

LITTLE CHESTERFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LITTLE CHESTERFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY JANUARY 12TH 2017 AT 7:30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL LITTLE CHESTERFORD

Present: Robert Pumfrey
Ian Couchman
Annie Roberts

Fiona Wilkinson
Lez Davison

Alan Cattley – Clerk

John Moran – Prospective Essex County Council election candidate
One member of the public.

17/012 Apologies for Absence.

Received and accepted from Cllr. Blosse

16/013 Declaration of Interests

None.

16/014 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on January 12th 2017 were signed as a correct record of events.

With permission from the Chairman, John Moran briefly addressed the meeting to introduce himself as an Essex County Council election candidate for Uttlesford. He has spoken to ECC leader David Finch who has announced that ECC have made £10m available for highway improvements and Parish Councils have been invited to make suggestions of sites in need of work.

16/015 Neighbourhood Plan.

It was reported that village walks have been organised in Great Chesterford, with two more still to take place. Fiona Wilkinson and Tim Tait would be writing up the findings. Steps were being taken to recruit a consultant and co-ordinator for the group.

16/016 Deer Warning Signs.

It had been reported that a number of deer had been killed recently by traffic on the B184. Cllr. Blosse would be asked to contact ECC Highways to request the installation of warning signs on the B184 north of Barrow Bottom. John Moran agreed to raise the matter at his next meeting with Highways.

17/017 Grass verges

There was concern that Chesterford Park had been cropping the special grass verges adjoining the village despite the posts indicating that they were designated nature reserves.

Cllr. Davison had contacted Property Manager Carl Smith at Chesterford Park and Sarah Kenyon of UDC. It was understood that cutting of such areas should only be undertaken by ECH contractors, but the verges were believed to be the property of Chesterford Park and they held the keys to gain access.

In the absence of certainty about the ownership, Cllr. Wilkinson agreed to contact Land Registry to try to ascertain this.

17/018 Soil reinforcement

Both entrances to the field behind the Village Hall car park were reported to be devoid of grass. Cllr. Couchman agreed to establish costs and it was agreed to approve the work subject to an acceptable quote being obtained.

17/019 Correspondence

None received

17/020 Matters Arising

Cllr. Couchman was to post notices locally to try to recruit a Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator and to carry out another census of Chesterford Park traffic.
 The clerk had written to the owner of the property between Arpinum and Wooden requesting that the vegetation overhanging the footpath be cut back.
 Cllr. Roberts has joined the church's fund raising committee. £4000 was needed, with £350 already raised.
 The holes in the bridge were reported to be increasing in size. The clerk was asked to report the matter to EC Highways.

17/021 Matters for further discussion.

None.

17/022 Date of Next Meeting.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on May 11th 2017

The meeting closed at 8:50

Signed (Chairman).....

Date: 11th May 2017