

# Little Chesterford Parish Council

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## **Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 11th March, 2021 at 7.30pm**

**Present** Chairman Robert Pumfrey, Cllr Lez Davison, Cllr Paul Osborne, Cllr Annie Roberts and Cllr Fiona Wilkinson.

**In Attendance** District Councillor Richard Pavitt, Katherine Maguire of Chesterford Research Park and Amanda Lindsell - Clerk to the Council.

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### **21/014 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received and noted from District Cllr Neil Gregory.

### **21/015 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

### **21/016 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Katherine Maguire noted that Julian Cobourne will be joining the meeting and would like to provide an update on proposals at Chesterford Research Park.

### **21/017 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the January Parish Council Meeting were approved by Councillors as an accurate representation Chair Robert Pumfrey authorised the clerk to sign the minutes on his behalf.

### **21/018 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

District Councillor Richard Pavitt reported that Grosvenor are again in talks with UDC. They believe that the planning inspector was unfair and that they can make improvements to their landscaping and archaeology, possibly pushing their proposed site further towards Abington.

### **21/019 FINANCE.**

The clerk presented a statement of accounts and reconciliation to cash books which were approved. Cheque - 100382- Clerk's salary Jan/Feb 2021 - £211.16 was agreed for payment.

### **21/020 PLANNING**

The following responses were agreed to return to Uttlesford District Council relating to planning;

i. UTT/21/0334/FUL - Land Adj. Rambler Cottage, High Street, Little Chesterford

Erection of dwelling house and associated development, to include demolition of existing garage and provision of dropped kerb (amended scheme to that approved under planning permission UTT/18/2812/FUL) - No comment.

*Julian Cobourne from Aviva joined the meeting and provided the Parish Council with an update on the next project for Chesterford Research Park. The proposals are not currently in the public domain. Julian resolved to forward his presentation to the Parish Council for their consideration. Katherine Maguire extended an offer to the Parish Council to get in touch, should they wish to see the proposed site and or new building. Julian and Katherine left the meeting.*

ii. UTT/20/3465/FUL - Manor Lodge, High Street, Little Chesterford

Conversion of rural building to create single dwelling (amended scheme to that approved under planning permission UTT/17/3314/FUL) - The Parish Council agreed to strongly object to this application as the scale, form and design are out of keeping with the surroundings, causing harm to the grade 1 listed Manor/Church complex at the heart of the village. The Parish Council agree with the conservation officer's comments, and note that the proposals are contrary to the emerging Great and Little Chesterford Neighbourhood Plan.

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The following planning decisions were noted;

iii. UTT/20/3205/CLP - Manor Lodge, High Street, Little Chesterford

Conversion of out-buildings and barn to form 3 private dwellings off existing access, approved as reference UTT/17/3314/FUL - Approved.

iv. UTT/20/2891/HHF - Springwell Cottage, Walden Road, Little Chesterford

Erection of detached single garage - Approved with conditions.

v. UTT/20/2782/FUL - Barn at Joseph Farm, Walden Road, Little Chesterford

Proposed demolition of agricultural building and erection of one dwelling - Approved with conditions.

## **21/021 LOCAL PLAN**

Councillor Wilkinson confirmed that the call for sites is ongoing and concludes 21/04/2021.

## **21/022 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Councillor Wilkinson detailed minor changes made to the documents previously circulated including;

i. Modification of the landscape policy to include enhancement of the green screening.

ii. The proposed addition of a settlement boundary around the main village, but not extended to Bordeaux Farms and the site opposite Rectory Barns.

*District Councillor Richard Pavitt left the meeting.*

iii. Following lengthy discussion, Councillor Wilkinson proposed a vote to remove the access to the site opposite Rectory Barns from the policy. Councillors voted four in favour and one against the proposal.

Councillor Wilkinson resolved to circulate copies of the final plan to the Council before dispatch to UDC.

The Parish Council approved Great Chesterford Parish Council as the qualifying body, to undertake regulation 14 for the Neighbourhood Plan.

## **21/023 GIGACLEAR**

i. Councillor Wilkinson confirmed that the damaged salt bin has been replaced.

ii. It was agreed that the clerk would request that the verges that run along the High Street and the Manor ditch, and the verges on Walden Road opposite the White House are repaired by Gigaclear, following the damage caused during their recent works.

## **21/024 MATTERS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION**

i. The High Street will be closed for four days commencing 29/03/2021 for Affinity Water works.

ii. Research into the Liquorice Piercer Moth will be taking place at the Special Roadside Verge in Little Chesterford, starting Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 11 am. Interested parties are welcome to attend.

## **21/025 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 13th May, 2021.

**The meeting closed at 8.51pm.**