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LITTLE CHESTERFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF LITTLE CHESTERFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY MAY 11TH 2017 AT 7:30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL LITTLE CHESTERFORD

Present: Robert Pumfrey Fiona Wilkinson

Ian CouchmanLez DavisonAnnie RobertsPaul Blosse

Alan Cattley – Clerk

Cllr. Julie Redfern – Uttlesford District Councillor

17/023 Election of Chairman.

Cllr. Pumfrey was proposed by Cllr. Couchman, seconded by Cllr. Roberts and elected unanimously. Cllr. Pumfrey expressed his thanks to the councillors for their work in the previous year, especially those who had contributed to planning issues and matters of road safety. He also offered his congratulations to John Moran on his election as county councillor.

17/024 Apologies for Absence.

None.

16/025 Declaration of Interests

None.

16/026 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on March 9th 2017 were signed as a correct record of events.

17/027 Annual Governance Statement

The Governance Statement was approved and signed.

17/028 Annual Accounting Statements

The annual accounting statements were approved and signed.

17/029 Planning

To consider any comments to be returned to Uttlesford District Council (UDC) on the following application:

UTT/17/1068/HHF Erection of two pre-fabricated timber summerhouses.

Location: Bank Cottage High Street Little Chesterford Saffron Walden Essex CB10 1TS

Resolved: No Comment

17/030 Neighbourhood Plan.

It was reported that all but one of the village walks had now been completed and the written reports were expected shortly. The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group had not met since the last PC meeting. It was expected that three settlements would come forward in the local plan. The next meeting of the Planning Policy Working Group was to be on May 17th, and a presentation on behalf of the developers was to be made by Bidwells on May 24th. Cllrs. Wilkinson, Blosse and Davison would attend for the PC.

17/031 Request from Great Chesterford Parish Council

It was decided to make a donation of £300 as a contribution towards the cost of outdoor gym equipment to be installed on Great Chesterford's recreation ground.

17/032 Correspondence

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None received.

17/033 Matters Arising

Cllr. Couchman had investigated reinforcing materials for the grassed areas around the gates into the car park and had received an estimated cost of £150 for 10 square metres of Gridforce Park 40. It was agreed to proceed with the work.

Verges - Cllr. Davison had contacted Sarah Kenyon again and it was believed that the verges belonged to ECC and not Chesterford Research Park. Unauthorised cutting had now stopped and cowslips had been seen again this year.

HGV warning sign on B184 – this was still not working. Cllr. Davison will contact Highways.

The overhanging vegetation on the path adjoining the property between Arpinum and Woodene had now been cut back.

17/034 Matters for further discussion.

It was asked whether the footpath around Chesterford Park was an adopted public footpath. It was thought that it was not, but that Catherine McGuire at the Park would be able to confirm this.

17/035 Date of Next Meeting.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on July 13th 2017

The meeting closed at 8:40	
Signed (Chairman)	Date: 6th July 2017