

GREAT CHESTERFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF GREAT CHESTERFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY
18TH APRIL 2018 AT 7:30PM IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, GREAT CHESTERFORD

PRESENT: Neil Gregory (Chair), Gareth Bevens (V. Chair), Julie Redfern, Mike Mitchel
Collette Altaparmakova, Sharon Tricerri, David Hall, Penny McCullough

Locum Clerk: Mrs A Brown
Members of the Public: 15

18/043 Apologies for Absence
No apologies necessary

18/044 Declarations of Interest
Cllr. McCullough – parent of child at nursery school
Cllr. Redfern – member of Uttlesford District Council

18/045 Minutes of the last meeting
18/033 in error it was reported that Cllr. Bevens would circulate details of invitations received to meetings at the Welcome campus when in fact it was Cllr. Hall. The minutes were signed as a true record with this amendment.

18/046 Public Forum
Points raised included:
The Playschool would like a change of use and lease for the scout hut to be a building to house the playschool. This would free up the community centre for use of other groups. The scout hut has no toilets so this is a problem which would have to be resolved. Other interested parties were the scouts, youth club, cricket club and use as a Parish Council office. It was discussed that the playschool and the scouts could share the facility. There was a further point raised by a member of the cricket club about the loss of storage and the fact that one garage belonging to the community centre still remained intact but had been emptied thinking that it was to be demolished. The use of the remainder of land to be for a conservation area with improvements to the track and hedging put in.

18/047 Planning
To consider any comments to be returned to Uttlesford District Council (UDC) on the following applications:

UTT/18/0650/HHF 13 Pilgrims Close
Resolved: No objection

UTT/18/0725/HHF 37 Jacksons Lane
Resolved: No objection but note that treatment of dormers is different on 39 and 41

UTT/18/0718/HHF 7 Rookery Close
Resolved: Objection due to loss of garage and parking

18/048 Neighbourhood and Local Plans

The UDC Regulation 19 is due in June, but the transport paper from UDC was not available yet or the Vision Statement from Grosvenor. GCPC is moving in the right direction slowly but no progress has been made on the structure and ownership of the development from UDC.

A meeting has been organised between GCPC, Uttlesford Planners and Grosvenor. GCPC has been informed that Dist. Cllr Deane and Dist. Cllr Lodge would be at the meeting and it was not thought appropriate for these political leaders to be at the meeting. **It was resolved** to contact the District Council and explain the reasons it was felt inappropriate for political leaders to be at the meeting. Cllr. Gregory was asked to draft a letter to send to UDC. **Proposed by Cllr. Hall, 2nd by Cllr. Newcombe and agreed unanimously.**

Whittlesford Station multi storey car park has been objected to by English Heritage.

It was not possible for GCPC to respond to the public consultation on the NPFF. If the Action Group want to draft something the GCPC would consider putting it forward.

Cllrs were informed that Cllr. Redfern had been asked not to attend the Action Group because of being a Dist. Cllr. The PC **resolved** that Cllr. Beven and Cllr. Redfern would no longer attend meetings of the Action Group as Parish Councillors. The Chairman of the Action Group would be invited to GCPC meetings to share updates with Cllrs. during the public forum, **Proposed by Cllr. Hall 2nd by Cllr. Mitchell and unanimously agreed.**

Cllr Newcombe had no time to consider the Neighbourhood plan and respond to emails. It was **resolved** that emails with bullet points would be forwarded to Cllr. Mitchell. **Proposed by Cllr Newcombe, Cllr Hall 2nd the proposal, which was unanimously agreed.**

18/049 Assets of Community Value

A list of the assets was read out to the Cllrs. and it was agreed to add the Castle Hotel to the list.

18/050 Station Approach

Station Approach is owned by Greater Anglia. It was **resolved** that Cllr. Newcombe would write a letter with photos to be sent to Greater Anglia to hopefully get the road repaired. **Proposed by Cllr. Newcombe and 2nd by Cllr. Altaparmakova, unanimously agreed.**

18/051 Annual Village Meeting

The Annual Village Meeting is scheduled for Thursday 3rd May starting at 8pm with a talk by Kemi Badenoch the MP for Saffron Walden. There was a discussion about having the District Councillors sit as a panel to answer questions from the residents. It was decided who would be given the Chairman's Award which would be announced on the evening. A gardening voucher of £50 would be given as a gift unless Cllr. Altaparmakova could find out beforehand what the recipient would like.

18/052 Former Scout Hut

Cllr Redfern proposed that a working party was formed with all interested parties to take part. This was seconded by Cllr. McCullough and agreed by all councillors.

18/054 London Road/Newmarket Road Speeding

Police had been out with speed guns and issued many tickets. The school are trying to get parents to look at parking more responsibly.

18/054 Nursery School

It was reported that the Nursery School would soon be advertising it's opening, but a waiting list is already full. It was **proposed** by Cllr. Mitchell for an annual declaration be made to the GCPC to make sure that preferential places were held for parents of Great Chesterford as per the contract. It was **resolved** that Cllr. Altaparmakova would find out the facts about the waiting list and opening hours, **proposed by Cllr. McCullough 2nd by Cllr. Newcombe.**

18/055 Finance

There were no outstanding bills as Cllr. Hall had previously been through everything with the Clerk, only the Clerk's pension and salary were due.

18/056 Matters for Further Discussion

Complaints between neighbours about mess in the street.

Identity of whoever had planted some trees – thought to be the scouts.

ROSPA – playground and equipment inspection is due for May/June.

The meeting closed at 10:30pm

Signed (Chairman)

Date: