

GREAT CHESTERFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF GREAT CHESTERFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 14TH AT 7:30PM IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, GREAT CHESTERFORD

Present: Neil Gregory (from 9:40) Sharon Tricerri
Julie Redfern David Hall
Simon Witney Gareth Bevens
Tom Newcombe
Alan Cattley – Clerk

Three members of the public.

16/179 To elect Chairman for the meeting.

Cllr. Bevens was elected to chair the meeting.

16/180 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Collette Altaparmakova and Matt Rowan.

16/181 Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Redfern declared herself as a member of Uttlesford District Council and an interest as owner of the property in item 16/185 (2)

16/182 Minutes of the Last Meeting.

After adding the words “at this time” to the penultimate line of item 16/172, the minutes of the meeting held on November 9th 2016 were signed as a correct record of events.

16/183 Public Forum

Howard Rolfe, leader of Uttlesford District Council gave the meeting a report of progress on the Local Plan. Points included

- The plan has been paused in order to ensure sufficient evidence is available for an evidence-based decision.
- The proposal for two developments along the A120 had been questioned; could the road accommodate the extra traffic and what would the numbers be?
- Are there alternatives to the proposed sites?
- Why was Great Chesterford not on the list?
- Team of planners and consultants are working to produce a complete base of evidence.
- Not all residents would be pleased, but the hope is that the evidence would be respected.
- Responses to the proposals were encouraged, provided they were based on good reasons.

Q. Will there be consultation before the draft plan is published?

A. HR would be pleased to meet the GCPC if asked, as he would any Parish

Q. Will the evidence be available before the draft plan is published?

A. Yes

Q. What is the likely timing for the draft plan?

A. Second quarter of 2017.

16/184 Proposed parking restrictions for the High Street

To the three alternative proposals from ECC Highways for parking restrictions in the High Street were presented to the meeting; this presentation forms an annex to these minutes.

There was a lengthy discussion, during which the following points were made

- The Highway Code is not enforceable – yellow lines would be required.
- There is a danger of losing the bus service if road blockages continue.
- The lack of resources to enforce any restrictions should not deter us from requesting them.
- ECC had suggested a one-way system, but this would not be popular.
- There was a risk that the problem would be moved further down into the village.
- Residents' permits were a possibility if other measures fail.

It was resolved to send a letter to residents in the affected area outlining the PC's preferred option for restricted parking locations, inviting further discussion and reminding drivers of their obligations under the Highway Code.

16/185 Planning.

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

UTT/16/3137/FUL 1 no. Proposed dwelling.

Location: Land West Of Granta Cottages Newmarket Road Great Chesterford Essex

Resolved: No objection, subject to conditions to preserve the trees and take full account of archaeological considerations. It was also commented that the EA should be satisfied that flood risk had been fully taken into account.

[Cllr. Redfern left the room as an interested party to the following application]

UTT/16/3394/FUL Erection of 2 no. detached dwellings and garages.

Location: The Delles Carmen Street Great Chesterford CB10 1NR

Resolved: Support, subject to conditions that proposed materials be submitted and approved before construction begins, that an "impact neutral" planting scheme be implemented to retain as many of the existing trees as possible and that comprehensive landscaping be carried out to maximise screening from neighbouring properties.

[Cllr. Redfern returns to the meeting and Cllr. Gregory arrives]

16/186 Neighbourhood Plan.

It was resolved to endorse the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group's recommendation that the contract with Navigus Planning be terminated as a result of the likely conflict of interest following their engagement by UDC.

It was reported that good progress was being made, a gap analysis had been performed and all outstanding tasks had been assigned to named individuals.

It had been decided to recruit a project manager; the post would be advertised locally and a quote from Pegasus requested.

16/187 Local Plan.

It was noted that Cllr. Redfern had been in contact with Peter Topping, leader of South Cambridgeshire District Council and Cllr. Gregory with the chairmen of Ickleton, Duxford and Hinxton parish councils.

It was understood that Sue Barker was organising UDC's Duty to Co-operate with S.Cambs Clr. Hall will write to the leader, chief executive and senior officers in the Planning Policy team.

In view of the lateness of the hour, it was decided to adjourn the remaining business of the agenda until an extra meeting on the following Monday

16/193 Date of Next Meeting.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Monday 19th December 2016 at 7:30 in the Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 10:10pm

Signed (Chairman).....

Date: 11th January 2017