

Great Chesterford Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 8 March 2023

Present Councillors Tom Newcombe (Chair), Amanda Cooper, Penny McCullough, Mike Mitchell and Rachel Thackray.

In Attendance One member of the public.

23/114 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Redfern and Tricerri.

23/115 Declaration of Interests

Cllr Newcombe declared that he was a solicitor for Birketts. Cllr Cooper declared that she lived near the proposed bike rack site.

23/116 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the 17 May 2023 Parish Council meeting were approved and signed as an accurate record.

23/117 Public Forum

It was reported that a resident had been in touch regarding the ditches parallel to Hyll Close. It was reported that the relevant landowners monitored the ditches regularly and cleared them on an annual basis in the autumn. There had been a fast response (downstream) in relation to a dumping issue. It was reported that residents had commented on the overgrown footpath from Great Chesterford to Little Chesterford. It was reported that this issue had been raised with the LCPC Clerk. It was reported that a resident was initiating a Neighbourhood Watch group in the Village and had been in touch to confirm boundaries. It was reported that a resident had been in touch regarding the repainting of the yellow lines on the High Street following the work by Gigaclear; this was in hand. Public forum. A resident reported a possible dead ash tree in the horses' field next to the recreation ground rented. It was noted that the 'Steam Up' event had been scheduled for 30 September; the Parish Council had made a grant to cover the cost of the portable toilets.

23/118 County and District Councillors' Reports

The above reports were received. It was noted that the grass verges on London and Walden Roads needed cutting as well as the vegetation around the entrance to Cow Lane. Cllr Gadd would be asked for an update on progress with potholes.

23/119 Planning

a) Current major planning issues;

i. London Road; two developments.

It was reported that Cllr Redfern had attended a meeting with the developer to review progress. Cllr Redfern had also attended a meeting with residents of Ash Green and London Road and the developer in relation to the cycle path route and residents' concerns. Cllr Redfern had met with the developer (Hill) and it had been agreed that the Little Chesterford end of the development would be left for agricultural use. It was possible that the associated S106 allocation could be combined with the potential railway bridge funding.

ii. Boro Farm aggregate recycling facility.
There were no updates on this issued.

iii. Icknield Fields, Stumps Cross.
There were no updates.

iv. Wellcome Trust Genome Campus, expansion at Hinxtun.
There were no updates.

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

It was noted that no applications have been submitted for comments in May.

c) To note Uttlesford District Council planning decisions;

The following planning decisions were noted;

i. Loft conversion, including hip to gable roof extension, front facing roof light window and rear facing dormer, **47 Jacksons Lane**, CB10 1PT. Ref. No: UTT/23/1235. **Approved.**

ii. Installation of replacement window to side elevation, **The Gables**, Carmel St, CB10 1PH. Ref. No: UTT/23/0802/LB. **Approved.**

iii. Reinstatement of section of roof structure, minor repairs to internal damaged areas to first floor area following fire and water damage. **Station House**, Station Approach, London Rd, CB10 1NY. UTT/23/0093/LB. **Approved with conditions.**

23/120 Finance

a) Accounts and payments

The banks statements, accounts sheets and list of payments were received. The following list of payments was approved for payment;

Staff salaries and expenses	£2,385.25
Parker's Pitches, spraying and fertilizing	£3,300.00
Barker Parry, Highways discussion	£195.00
Npower, Street lighting electricity	£321.91
A&J, Annual maintenance	£544.74
Barrier fencing	£35.00
Print4Business, Hammond Gdn Leaflets	£38.40
CB Mowers, Deck Belt	£59.39
CCC, room booking	£54.00
Litter bin	£121.18
CCC, room booking, AVM	£220.00
Orchard Sundial	£900.65
Birketts, re; lease of scout hut	£1,825.20
Hose and hose cart	£69.70
SLCC membership (Clerk)	£177.00
A&J lighting, monthly maintenance	£161.64
EALC, Courses, Clerk, Cllr Cooper	£402.00
CB Mowers, Strimmer	£199.00
Treecology, removal, decayed poplar	£1,980.00
Cllr Redfern re; AVM expenses	£162.40
Grass cutting, J Moralee	£277.70

It was noted that income received in May was; £140 in reimbursement for cutting back the Gold St Surgery trees, £500 ECC grant towards the Hammond/Ratcliff garden project, £93.77 in reimbursement for electricity for the Scout hut. It was also reported that a resident had donated £50 towards the Hammond Garden project.

b) Steam Up grant application

It was agreed to award a grant of £320 to the Steam Up organising Committee for the event in October 2023.

23/121 Recreation Ground play area

a) Report

The report was received.

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It was noted that the new tennis court nets and posts had been installed but had already been damaged by over winding. It was agreed that Cllr Thackray would approach Cllr Gadd for locality funds towards windbreaks for the tennis courts.

b) Football goals

A quote was received for the repair of the football goals on the Recreation Ground. It was agreed to proceed with the work and the purchase of the items required.

23/122 Open spaces

a) Report

The report was received.

b) Hammond and Ratcliff Gardens

Cllr Thackray reported on progress to date. It was reported that a resident had donated £50 towards the project; the Parish Council expressed their thanks.

c) Proposed location of Coronation Tree

This would be returned to at the next meeting.

23/123 GCPC Risk register

The GCPC risk register was reviewed. It was agreed that the possibility of moving the website costs to a Clerk credit card would be investigated. It was agreed that the need to be mindful of using messaging services to communicate would be added to the risk register.

23/124 Assets of community value

It was agreed that Cllr Newcombe would review the current list and update it for submission to UDC.

23/125 Nursery

i. It was resolved that out agenda item 23/125ii would be discussed in closed session in accordance with Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, because publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

ii. An update was received.

23/126 Matters for Further Discussion

The following items were identified for the next meeting's agenda;

Assets of Community Value

S106 funding, London Road developments

Hammond Garden

23/127 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the July meeting would be rescheduled from 12 July to Tuesday 25 July (given the absence of the Clerk).