

Great Chesterford Parish Council

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 10th March 2021.

Present	Chair Tom Newcombe, Councillors Gareth Bevens, David Hall, Wendy Martin, Julie Redfern, Rachel Thackray and Sharon Tricerri.
In Attendance	District Councillor Neil Gregory, 5 members of the public and Amanda Lindsell, Clerk to the Council.

21/030 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and noted from District Cllr Richard Pavitt.
Apologies for delayed arrival were received and noted from Cllr Mike Mitchell.

21/031 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Gareth Bevens and Sharon Tricerri declared personal interests in agenda item 21/039iii as allotment holders.

Councillor Julie Redfern declared a personal interest in agenda item 21/035vi as a friend of the applicant.

21/032 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the February Parish Council Meeting were approved by Councillors as an accurate representation and Chairman Tom Newcombe authorised the Clerk to sign the minutes on his behalf.

21/018 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public noted the following items;

- i. Tree work at Horse River Green has been successfully completed.
- ii. Following the significant increase in the number of dogs in the village, the dog waste and litter bins are often full and overflowing, particularly the one on Rose Lane. Could an additional or larger bin be located amongst the trees on Rose Lane?
- iii. The flint wall on Carmen Street is falling apart in a number of places and whilst not Parish Council responsibility, does require attention. Cllr Redfern resolved to contact the rentor of the paddock.
- iv. An update on the nursery was requested.

21/034 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

District Cllr Gregory reported;

- i. The call for sites for the local plan is underway.
- ii. The corporate plan delivery is awful and unacceptable.
- iii. There is ongoing correspondence regarding concerns relating to the removal of vegetation at Bartholomew Close.
- iv. If new dog waste bins are required there is funding available from the New Homes Bonus.

21/035 PLANNING

The following comments were agreed in response to planning applications;

iii. UTT/21/0540/HHF - The Stable Mill House Newmarket Road Great Chesterford
Proposed partial demolition and reconstruction of garden wall and widening of entrance to provide dedicated access to The Stables Cottage with associated landscaping and creation of drive (revision to previously approved application UTT/18/2273/FUL) - The Parish Council maintain their objections to the previous application due to the proposed loss of the historic flint wall, particularly as there are alternative access options available.

Cllr Penny McCullough joined the meeting.

v. UTT/21/0406/HHF - Maybury House, Carmel Street, Great Chesterford
Single storey extension, internal alterations and removal of existing conservatory - No comment.

vii. UTT/21/0154/HHF - New Farmhouse, Carmel Street, Great Chesterford
Proposed timber gazebo in rear garden - No objection.

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viii. UTT/21/0515/LB - Old Post Office, South Street, Great Chesterford

Proposed two storey rear extension and internal alterations - No objection.

ix. UTT/21/0514/HHF - Old Post Office, South Street, Great Chesterford

Proposed two storey rear extension and internal alterations - No objection.

vi. UTT/21/0262/FUL - Chesterford House, High Street, Great Chesterford

Erection of 2 no. dwellings with new access off Walden Road (amended scheme to that approved under planning permission UTT/18/2969/FUL) - The Parish Council maintains their strong objection to the previous application on the basis of highway safety and notes the additional traffic generated by the concurrent application on the site exacerbating this safety issue.

The Parish council agreed to consider items 21/035 i, ii and iv collectively;

i. UTT/21/0611/DOC - Plot 7, Land North Of Bartholomew Close, Great Chesterford

Application to discharge condition 5 (road condition survey), 9 (offsite flooding) and 17 (construction method statement) attached to UTT/20/3263/FUL -

ii. UTT/21/0612/DOC - Land North Of Bartholomew Close, Great Chesterford

Application to discharge condition 4 (road condition survey) attached to UTT/19/2288/FUL.

iv. UTT/21/0479/DOC - Land North Of Bartholomew Close, Great Chesterford

Application to discharge condition 10 (offsite flooding) and 18 (construction method statement) attached to UTT/19/2288/FUL - The Parish Council agree that they do not object to these applications, but request that the project initiation meeting is undertaken as a priority and that delivery hours after 9am and avoiding school drop off and collection times are stipulated as part of the enforcement plan.

Councillor Mike Mitchell joined the meeting.

The following planning decisions were noted;

x. UTT/20/3466/LB - Mill Cottage, Newmarket Road, Great Chesterford

Re-tiling and re-felting of roof of single storey extension - Approved with conditions.

xi. UTT/20/3399/HHF - Reed House, Manor Lane, Great Chesterford

Remove 1st floor and roof of garage and replace with new 1st floor and roof with pitch turned through 90 degrees - Approved with conditions.

xii. UTT/20/3400/LB - Reed House, Manor Lane, Great Chesterford

Remove 1st floor and roof of garage and replace with new 1st floor and roof with pitch turned through 90 degrees - Approved with conditions.

xiii. UTT/20/3263/FUL - Plot 7, Land North Of Bartholomew Close, Great Chesterford

1 no. Bungalow including associated external works and parking (amendments to plot 7 of previously approved application UTT/19/2288/FUL) - Approved with conditions.

xiv. UTT/20/3207/HHF - Burtonwood Farm, Cow Lane, Great Chesterford

Part first floor, part two storey rear extension and erection of porch. Garage extension to provide studio/office - Approved with conditions.

xv. UTT/20/1959/DOC - Land North Of Bartholomew Close, Bartholomew Close

Application to discharge condition 7 (Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy), 9 (surface water drainage), 16 (hard/soft landscaping) and 19 (tree protection measures) attached to UTT/19/2288/FUL - Discharge conditions in full.

21/036 FINANCE

i. The clerk presented a statement of accounts and reconciliation to cash books for the Parish Council Current and Deposit accounts which were agreed and signed.

The following transactions;

DD - E.On February street lighting - £480.53

OP - Huws Gray Ridgeons - £59.64

OP - Bryan Lecoche Ltd - concrete block hire - £201.60

OP - Tim Chapman Aerial Photography Solutions - £200.00

OP - Meon Ltd - aerosol marker paint - £12.50

OP - A & J Lighting - call out - £502.80

OP - Toby Chapman - Chesterford View summary - £50.00

OP - Tim Chapman Aerial Photography Solutions - £50.00

OP - Survey Monkey annual subscription - £384.00

OP - Eco Plastic Wood - delivery charge - £60.00

OP - UDC - garden waste service 2020 - £2170.00

OP - Grafton Merchandising - nursery fencing - £411.35

OP - Grafton Merchandising - nursery fencing - £164.54

OP - Salaries - £1575.34

OP - Essex Pension Fund - February 2021 - £489.41

OP - Treetops - tree work Horse River Green - £2736.00

DD - A&J Lighting maintenance - £161.64

DD - E.On March street lighting - £434.03

were agreed for payment.

ii. A budget of £250.00 was agreed for the donation of prizes for the WI community competitions.

21/037 STREET LIGHTING

i. The Parish Council agree to proceed with Electrical Testing's quotation to replace the four street lights with 13w lanterns.

ii. It was agreed that Cllr Mitchell will work with the clerk to draft a strategy for future street light work.

21/038 OPEN SPACES

i. Please see appendix 1.

ii. The Council agreed a budget of up to £500 for the purchase of additional bins and Cllr Mitchell resolved to liaise with Colin Day.

iii. The Council agreed the purchase of an additional picnic bench at the orchard and an additional memorial bench at Horse River Green which a resident has offered to pay 50% of the cost of.

21/039 RECREATION GROUND TRUST

i. Please see appendix 1.

ii. The Council approved the quotation for the height limiting barriers at the car park entrance to the Community Centre.

iii. The Council agreed that the allotment site will not currently be extended.

iv. The Council approved the recommended verti-draining, seeding and application of fertiliser for the grass and it was agreed that the clerk would investigate grant funding.

v. The Council approved the grass cutting arrangement with the Cricket Club, including maintenance of the gang mower.

21/040 LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION/LOCAL COUNCIL LIAISON FORUM

Cllr Hall provided an update regarding Grosvenor's expected response to UDC's Call for Sites relating to proposals for a prospective NUGC2. It appears that Grosvenor anticipates identifying land for development of land straddling the Uttlesford/South Cambs border comprising 3,500-4,000 houses with connections to the Genome Campus and the CAM Metro development. As regards heritage concerns, and account taken of the Inspectors rejection of NUGC1 as not justified 'due to its impact on the significance of heritage assets' in the location, Grosvenor is apparently in discussion with Historic England about the matter. The Parish Council will continue to maintain contact with Grosvenor as it develops any proposals for NUGC2 that may be brought forward in the Call for Sites and subsequently.

A member of the public suggested that the Council considers parallel discussions with UDC to avoid the worst of all possible scenarios as other sites in Great Chesterford could also be included in the draft local plan.

21/041 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Council resolved to undertake regulation 14 for the Neighbourhood Plan, pending the approval of Little Chesterford Parish Council, utilising Hannah Helliard, the administrator of Great and Little Chesterford Neighbourhood Plan group, in the undertaking of regulation 14.

It was agreed that the site assessment work will be better referenced.

Councillor Thackray shared a small number of minor alterations to the circulated policies.

Chair Newcombe demonstrated the range and scope of the Steering Group's overall proposals, using the interactive map to detail what underlies identification of the proposed overall spatial strategy, and it was agreed that the team would explore possible options to provide a better understanding of the maps.

Councillor Hall congratulated everyone involved with the Neighbourhood Plan.

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21/042 NURSERY (Part 1)

Cllr Mitchell confirmed that active discussions with ECC are ongoing and it is hoped that a long term plan will be able to be shared with the village within the next couple of months.

21/043 MATTERS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION

- i. Concerns were raised regarding a business operating from a property on Rookery Close. The Parish Council asked District Cllr Gregory to raise the concern with the enforcement team at UDC.
- ii. The cycle way from Woodland Rise has been installed, but has not been adopted by Essex Highways at this time. County Cllr Moran is pursuing this action with Kevin Bentley.
- iii. Tennis court surface.
- iv. Scout hut.
- v. After school club.
- vi. Dead deer in a field - Manor Farm, Thorpe Lea - clerk to report.
- vi. Access concerns - The Mills, Stumps Cross. Cllr Mitchell to review.

21/044 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 14th April, 2021.

Chair Newcombe suspended the meeting for part two.

21/042 NURSERY (Part 2)

The Parish Council discussed options and recommendations from Essex County Council.

The meeting closed at 23.04

**Approved as accurate;
22/04/2021**