

Great Chesterford Parish Council

Minutes of the extra-ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 28 April 2022

Present Chair Tom Newcombe, Councillors Mike Mitchell, Julie Redfern
Penny McCullough, Rachel Thackray and Sharon Tricerri.

In Attendance Kate Stacey, Clerk to the Council.

22/70 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received and noted from Cllrs Cleary and Hall.

22/71 Declaration of Interests

There were no declared 'personal' or 'pecuniary' interests relating to items on the agenda.

22/72 Public Forum

No members of the public were present.

22/73 Resolution for the purpose of applying for a loan for the completion of the Nursery project

Cllr Mitchell presented the proposal to apply for a loan for the completion of the nursery project noting that residents had been given an opportunity to comment on the proposal; one comment had been received. Cllr Mitchell explained that the resolution bore no commitment on behalf of the Council and was simply the beginning of the process for applying for the loan. The loan application together with the other issues (funding from ECC and procurement of nursery provider and building) would be brought back to the Council in due course for discussion and approval prior to final commitment.

It was resolved that the Parish Council wished to seek the approval of the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing, Communities & Local Government to apply for a loan from the Public Works Loan Board ("PWLB") for the completion of the nursery project as reported to the local community in emails dated 27 February and 29 March 2022 and also posted on the village website. It is not intended to increase the council tax precept for the purpose of the loan repayments. The intention is for the nursery project to be funded from funds held by Essex County Council ("ECC") and the balance from the PWLB with loan repayments to be funded from the income received from the nursery provider.

22/74 Date of Next Meetings;

The next meeting would be the Annual meeting of the Parish Council at 7.30pm on Wednesday 11 May 2022 (which would be directly followed by the regular May Parish Council meeting).

The meeting closed at 7.37pm.