

LITTLE CHESTERFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LITTLE CHESTERFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY NOVEMBER 9TH 2017 AT 7:30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL LITTLE CHESTERFORD

Present: Robert Pumfrey
Annie Roberts
Paul Blossie

Fiona Wilkinson
Ian Couchman

EC Cllr. John Moran
UD Cllr. Julie Redfern

Three members of the public.

Alan Cattley – Clerk

17/056 Apologies for Absence

None received.

17/057 Declaration of Interests

Cllr. Pumfrey declined to comment on item 17/059 as a neighbour of the property.

17/058 Minutes of the Last Meeting

After noting that the date of next meeting was incorrect, the minutes of the meeting held on September 14th 2017 were signed as an otherwise correct record of events.

17/059 Access to B184 from Springwell Place

JM had contacted Essex Highways for clarification but had received no reply.

It was understood that no application for access was currently in place, and that an application by a previous owner had been refused.

It was recalled that there had historically been no access from that end of the site and none was shown on sales particulars from 1927.

Nigel Brown at Uttlesford District Council planning department was of the opinion that no breach had occurred.

It was noted that trees had been cut down and field sprayed to establish access.

JM commented that Essex or the Land Registry would have maps which could be considered definitive.

JR will ask Nigel Brown to make a site visit.

JM will ask EC Highways if they have any objection. The police view is still awaited.

17/060 Neighbourhood and Local Plans.

Tom Newcombe has passed a copy of the draft Neighbourhood Plan to FW for extra input.

Little Chesterford PC has entered submitted representations to the Reg.18 stage of the Local Plan as have a number of residents.

FW has attended a meeting of the Planning Policy Working Group and made further comments and there will be a meeting with Grosvenor (developers of the proposed North Uttlesford scheme) tomorrow.

JM reported that conversations were already taking place about the implications for education and health.

JR commented that new settlements constructed under garden principles would bring infrastructure first whereas dispersal would bring nothing. There was a need to challenge the Government's figures.

JM commented that money returned to the community under land value capture schemes is available upfront, unlike s.106 funding which usually comes only after completion.

He suggested that the PC should continue to talk to residents and challenge the development if it is not in the interests of residents. If the evidence is challenged, the result should be a better plan.

Letters should be written directly to the Essex County Council members, particularly those responsible for health, highways and environment and waste.

FW commented that the PC should decide whether to invite Grosvenor to a meeting in the village.

We should also be vigilant with the Aviva site. This had increased its development limit in the last Local Plan and may well attempt to do so again.

17/061 Budget

Suggestions for expenditure included repairs or replacement of the kissing gate and stile.
The precept will need to be decided at the January meeting.

17/062 Correspondence.

None received.

17/063 Matters Arising

It was noted that the Village Hall Committee would consider the installation of a defibrillator

17/064 Matters for further discussion.

None reported.

17/065 Date of Next Meeting.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on January 11th 2018

The meeting closed at 8:40

Signed (Chairman).....

Date: 11th January 2018