

GREAT CHESTERFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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Councillors are summoned to attend a meeting of Great Chesterford Parish Council to be held on

Wednesday 1st April, 2020 at 7:30pm on Skype

AGENDA

20/044 Apologies for Absence

20/045 Declaration of Interests

To receive any 'personal' or 'pecuniary' interests relating to items on the agenda.

20/046 Minutes of the Last Meeting

To approve as a correct record of events the minutes of the March Parish Council meeting.

20/047 Public Forum

15 minutes will be made available to address questions raised by members of the public to the Clerk by midday 01/04/2020.

20/048 County and District Councillor`s Reports

20/049 Planning

To consider any comments to be returned to Uttlesford District Council (UDC) relating to applications;

i. UTT/20/0617/HHF - The Old Tower, High Street, Great Chesterford

Proposed two storey and single storey extension, erection of chimney and replacement of rear facing windows to match existing. (Renewal of previously approved UTT/17/1106/HHF) (15/04/2020)

ii. UTT/20/0595/HHF - The Old Elm Tree, Church Street, Great Chesterford

The insertion of a four panel window to the rear gable. (14/04/2020)

iii. UTT/20/0596/LB - The Old Elm Tree, Church Street, Great Chesterford

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To consider action in relation to;

iv. Planning appeal APP/C1570/W/20/3247203 - Land At Acre Croft High Street, Great Chesterford.

Three new dwellings with associated garages from new access at land rear of Acre Croft (re-submission of previously approved scheme under references UTT/15/1424/OP and UTT/16/0328/DFO) (23/04/2020)

20/050 Finance

i. To receive a statement and review of accounts and list of payments for approval.

ii. To consider authorising a £300 budget for emergency expenditure to Cllr Redfern during the Covid-19 pandemic.

20/051 Emergency Powers

Following recent advice from the Essex Association of Local Councils and the National Association of Local Councils, the Parish Council will consider;

i. Cancelling all public Parish Council meetings with immediate effect.

ii. Co-ordinating fortnightly Parish Council meetings on Skype. The Clerk will publish agendas for these meetings with at least three clear working days notice as required for usual Parish Council meetings. Residents wishing to raise items within the public forum, may contact the clerk in writing, by phone or email, before midday on the day of the meeting. Draft minutes of the meetings will be made available to the public within 48 hours on Google Groups, the Parish Council website and the village notice board.

iii. Devolving power to the Clerk to approve and make any payments below £500 in conjunction with the Chair.

iv. Devolving power to the Clerk to approve and make any payments below £1500 with approval via

email from three Councillors.

v. Payments requiring approval above £1500 require approval from all Councillors via simple majority in the usual way, with the Chair's casting vote as necessary.

vi. Portfolio holders may make non-material operational decisions which do not require the expenditure of any monies exactly as previously. Otherwise, all decisions need to be made on the fortnightly Skype meeting via simple majority with the Chair's casting vote as necessary. If there is any likelihood a decision would be controversial, it is material.

vii. Decisions requiring prompt action to be made via new email chain, with approval from five Councillors.

viii. Genuinely urgent decisions to be proposed to the Parish Council on email, and ratified by two of the Chair or either Vice-Chairs. Any doubt as to promptness or urgency or whether it can wait until a fortnightly Skype meeting to be settled by the Chair..

ix. These powers to be in place for a period of three months, subject to review and cancellation at any point by simple majority, and renewal after three months on the same basis.

20/052 Government Volunteering Scheme / Good Neighbours

To consider action required to support either scheme.

20/053 Footpaths

To finalise the detail of the previously agreed construction of a post and rail zigzag on the footpath to Little Chesterford where it crosses the farm track.

20/054 Neighbourhood Plan

To receive an update.

20/055 Nursery

To receive an update.

20/056 Matters for Further Discussion

Subject to the discretion of the Chair, raised by Councillors with a view to being an item on the next agenda. Please note that no decisions can be lawfully made under this item.

20/057 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 15th April, 2020.

SIGNED (CLERK):

DATE: 27/03/2020

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Smith', is written over a light blue rectangular background.