

Great Chesterford Parish Council

Draft Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 11th November, 2020 on Zoom.

Present	Chair Tom Newcombe, Councillors Gareth Bevens, David Hall, Wendy Martin, Mike Mitchell, Rachel Thackray and Sharon Tricerra.
In Attendance	District Councillors Neil Gregory and Richard Pavitt, five members of the public and Amanda Lindsell, Clerk to the Council.

20/160 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

20/161 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Gareth Bevens declared a personal interest in agenda item 20/166i, as a friend of the applicant, and a pecuniary interest in agenda item 20/166iv as the home owner.

20/162 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the October 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.

20/163 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public raised the following matters;

- i. A request that the Parish Council objects strongly to planning application UTT/20/2724/OP - Land east of London Road, Little Chesterford on the following grounds;
 - a. There is no pedestrian access other than a lengthy route along the main road.
 - b. It is not sustainable development.
 - c. S106 funds will not mitigate this proposal.
 - d. The primary school is already close to capacity.
 - e. Landscape impact, the sloping proposed site is visible from miles around.
 - f. Impact on the water course.
 - g. Inadequate consultation with the community.
- ii. An update regarding the new nursery was requested.

Councillor Julie Redfern joined the meeting.

Councillor Mike Mitchell noted that although it may seem like no progress is being made with the nursery, this is far from the truth. Essex County Council, working with the Parish Council, conducted extensive surveys of the new building in the late summer. Councillors Redfern and Mitchell have regular Zoom meetings with Essex County Council and have another meeting booked for next week. Unfortunately, any other details are commercially sensitive, but will be conveyed to the village as soon as is feasible.

- iii. The orchard had lots of blossom this year, but not much fruit due to frost damage. The 65 trees offered by Uttlesford District Council's free tree initiative will be planted to protect the orchard in future years, the trees are due to arrive in the second week of December.

Councillor Penny McCullough joined the meeting.

20/164 UTTLESFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

It was resolved that the presentation regarding the construction management of the Bartholomew Close development would be heard at the December Council meeting.

20/165 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

District Cllr Neil Gregory provided an update;

- i. Croydon Council has issued a S114 notice, effectively going bankrupt, which will no doubt sadly also occur elsewhere. The Uttlesford finance team have done a fantastic job in response to the covid crisis and the Council finances look significantly healthier than they might have done.
- ii. The pace of the Stansted Airport appeal is picking up. District Councillors attended a members briefing from the QC on Monday, where friction was evident between pressure groups and the Council.

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District Cllr Richard Pavitt noted that although Uttlesford lacks a five year land supply, there is no obligation to accept proposals that are unsustainable, the onus is on the community to prove the unsustainability of inappropriate proposals.

20/166 PLANNING

The following comments were agreed in response to planning applications;

i. UTT/20/2743/DFO - Whiteways Villa, Whiteways, Great Chesterford

Details following outline application UTT/17/3624/OP for 1 no. dwelling and garage - details of appearance, landscaping and layout - No objection.

District Cllr Pavitt left the meeting.

ii. UTT/20/2685/HHF - Shelfords, School Street, Great Chesterford

Erection of a pair of 1.8m high entrance gates and posts - It was agreed that the Council do not object to this application, but requests that the gates are set back sufficiently from the front facade of the property and that the gates open inwards.

iii. UTT/20/2574/HHF - 1 Delles Cottage, Carmen Street, Great Chesterford

Proposed replacement windows for ground floor front bay window, first floor front bedroom and first floor front bathroom window - It was agreed that the Parish Council supports the Conservation Officer's comments relating to this application and therefore object to the application.

iv. UTT/20/2581/CLP - 8 The Willows, Great Chesterford

Proposed replacement outbuilding - No objection.

v. UTT/20/2528/HHF - Knowle, Carmel Street, Great Chesterford

Erection of single storey rear extension and covered porch to front door - No objection.

vi. UTT/20/2724/OP - Land East Of London Road Little Chesterford

Outline application for the erection of up to 134 dwellings with all matters reserved except for access - The Council agreed to strongly object to this application, and it was agreed that Cllr David Hall would draft and circulate the Parish Councils objections for comment prior to submission, not dissimilar to the objections submitted in response to UTT/19/0573/OP, including the points raised by the public and noting the inadequacy of the public consultation and the importance of the applications either side of London Road being considered together.

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Cllr Penny McCullough left the meeting.

It was agreed that the Clerk will write to Essex Highways to confirm their position on the possibility of traffic calming on the B1383 (bearing in mind it is the alternative route when the M11 is closed), and also to Littlebury Parish Council, who would also be majorly affected, should the development proceed.

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The following planning decisions were noted;

vii. UTT/20/2253/LB - Mill Cottage, Newmarket Road, Great Chesterford

Removal of internal wall separating corridors and bathroom. Relocation of hot water cylinder - Refused.

viii. UTT/20/2057/DOC - Land To The West Of Newmarket Road, Great Chesterford

Application to discharge condition 3 (external lighting details), 5 (lighting design scheme for Biodiversity), 6 (construction management plan) and 10 (wording details) attached to UTT/20/0775/FUL - Discharge conditions in full.

ix. UTT/20/2050/CLP - 2 Granta Close, Great Chesterford

Proposed conversion of part of garage to kitchen - Certificate of Proposed Lawful Development granted

20/167 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Councillor Rachel Thackray confirmed that the draft Neighbourhood Plan is out for informal consultation with a deadline for comments in response as 30/11/2020. The next step is the formal consultation, once appendices are finalised and detail of community engagement and public responses are incorporated into the plan. Councillor David Hall congratulated Cllr Thackray and the whole Neighbourhood Plan team for their tireless work.

District Councillor Neil Gregory left the meeting.

20/168 OPEN SPACES

Further to Appendix 1 (please see attached), Cllr Mike Mitchell resolved to pursue grant funding from County Cllr John Moran to assist with planting costs associated with the trees donated by UDC.

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20/169 RECREATION GROUND TRUST

Please see appendix 1, attached.

20/170 LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION

Cllr David Hall noted that UDC yesterday sent out a notification of Local Plan consultation, disappointingly the afternoon before the event was to take place. Specific details on how to join the meeting were not provided and is also unacceptable and inadequate.

20/171 FINANCE

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

The following transactions;

DD - A&J Lighting - monthly maintenance - £161.64
DD - A&J Lighting - call out - £157.14
OP - Greenbarnes Ltd - notice board - £2289.57
OP - Birketts - nursery - £1003.20
DD - E.On - Streetlights October - £465.02
OP - The Great outdoor Gym Company Ltd - service outdoor gym - £480.00
OP - ChesMetalWork - skate park repair and service - £1250.00
OP - Wendens Ambo Parish Council - Zoom subscription share - £39.97
OP - Gidney Building Services - refurb village sign - £4276.45
OP - Gidney Building Services - install new notice board - £390.00
OP - Roadware Ltd - 2 replacement dog waste bins - £175.08
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OP - Grafton Merchandising - nursery fencing - £452.90
OP - Grafton Merchandising - nursery fencing - £181.16
OP - RBL - Poppy Appeal - £20.00
OP - Walden Local - NP Leaflets - £30.00
OP - Salaries October 2020 - £1978.71
OP - Essex Pension Fund October 2020 - £533.86
OP - Parkers Pitches - verti draining Rec - £720.00
DD - A&J Lighting - monthly maintenance - £161.64
DD - A&J Lighting - call out - £180.54
DD - E.On - Streetlights November - £480.53

were agreed for payment from the PC current account.

ii. Cllr Bevins led a budget review. It was agreed that professional advice is needed following the streetlight electrical report, and the Clerk resolved to speak with Cllr McCullough who led the original project, and also request advice from ECC.

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20/172 MATTERS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION

- i. Over 70s Xmas Lunch.
- ii. Proposed memorial bench.
- iii. Stanley Road streetlight issues.
- iv. Chairman`s Award.
- v. 2021/22 Budget

20/173 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 8th December, 2020.

The meeting closed at 22.20.