

## GREAT CHESTERFORD PARISH COUNCIL

*MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GREAT CHESTERFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> December 2012 AT 7.30PM IN THE  
COMMUNITY CENTRE, GREAT CHESTERFORD*

<b>Present:</b>	Joanna Francis	Howard Rolfe
	David Hall	Neil Gregory (from 7:33)
	Gareth Bevens (from 7:35)	Matt Rowan (from 7:40)
	Julie Redfern (from 7:33)	Wazz Mughal

Alan Cattley – Clerk

### Action

#### 12/148 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from **Cllr. Tricerri**

#### 12/149 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. Francis** declared herself as a member of the Chesterfords Community Centre committee.

#### 12/150 Minutes of the Last Meetings

**Resolved** to approve and sign as correct records the minutes of the meetings held on 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> November 2012.

#### 12/151 Public Forum

No members of the public were present.

#### 12/152 Planning

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

**UTT/12/5774/FUL** Erection of agricultural building and alteration to access

**Location** Chalk Pit Walden Road Great Chesterford Saffron Walden Essex

**Resolved** to submit an objection on the grounds of size and access considerations.

It was agreed that Joanna Francis should have the authority to speak on the Council's behalf at the UDC meetings..

#### 12/153 Finance

The schedule of payments made since the last meeting was noted.

It was proposed to defer the decision about the frequency of green waste collections until the January meeting when the new tax base is known.

It was resolved not to proceed with work to the trees in Rookery Close this year.

A provisional value of £49k was considered for the precept; a final sum will be decided at the January meeting when details of the Local Government Finance Settlement are known.

#### **12/154. Review Uttlesford District Electoral Review**

To consider a response from the Parish Council to the Uttlesford Electoral Services Manager on the proposed changes to warding arrangements.

It was agreed that the proposed changes would place the village in one of the largest wards in the district and would place an unacceptably heavy work load on the District Councillor.

It was resolved to ask Cllr. **Hall** to submit a response on behalf of the Council

**DH**

#### **12/155. Pilgrim Close Bollard.**

It was resolved that this should be kept in place at all times.

#### **12/156. Parish Council Newsletter**

Suggestions were made to include mention of the new play area surface, new grit bins, council vacancies, outcome of planning applications, grants for work on Horse River Green and the Parish Plan.

Joanna Francis agreed to produce the newsletter, Cllr **Bevens** was asked to provide paragraphs on the Parish Plan, Cllr. **Redfern** a paragraph on the New Homes Bonus and **Cllr. Gregory** on our successful grants applications.

**JF JR GB NG**

#### **12/157. Annual Village Meeting**

It was resolved to hold this on March 20<sup>th</sup> 2013 at 7:30pm

#### **12/158 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. **11/65. Recreation Ground**

**Bowls Club/Scout Hut Leases**

**Cllr. Hall** reported that the lease for the Scout Hut was now ready for signature. The lease for the Bowls Club had been delayed due to funding difficulties.

**Cllrs. Francis and Hall** were authorised to sign the Scout Hut lease for the Council.

4. **10/22. Community Speed Watch**

Cllr. **Rolfe** has had a meeting with Graham Stubbs of Essex Police and UDC's Safety Officer Martin Ford. Arrangements will be made for a meeting with volunteers in the New Year. **HR**

5. **10/79. 20mph limit**

**Cllr Rolfe** reported that this was still undecided. Allan Playle of Essex police has objections and a meeting with the UDC cabinet minister for highways has been postponed until the New Year.

It was proposed to make this matter an agenda item for the January PC meeting. **AC**

6. **Parish Plan**

Cllr. **Bevens** suggested that a request for volunteers from the public be posted on the notice board and village Google group. **AC**

7. **Recreation Ground Users**

It was noted that the football clubs had requested a meeting with a representative of the Council. Cllr. Gregory agreed to arrange this. **NG**

**8. Bank Encroachment on B184 Footpath**

It was reported that the bank was encroaching on the footpath in the B184 near Springwell. **Cllr. Rolfe** agreed to write to Audley End Estates to ask for this to be rectified. **HR**

It was noted that Cllr. Mughal was standing down from the Council after this meeting, and all agreed that thanks were due for all his efforts during his time as a councillor.

It was also Cllr. Francis' last meeting as Chairman and Councillor. Cllr. Redfern presented her with flowers as a token of appreciation for her diligence and dedication over the years and expressed the gratitude of the Council for her energy and hard work.

**12/159. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January commencing at 7.30pm in the Sports Lounge at the Community Centre

**Meeting Closed at 9.45pm**

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

**Date: 15<sup>th</sup> January 2013**