/188 as his wife is a volunteer with CAB.

Cllr. Newcombe declared an interest in item 14/184 as he is working for the developer.

14/179. Minutes of the Last Meetings

The minutes of the meeting on 8th October were approved as signed as a correct record of events.

14/180. Public Forum

A representative of the Women's Institute requested that the Parish Council give permission for the WI to use the recreation ground from 2:30-5:00pm on September 13th 2015 for a celebration to mark the organisation's 100th anniversary.

The council was minded to grant permission subject to there being no conflict with existing sports fixtures. The clerk was asked to check this. AC

A representative of the Citizens' Advice Bureau spoke of the CAB's need for a regular income if services such as home visits and money doctor were to be maintained. It was requested that the PC consider a regular donation equivalent to 50p per household as part of an appeal to local councils across the district. It was stated that 51 residents of Great Chesterford had used the CAB's services this year. It was also asked whether the Pig Market Trust was still making money available to local charities. Cllr. Redfern undertook to find out. JR

It was asked whether the ditch running alongside Horse River Green was to be included in the Council's programme of ditch clearance. It currently was not, and the Clerk was asked to seek advice on what action might be necessary to ensure that it did not become a flood hazard. AC

A resident asked whether any information was available on a proposed re-opening date for the shop. Cllr. Redfern understood that the owners were aiming for a date in January 2015, and it was hoped that provision of at least some Post Office facilities would be retained.

14/181. Planning

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

UTT/14/2728/HHF. Erection of single storey rear extension

Location: The Cottage Carmen Street Great Chesterford Saffron Walden CB10 1NR

Resolved: To submit No Comment

UTT/14/2942/HHF Two storey rear extension, single storey side and front extensions and conversion of part of garage.

Location 12 Rookery Close Great Chesterford Saffron Walden CB10 1QA

Resolved: To submit No Comment

14/182.Finance.

The receipts and payments report was noted without comment..

There were no exceptions reported from budget holders.

Communications

Cllr. Redfern apologised that there had been no newsletter this half year. It was intended to undertake a review and likely overhaul of the website. Contractors would be approached for ideas and estimates, and it was possible that some funding for this could come from the New Homes Bonus.

Planning

The local plan was not expected to have an impact on the budget. It would be possible to engage an agent for rebuttal of controversial proposals, but this would be very expensive with no guarantee of a positive outcome, and it was felt better to allow UDC's team to handle it.

Allotments

Much of the likely expense would be funded from grants rather than the PC's funds and it was still unclear how much UDC would be providing.

Asset Register

The clerk was asked to split the entries in the existing version of the Asset Register into sections corresponding to the budget headings.

AC

14/183.20mph Speed Limit Signs

It was resolved to defer a response to Essex County Council's request for permission to mount repeater signs on village lamp posts until Cllr. Rolfe was available.

14/184.Proposed name for development at end of Rose Lane.

None of the developer's proposed names was liked by councillors. It was suggested that the name be left simply as Rose Lane.

14/185.Blocked soakaway behind Community Centre.

The only quote received so far for remedial work was considered too high and did not allow for restoration of the drive. The clerk was asked to obtain further quotes.

AC

14/186.Ditch Clearance.

The quote from Spring Cottage Landscaping Ltd. was accepted. The clerk was asked to request work to start as a matter of urgency.

AC

14/187.ECC Flood and Water Management Questionnaire

It was resolved not to engage with the proposed "engagement event".

14/188. Funding Request.

It was resolved to make a donation of £200 to SW Citizens' Advice Bureau. A request for continuing funding would be considered when next year's budget was set.

14/189. Antisocial behaviour and Dog Fouling

With regard to the recent antisocial behaviour, it was resolved to write to the parents of an offender identified by the CCTV via our local Police Officer.

The Chairman would draft a letter to residents about the continuing nuisance of dog fouling and the possibility of the PC considering banning dogs from the rec. This would be circulated via the Google group and Broadsheet. Cllr. Redfern would consider whether there were any other appropriate media for distribution. NG/JR

14/190. Matters for further discussion.

Suggested topics included:

Progress on the attempts to ascertain ownership of Station Road and to apply pressure to undertake repairs.

Update on the Local Plan Enquiry.

Update on progress with the NWT development.

Status of the lease for the Scout Hut.

Possible steps to reduce pavement parking in South Street.

14/191. Date of Next Meeting.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Wednesday 10th December at 7:30 in the Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 9:15 pm

Signed (Chairman).....

Date: 10th December 2014