

LITTLE CHESTERFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LITTLE CHESTERFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH 2017 AT 7:30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL LITTLE CHESTERFORD

Present: Robert Pumfrey
Annie Roberts

Fiona Wilkinson
Ian Couchman

Three members of the public.

Alan Cattley – Clerk

17/046 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Blossie and Davison, UDC Cllr. Redfern and ECC Cllr. Moran

17/047 Declaration of Interests

None received.

17/048 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on July 6th 2017 were signed as a correct record of events.

17/049 Planning

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

UTT/17/2261/FUL Proposed erection of cold storage unit and cycle shelter.

Location: Proposed erection of cold storage unit and cycle shelter. | Gonville Building Building
200 Chesterford Park Little Chesterford CB10 1XL

Resolved:No Comment

17/050 Neighbourhood and Local Plans.

There was an intention to resume progress on the Neighbourhood Plan as this would add weight to the community's efforts to mitigate the effects of proposals in the Local Plan. It was suggested that the Village Hall Committee might consider contributing towards the costs, but this was felt to be inappropriate use of funds for a charity.

The deadline for comments under Reg.18 of the Local Plan was September 4th, and Cllr. Wilkinson had circulated comments, posted key points on the notice board and made a submission on UDC's website. There had also been an exhibition in the Village Hall, and Cllr. Roberts had raised funds. The Chairman thanked Cllrs. Wilkinson and Roberts for their hard work.

The next stage for the Plan is Reg.19, at which point the revised plan will be issued before submission to the inspector.

17/051 Defibrillator

It was understood that likely costs including installation were likely to be around £1500.

The Village Hall committee were willing to meet part of the cost involved; Cllrs Couchman and Roberts would collaborate to ascertain further details.

17/052 Correspondence.

A letter had been received from The Oil-Club offering to set up discounted heating oil supplies to the village. The clerk was asked to contact Martin Start who was already organising a similar scheme to ascertain whether the scheme offered better value than existing arrangements.

17/053 Matters Arising

It was reported that the northern access on to the B184 from Springwell Place was being used again after many years of disuse and that this was causing a danger to traffic approaching from the south. Residents in an adjoining property were concerned that risk of a serious accident was high, and asked the PC to support their efforts to have the access removed.

It was believed that the matter had arisen in the past, but no record of any previous planning decision was available on UDC's website.

It was not within the PC's power to intervene directly, but the clerk would write to Essex County Cllr. John Moran to ask for his assistance in the matter. It was believed that Alison Tills had contacted UDC in the past, and the clerk would check the archives to see if any relevant correspondence could be found.

Cllr. Pumfrey wished it to be placed on record that he was refraining from comment on the matter.

The clerk reported that the PC's external audit had been completed and approved.

17/054 Matters for further discussion.

Suggestions included:

Reinforcement of the grassed areas around the gates from the Village Hall car park.

Replacement of the kissing gate.

17/055 Date of Next Meeting.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on September 14th 2017

The meeting closed at 8:40

Signed (Chairman).....

Date: 9th November 2017