

The Annual Meeting of GREAT AND LITTLE CHISHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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| Venue: | Village Hall |
| Date: | 16 th May 2024 |
| Time: | 7:30 pm |
| Chair: | Cllr Dring |
| Parish Councillors: | Hatt, Leitch, Clements, Ridge, Pine |
| Clerk / Proper Officer: | Sarah Scott |
| County Councillor: | Not Present |
| District Councillor: | Not Present |
| Members of the Public: | 2 Members of the Public |
| Start Time: | 7:30pm |

1. The resignation of the Chairman and election of a Chairman to the Parish Council

The Chair and Vice Chair resigned from their positions.
It was proposed by Cllr Ridge and Seconded by Cllr Hall that Simon Dring be re-elected as Chair.
It was proposed by Cllr Hall and seconded by Cllr Ridge that Cllr Pine be re-elected as Vice Chair.

2. Acceptance of Office

Following on from Item 1 Cllr Dring and Cllr Pine signed their Acceptance of Office forms.

3. Apologies for Absence (and reasons)

The Clerk had not received any.

4. To receive any declaration of Pecuniary and non-Pecuniary Interest of Councillors

There were none declared.

5. Approval of the Minutes of 11th April 2024

There had been one comment from Cllr Hall and the minutes were duly signed and dated by the Chair.

6. Public Participation.

Clare de Froberville and Trudie Adcock from the Children's Playground committee gave an update:

- To do the whole refurbishment would cost £60k
- £14k had been raised so far
- They are at the stage now of applying for funding, finalising the constitution (for charity status) and finalising gift aid
- They have a list of companies to approach re donations / sponsorships
- A question was raised on PL insurance and it is thought it is covered by the PC as we own the land – this to be checked
- It was asked if the refurbishment could be done in stages and this could be a possibility
- It was suggested that working party came together to remove the fort as this was the main danger. It was agreed to do this
- The Parish Council had previously given an annual grant of £1k per year which had been withheld for the past couple of years. The Parish Council would be amenable to supporting the project. The Council have to be mindful and ensure any donations are proportionate.
- Clare and Trudie were thanked for coming to the meeting

7. Finance

- Certificate for exemption. The Clerk read out the statement for the Certificate of Exemption. This was understood by the Council and the Chair and RFO signed the form.
- Annual Audit. The Council were taken through the form. The Annual Governance Statement was read and agreed and this was duly signed, as was the rest of the AGAR.

Approve Annual Grants

Annual Grants Seniors Tea Party - £200
St Swithun's Grass cutting - £300
St Nicholas Grass cutting - £300
PFA - £2500
PFA - £750 – Grass cutting
Children's Christmas Party - £200
Great Chishill Youth Group - £1000
Children's Playground - £1000
Great Chishill Village Hall - £3000
Windmill Grant - £2,500

The Chair will contact the main recipients of grants to ascertain requirements and how the grants are spent. Grants will be paid after this.

8. Annual Review of the Policy Document - 2 minutes – Clerk

New Financial Regulations have been released and the Clerk will update the policy document with these and then the council can review the policy document.

9. Planning - 5 minutes

- Land in village
- North Hall Farm
- Bridgefoot Farm
- Rabbit Residence

There had been no further update on these items.

The LDF had been extended the 5 year land supply to 6.5 years.

10. Highways – 10 minutes, all

• Outstanding highways issues in Great Chishill and Little Chishill
There had been a little bit of work done to some of the road damage, notwithstanding there is still a lot of work to be done. Cllr Ridge had seen lots of potholes marked up, then it rained, then the road sweepers came and now all the markings are gone. However Cllr Hall said that would probably have marked these on a GPS map so it was probably okay.

Cllr Hall had spoken to a contractor who explained that they can only do the potholes they are allocated as they only carry enough materials for those they are told to do.

11. Speed and Safety - Cllr Hall

There is nothing to report.

12. Promotion of the Village

The Council are very happy with the draft by David and have fed back.

13. Granta Medical

Cllr Pine had emailed Granta and had heard nothing.

14. Emergency Planning

The Clerk had made a start but had not finished the plan.

15. To Accept Notices & Matters for the next Agenda

EV charging points

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 20:23

County Council Report

No Mow May

Cambridgeshire County Council has noted Plantlife's call for organisations to take part in "No Mow May", an initiative to promote biodiversity, allowing a wider range of plants and insects to thrive.

The council is keen to support the initiative and will be taking part in areas where it doesn't cause safety concerns for residents or motorists.

The cutting of grass areas will be paused in some areas to allow plants like daisies, dandelions and clovers to flower, providing important food for caterpillars from some of our best loved butterflies and moths. Letting wildflowers and plants grow freely will provide much needed nectar for pollinators and allow other plants and wildlife to grow and flourish.

However, great care will be taken to ensure cutting continues in places where road safety would be in any way impacted by poor visibility or where pavements and cycle paths would have reduced width making them less safe. Residents are encouraged to contact the council if there are places where they become concerned about safety issues for drivers, pedestrians or cyclists.

The council is also encouraging their farm tenants to take part and county council owned buildings, including New Shire Hall, will see green space managers lock up their lawnmower and liberate the lawns for the month.

More than 700 species of wildflowers grow on road verges in the UK according to Plantlife – this is almost 45% of the total wildflower species found across the country.

Music Education Hub

Cambridgeshire County Council has been appointed by the Arts Council of England to lead the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Music Education Hub from September as part of a consortium with Peterborough City Council.

The award is part of a nationwide programme to provide access to high-quality music education for all children and young people.

As the new Hub Lead Organisation for the region, the council will receive funding from the Department for Education (DfE) to co-ordinate music education strategy in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough through collaborations with providers and consortium member music teams.

It will also mean extra money to invest in new musical instruments, equipment and technology tailored to the needs of children and young people, including those with special educational needs and disabilities.

The new Hub will work with Peterborough and Cambridgeshire Music teams to deliver high quality music education accessible to all children and young people in the area through diverse partnerships between educational, creative and community organisations within their local communities.

The appointment is part of a major investment in a new generation of the nationwide network of Music Hubs. This investment will support the delivery the Government's National Plan for Music Education alongside the provision by schools and give children and young people the opportunity to develop their musical interests, including helping them to begin careers in the music industry.

May 10th 2024.

District Council Report for May 2024

Councillor James Hobro

District Councillor for the parishes of Foxton, Fowlmere, Heydon, Great Chishill & Little Chishill.

I am always happy to hear from residents with any questions about these or other issues relating to the District Council. Please contact me by telephone on 07768 706670 or by email at cllr.hobro@scamb.gov.uk.

Housing trajectory and five year land supply

Greater Cambridge Shared Planning has just [published a report](#) on the housing trajectory and land supply for Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire. This includes an evaluation of the 5-year land supply for this area, which is now at **6.5 years**. The land supply is being kept safely above 5 years to ensure that the local authorities retain control over planning issues, something the previous administration had failed to do, leading to a flurry of speculative development.

Further information on the housing trajectory and land use can be found [on the council's web site](#).

Planning department shortlisted for award

Greater Cambridge Shared Planning has been [shortlisted for the Planning Awards 2024](#) Local authority planning team of the year. The Planning Awards celebrate outstanding achievements within the planning industry.

Vape recycling introduced at recycling centres

Vape recycling has just been introduced at all of the county's recycling centres, including our local centre at Thriplow. The new vape recycling bins offer a safe and environmentally friendly way for residents to dispose of single-use and reusable vapes. Disposable vapes contain lithium-ion batteries which can catch fire if damaged.

Please help to publicise this within our villages to keep them free of litter.

Zero Carbon Communities Grant

The 2024 application window for Zero Carbon Communities Grants is open until 2 June. Grants of between £2,000 and £15,000 are available to parish councils and community groups to help take local action on climate change and biodiversity.

More information on the scheme and previous successful applications can be found [on the web site](#). I encourage parish councils and community groups within the ward to apply, as this is a substantial funding stream that can help improve our village facilities and natural spaces.

Shared Prosperity Fund green space improvement funding

The council has secured funding of around £100,000 from the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority to help improve up to six green spaces in South Cambridgeshire during the current financial year. The first phase of the project covered improvements in Great Shelford, Little Wilbraham, Coton and Orwell.

Parish Councils can bid for funding in the second phase if they have land available that they would like to improve to benefit the community. This will be announced formally in mid May. In the meantime, please send any questions and expressions of interest to james.croft@scams.gov.uk.

Rural England Prosperity Fund grants available

Almost £900,000 in funding is available for business and community projects in South Cambridgeshire thanks to a grant [launched in the District this week](#), funded by central government. The Rural England Prosperity Fund is designed to support local businesses for things like diversifying or creating jobs, plus a range of community initiatives such as rural travel, volunteering opportunities, digital projects or schemes that create a sense of local pride.

The first application window for the fund will open from 9 April 2024 and will run each quarter until all the grant funds have been successfully allocated.

Community growing project grants

[Grants of up to £500](#) have been launched by South Cambridgeshire District Council to support communities to grow their own food sustainably and help with the cost-of-living crisis. These grants can be used by Parish Councils, schools or community groups to buy equipment and tools, or build raised beds for growing vegetables. The scheme will run until the end of March 2025, or until the funds are exhausted.

Police and Crime Commissioner Election

On 2 May there was a ballot to elect the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cambridgeshire. Darryl Preston, the Conservative Party candidate, was re-elected on a turnout of 25.6%. The Police and Crime Commissioner is our elected representative for overseeing all policing matters and may be contacted at cambs-pcc@cambs.police.uk.

Civil Parking Enforcement

Civil Parking Enforcement came in to effect across South Cambridgeshire on 19 December 2023. After a period of warnings only, Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) began to be issued from 1 February. Between this time and mid-March, 154 PCNs have been issued, predominantly to vehicles parked on single or double yellow lines.

Requests for parking enforcement in your parish can be made to parkingcontrol@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.