

Great Chesterford Parish Council

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 14th November, 2018 at 8.00pm

Present Chairman Neil Gregory, Cllrs David Hall and Tom Newcombe.

In Attendance District Cllr Julie Redfern, 12 members of the public and Amanda Lindsell, Clerk to the Council.

18/138 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for delayed arrival were received and accepted from Cllrs Penny McCullough and Mike Mitchell. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs Gareth Bevens and Sharon Tricerri.

18/139 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Cllr Newcombe - partner at Birketts.

Cllr Hall declared an interest in agenda item 18/143i.

Chairman Gregory and District Cllr Redfern declared an interest in agenda item 18/143v.

18/140 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR

Rachel Thackray was co-opted on to the Council and completed the notice of co-option.

18/141 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

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

18/142 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Matters raised included;

i. District Cllr Redfern was asked how the Reg 19 Local Plan had progressed through Cabinet and Council despite being told by several bodies that the evidence detailed was insufficient, and did Officers and Councillors progress the Plan knowing it to be deficient.

Cllr Penny McCullough arrived.

ii. District Cllr Redfern was asked if the responsibility lies with Councillors or Officers for progressing the Local Plan and who will take responsibility if the Plan has to be put out for reconsultation.

iii. District Cllr Redfern confirmed that she has responded to the member of the public's email and will respond fully in due course once all the information is available to her.

iv. District Cllr Redfern confirmed;

a. The Plan is recommended by the PPWG to Cabinet and then on to full Council.

b. Belief that members would not recommend anything they believed to be deficient.

c. Cllr Redfern understands the concerns resulting from the AECOM report, but notes that it is fundamentally a consultant's view of another consultant's appraisal and was instigated by UDC to ensure all options had been considered.

d. The only reason for non-submission of the Plan would be if AECOM's full appraisal finds the Plan to be flawed, and that information is not yet available.

v. Leader of the District Council Cllr Howard Rolfe confirmed that UDC took advice following the Sustainability Appraisal for North Essex causing concerns, and were advised to review their Sustainability Appraisal.

Judgement needs to be reserved until the full report results are received, which are anticipated before Christmas. Cllr Rolfe confirmed optimism that the Plan will not be overturned, the Sustainability Appraisal being only one piece of evidence and stressed the importance of moving forward with the DPDs.

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vi. Councillors expressed concern that given the nature of the criticisms in AECOM's report, modification of the Plan will be required, which will require further consultation and result in the 24/01/19 deadline being missed.

vii. Cllr Rolfe confirmed that failure to meet the 24/01/19 deadline would result in an increase of 3000 in housing numbers and probably result in four garden communities instead of three.

5 members of the public left the meeting.

18/143 PLANNING

The following comments were agreed to be returned to Uttlesford District Council regarding planning applications;

i. UTT/18/2752/FUL - The Close, Church Street, Great Chesterford

Proposed erection of a detached 5 bedroom dwelling and 2 bay cart shed and studio. Formation of new vehicular access. (21/11/18).

Cllr Hall recused himself and left the meeting. No comment.

ii. UTT/18/3027/HHF - 2 South Street, Great Chesterford

Erection of first floor rear extension. (05/12/18). No comment.

Cllr Mitchell arrived.

iii. UTT/18/2931/DOC - New World Timber Frame and Graveldene Nurseries, London Road

Application to discharge Condition 16 (revised parking layout) attached to UTT/18/0313/FUL. No comment.

iv. UTT/18/2991/NMA - 65 Jackson's Lane, Great Chesterford

Non material amendment to UTT/16/0413/HHF - Change roof over single storey extension to a lean to roof. No comment.

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. (28/11/18). The Council strongly objects to this application due to over dominance on the street scene and draws attention to the height of the proposed dwelling being 1.8m greater than originally detailed. It was agreed that the council would call this application in to committee.

vi. UTT/18/2795/AG - Field Farm, Field Farm Drive, Great Chesterford

Proposed grain store. No comment.

The following planning decisions were noted;

vii. UTT/18/2273/FUL - Mill House and The Stables, Newmarket Road, Great Chesterford

Proposed partial demolition and reconstruction of brick and flint screen garden wall and widening of entrance providing dedicated access to Mill House and The Stables cottage. Resulting engineering works to wall and associated landscaping and creation of drive. Approved.

viii. UTT/18/1961/HHF - 1 Manor Cottages, Manor Lane, Great Chesterford.

First floor bathroom and ground floor living room extensions. Approved.

ix. UTT/18/1949/FUL - Rear of Cheston House (now Rosemary House) London Road.

Section 73A retrospective application for revisions to UTT/16/0790/FUL scheme approved for 1 detached dwelling. Approved.

x. UTT/18/2435/FUL - Rear of Gramaur Cottage, Carmen Street, Great Chesterford.

Erection of 1 dwelling. Refused.

xi. UTT/18/2636/NMA - Thorpe Lea, Walden Road, Great Chesterford

Non-material amendment to UTT/17/0712/DFO, roofing material amended from plain clay tiles to natural slate. Approved.

xii. UTT/18/2624/DOC - Thorpe Lea, Walden Road, Great Chesterford

Application to discharge condition 7 attached to UTT/15/2310/OP. Discharged in full.

xiii. UTT/18/2243/FUL - Lulworth House, Newmarket Road, Great Chesterford

Proposed new dwelling on land adjacent to Lulworth House. Proposed demolition of existing garage and porch to Lulworth House and erection of new front porch and two bay cart shed. Approved.

xiv. UTT/18/1961/HHF - 1 Manor Cottages, Manor Lane, Great Chesterford.

First floor bathroom and ground floor living room extension. Approved.

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18/144 FINANCE

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

The following transactions;

OP - Cambridge Marquees deposit TBNT - £406.25

OP - AEGH Ltd (deposit) TBNT - £908.40

OP - Great Chesterford Recreation Ground Trust (trees x 2 & timber) -£51.45

300152 - Mrs A Brown - locum clerk April and May 2018 - £207.58

300153 - Hankinson Duckett Associates Ltd -Local Plan representation - £1895.64

300154 - Mr N Gregory - train fare to meet with the barrister - Local Plan - £141.30

300155 - Ms V Hutton - Essex Chambers - Local Plan representation - £1800.00

300156 - EALC - Police & Fire conference - £25.00

300157 - A Howe - maintenance salary Oct 2018 - £707.11

300158 - A Cattley - clerk October salary - £650.99

300159 - A Lindsell - Interim clerk's October salary - £590.00

300160 - A Lindsell - Interim clerk's October expenses - £78.60

300161 - Mrs S Tricerri - replacement cheque for chq 300138/ tr 58 - £19.30

300162 - Cambridge Marquees (balance) TBNT - £1543.75

300163 - AEGH Ltd (balance) TBNT - £908.40

300164 - AEGH Ltd - festoon lighting TBNT - £36.00

300165 - Mr R Tonkins - reimbursement for 3rd Tommy TBNT - £776.30

300166 - Print 4 Business - TBNT - £456.00

300167 - Paul Rutter Limited - perspex printing -TBNT - £156.00

300168 - Paul Rutter Ltd - further perspex printing, artwork and banners - £1092.00

DD - A & J Lighting - November maintenance - £161.64

DD - A & J Lighting - October call out and repair - £200.04

DD - E.On - November street lighting - £387.66

were agreed for payment.

ii. It was resolved that councillors would study the proposed budget for 2019/20 and forward details to the clerk to enable the budget to be finalised at the December Council meeting.

iii. It was agreed that the 2019/20 Precept would be agreed at the December Council meeting.

iv. It was agreed that District Cllr Redfern would forward details of the District Council pension provider to the clerk to finalise the maintenance contract.

v. It was resolved that the Council rejects liability of the insurance claim 27182123996.

18/145 NEIGHBOURHOOD AND LOCAL PLAN

i. Cllr Mitchell detailed only two responses from previously interested parties regarding the Neighbourhood Plan, although two additional volunteers have come forward and it was resolved to meet in the next seven days and work towards at least holding the public consultation before 24/01/19.

ii. It was agreed that Cllrs Gregory, Hall, Newcombe and Redfern would attend the PPWG meeting 20/11/18 to reiterate the Council's previous comments and engage with the DPDs when appropriate and once current issues raised by the AECOM report have been resolved. Cllr Hall agreed to prepare and circulate a response to the Addendum of Focussed Changes to the Regulation 19 Pre-Submission Local Plan and it was resolved to ask at the meeting whether the District Council can apply for an extension to the 24/01/19 deadline.

3 members of the public left the meeting.

18/146 OPEN SPACES AND EQUIPMENT

i. Cllr Mitchell confirmed that previously agreed matters are being actioned and raised several matters for future consideration, including a CCTV upgrade (£3400).

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It was agreed to accept the painting contract with the contractor recommended by the original supplier of the skate park at a cost of £700 this budget year and £1400 thereafter to make the skatepark last another 4/5 years.

It was agreed that Cllr Mitchell would forward information relating to ditch clearance around the Recreation Ground to District Cllr Redfern to action.

ii. District Cllr Redfern detailed the expressions of interest received regarding the use of the Scout Hut, and it was agreed that the matter would be decided once other issues have been resolved.

18/147 HEDGES

It was agreed that the hedges between Hyll Close and the field to the north are the responsibility of the District Council.

18/148 MATTERS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION

The Council expressed sincere thanks to everyone involved in the WW1 Commemoration, particularly Bob Tonkins and Cllr Gareth Bevens who have worked tirelessly to make the weekend such a success.

The Council congratulates Elizabeth Marshall on being awarded a BEM for services to the community in Great and Little Chesterford.

Thanks were expressed to Cathy Holding and Amanda Lindsell for their work on the Chesterford website.

18/149 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 12th December, 2018.

The meeting closed at 9.55pm.