

Great Chesterford Parish Council

Minutes of an Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 9th January, 2019

Present Chairman Neil Gregory, District Cllr Julie Redfern, Cllrs Gareth Bevens, David Hall, Penny McCullough, Mike Mitchell, Tom Newcombe, Rachel Thackray and Sharon Tricerri.

In Attendance 4 members of the public and Amanda Lindsell, Interim Clerk to the Council.

19/007 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received.

19/008 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

District Cllr Redfern - member of Uttlesford District Council.

Cllr Bevens - relative is a member of the Trust at Wellcome Trust Genome Campus.

Cllr Newcombe - partner at Birketts.

19/009 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the December Parish Council Meeting were approved by Councillors as an accurate representation and signed by Chairman Neil Gregory.

19/010 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Matters raised included;

i. General support of planning application S/4329/18/OL - Wellcome Trust Genome Campus, Cambridge Road, Hinxton, notwithstanding concerns regarding the impact on infrastructure, roads, services and facilities, and also NUGV. Concerns were also raised regarding the current road through the site, as the application appears to commandeer its use through the installation of traffic lights and pedestrian crossings which would have a significant impact. Concerns were also raised regarding a lack of improvement works to the A1301/A505 Sawston roundabout.

Chairman Gregory confirmed that he will be attending a meeting with South Cambs District Council Planning Teams 17/01/19 to discuss the application.

District Cllr Redfern noted her concerns about the application linked to the SmithsonHill proposal, confirmed that she has asked MP Kemi Badenoch to investigate and also asked UDC what their response to the application will be.

It was noted that access to Whittlesford Station is a key consideration for selection of the Great Chesterford site for the NUGV, and any impact on it would have major implications for NUGV.

ii. The Local History Society have been involved with the recent archaeological works at the new nursery site and it is believed that there are approximately three months of restorative work to be completed by the archaeologists. An update from the Parish Council regarding the nursery site was requested and Chairman Gregory confirmed that the Parish Council have been asked to keep the matters confidential, but that there are very active ongoing discussions between the Department For Education, Essex County Council and Great Chesterford Parish Council to resolve the situation.

19/011 PLANNING

i. UTT/18/3509/HHF - The Old Elm Tree, Church Street, Great Chesterford

The addition of a window to the rear, an alternate tread staircase and glazed balustrade to existing mezzanine.
No objections.

ii. UTT/18/3510/LB - The Old Elm Tree, Church Street, Great Chesterford

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No objections.

iii. UTT/18/3445/FUL - 1 Crown Cottages, Newmarket Road, Great Chesterford

Demolition of existing telephone exchange and erection of one detached residential dwelling. The Council objects strongly to this application and raises the following issues:

a. The proposal is out of keeping with neighbouring properties.

b. There is no footpath to the property.

c. The site is adjacent to a Scheduled Ancient Monument.

d. The existing building is insignificant and barely noticeable, whereas the proposed dwelling is much nearer the road and significantly more prominent.

e. The site is on a bend and the Council considers vehicular access on to the Newmarket Road at that point to be unsafe.

iv. UTT/18/3415/HHF - 39 Pilgrims Close, Great Chesterford

Demolition of rear extension and erection of two storey front and single storey rear extensions. No comment. the following planning decision was noted;

v. UTT/18/2895/FUL - The Delles, Carmen Street, Great Chesterford

Erection of 1 detached dwelling with car port (amended scheme to Plot 2 approved under UTT/18/1247/FUL - application to clarify height of proposed dwelling and amend size of car port.

Approved with conditions.

vi. To consider any comments to be returned to South Cambs District Council relating to application

S/4329/18/OL - Wellcome Trust Genome Campus, Cambridge Road, Hinxton, Saffron Walden.

Outline planning permission with all matters reserved for a phased, mixed use development comprised of up to 150,000 square metres of Gross External Area (GEA) of flexible employment uses including research and development, office and workspace and associated uses falling within Use Classes B1 (office, laboratories, light industry), B2 (general industrial) and B8 (Storage) uses; up to 1,500 residential dwellings (Use Class C3); supporting community uses and social infrastructure including a nursery (Use Classes D1); conference facility (Use Class D1) and associated hotel (Use Class C1); retail uses including shops (Use Class A1), restaurants and cafes (Use Class A3) and bars (Use Class A4); leisure uses (Use Class D2); landscape and public realm, including areas for sustainable urban drainage and biodiversity enhancements; energy centre and utilities; site access (vehicular, cyclist and pedestrian), car and cycle parking and highways improvements; early landscape and enabling works; and associated works.

The Council agreed ;

a. That they are generally supportive of Wellcome Trust Genome, but do not support this application.

b. The Council supports the provision of dwellings for those working at the site, but do not support their need for market housing.

c. The Council are mindful to follow Ickleton, Hinxton and Duxford`s lead as the application will have the biggest impact on them.

d. Should the proposal be approved the Council would request the installation of a cycle path to Saffron Walden, access for Great Chesterford residents to Wellcome Trust open spaces and sport facilities and a local cascade for affordable housing.

e. Following the South Cambs District Council meeting Chairman Gregory will circulate a draft response to the application for ratification at the February PC meeting.

f. It was resolved that the clerk would request an extension for the response date.

19/112 FINANCE

The maintenance contract was agreed and forwarded to Mr Howe for consideration.

119/113 DITCHES

Cllr Mitchell confirmed that the ditches around the Recreation Ground have now been cleared.

It was agreed that District Cllr Redfern would request clarification of UDC`s agreement to fund 50% of the remaining works.

19/014 STREETLIGHTS

It was agreed that Councillors would forward relevant issues and questions to Cllr McCullough prior to the meeting with A & J Lighting.

It was resolved that Cllr McCullough would contact Abellio regarding the faulty streetlights on their property.

19/015 PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON THE HIGH STREET

It was agreed that the double yellow lines on the High Street have been successful in preventing inconsiderate parking which results in the bus getting stuck, despite the yellow lines routinely being ignored by visitors to the doctors surgery. It was resolved that Cllr Bevens would request a meeting with the surgery to help resolve residents issues and also provide a report for the Annual General Meeting of the Council.

19/017 NEIGHBOURHOOD AND LOCAL PLAN

Cllr Hall confirmed his attendance at the Planning Policy Working Group 11/01/19 where the updated Sustainability Appraisal and Local Plan Representations will be considered.

It was agreed that despite having received no response from UDC to the Parish Council's opinions and red lines detailing what would be acceptable to the Parish Council, the Parish Council shall continue to consider whatever proposals are presented to them.

It was resolved that Cllr Thackray would arrange a meeting with the Local Plan volunteers.

19/018 MATTERS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION

- i. Running track.
- ii. Remaining DC funds.
- iii. Speedwatch.

19/019 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 13th February, 2018.

Chairman Gregory suspended the meeting and the public left the meeting.

19/016 CHESTERFORD NURSERY

It was agreed that Great Chesterford Parish Council are supporting Essex County Council in their ongoing discussions with the Department For Education.

The meeting closed at 10.41pm.