

CHENIES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 1 March 2017

Present: Mr D Le Neve Foster *Chairman*
Mr C Macleod Matthews
Mrs G. Leaper
Mr D Martin
Mr M Walker

Councillor Noel Brown *Bucks CC*

In attendance: Mr P L Waite *Clerk*

Members of the public: Mr. C Gohl and Mr G. Ziprin, see item 2

1 Apologies

Received from Councillor Andrew Garth

2 Democratic Quarter Hour

Village Road Traffic Calming. Chris Gohl and Geoffrey Ziprin, Village Road residents, wanted to know what action had been taken since the previous 4 January meeting. The short term closure of The Red Lion had led to a noticeable improvement in the parking situation. The refurbishment and eventual reopening might well put significantly more pressure on parking, particularly if, as feared, the pub car park was to be reduced in size.

The Chairman confirmed that the points then raised had been taken very seriously and a series of contacts with the Bucks CC's, Paul Hodson, had taken place on the 12th January and 10th and 13th February. Mr Hodson had indicated that he would obtain suggestions from the Road Safety Team but then produced the official (36 page) Traffic Calming in Bucks guide to enable the PC to make its own plan for submission to the LAF for funding. According to the guide any physical structure in the road was ruled out since these require street lighting. The Chairman had again asked for professional advice on making a plan from Road Safety. since the PC were not experts.

Possible solutions were then discussed: parking on the house side of the road: speed monitoring equipment: appropriate signage: creation of parking gaps to allow traffic to pull in etc. but, as pointed out by Cllr. Brown, little help or action could be expected from Bucks CC without very persuasive evidence of speeding and safety breaches.

Discussion was finally terminated with agreement to monitor the effect of residents placing temporary traffic cones to allow more pull-in areas and discrete temporary Residents Parking signage.

Action: All

3 Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 November 2016

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 November 2016 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4 Matters arising from the Minutes

- **30 mph restriction signs.** On 12th January Paul Hodson advised that our application to extend the speed limit had been rejected since it did not meet DFT criteria. DF asked for the decision to be reviewed since none of our Road Safety concerns had been considered. This has resulted in an application being submitted to the LAF for a speed limit assessment to be carried out **Action: DF**
- **Broadband:** GL reported that a response had been obtained from Giles Ellerton at BT Open Reach indicating that "roughly half of Chenies premises will get fast or superfast fibre connections in spring 2018 with the remainder following in autumn 2018", subject to the usual escape clauses of site surveys, unknown issues etc. At least the message was more deliberate. **Action: GL**
- **Village Green - CDC Management.** The Clerk still needed to complete the necessary background research and would then write to David Stowe, the Assistant Estates Manager, CDC, (copy Cllr. Garth) with appropriate background, to seek payment consideration under the historic management scheme **Action: Clerk**
- **Litter Bins.** Despite many calls to Gary Honour of CDC Waste Management no delivery of the two replacement bins (ordered on 2 November 2016) had yet materialized. A strong complaint would be submitted. **Action: Clerk**
- **Greensward -** see para 2 above
- **New Water Main.** The new representative, Toby Feirn, had advised that the proposed works "are still not programmed but are expected to be carried out later this year" CPC would be advised as soon as a programme was in place. **Action: Clerk**
- **Replacement of Village Notice Board.** No further response had been obtained from Tony Williams as he was fully engaged with other work. Refurbishment of the notice board would follow. **Action: CMM**
- **Emergency Plan.** Preliminary drafting had been started but little progress made as yet. **Action: Clerk**

5 Finance

The following payments had been approved:

Affinity Water (for tap on the green)	£16.29
D.J.Hall (for hedgecutting)	£108.00

and the following payments were approved for payment by the year end:

Dial-a Ride (charitable support)	£50
Baptist Chapel (use of room)	£60
Ladywell Accounting (support services)	£35
Clerk's Salary (six months)	£480
Tax on Clerk's Salary to HMRC	£120
Clerk's expenses, as allowed by HMRC	£216

Draft Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2017 incorporating the above payments showed an end-of-year balance of £7381.99. These accounts were accepted subject to audit.

The Asset Register, covering the Bus Shelter, Village signpost, Pump house and Village sign, would be reviewed and agreed with the Auditors.

The timeline for completion of audit required approval of the end-of-year accounts by Council at the 3 May meeting and final submission to the Auditors nlt 30 June **Action: DF/clerk**

7. Planning

Applications update:

CH/2016/1095/FA Great Green Street Farm - conversion of cartshed to 3-bed dwelling, demolition of Crendon Barn and replacement with 2-bed dwelling and garaging for 6 cars. **Action: DF/clerk**
Decision pending.
CH/2016/1792/FA The Manse - Extension and conversion of outbuilding to create a church meeting room. **Action: DF/clerk**
Conditional permission granted.
CH/2016/2137/FA Gardeners' Cottage - Two storey extension. **Action: DF/clerk**
Conditional permission granted.

New Applications

CH/2017/0251/HB Great Green Street Farm - Listed Building application for conversion of cartshed building to create a three bedroom dwelling house. This application is supplementary to 1095 above.
CH/2017/0283/FA - Cricket Club - replacement of 15m. high flagpole and ancillaries. Permitted Development.

Concern was registered at the Bedford Arms carpark extension. The need was recognized but it was felt advisable to contact CDC Planning to confirm if planning permission is required.

Action: DF

7 Footpaths

The large tree that had fallen across the top of White Hill public footpath needed clearing. The owner of the land had been contacted however he wished to verify his actual boundary before accepting responsibility and taking action. Bucks CC had also been informed. Another large tree had fallen from the same position across Latimer road closing the road for 24hrs. This was cleared by Bucks Highways..

Action: DF

The damaged kissing-gate barrier by Mountwood Farm at the junction of footpaths CN16 and CN 19 should be reported for replacement (two rotten posts).

Action: Clerk

8 Traffic/Highway Matters

DF had been in contact with Rosie Taylor, the TFB Customer and Compliance Officer, regarding:

Flooding at the top of Village Road - Problem on the list for full investigation and repair
White Lining and road markings. All scheduled but only one crew for the entire county
A formal complaint had been made regarding the VAS at the Latimer crossroads with
repair still not actioned after nine months.

Action DF

CDC had acknowledged CPC's proposals for road name changes in the Parish but confirmed that they required signed agreement from each and every resident. The Clerk had reviewed the relevant files and was concerned that there was insufficient documentation available for submission. He would meet with DF and KF to resolve.

Action: Clerk

See also the discussion covered in para 2 above

9 Reports

DM reported on the LAF meeting on 18 January. £14,000 of funding was stated to be available for appropriate causes by end August. Perhaps the speed monitoring option in para 2 above could be considered. **Action: DM**

10 Any Other Business

Concern over obstructive parking around the green on the approach to the Manor driveway was reiterated. **Action: DM**

It was noted that the village website had been updated to include Agenda, Minutes of Meetings, maps and the response to the recent Local Plan Preferred Options Consultation

The possible installation of a Village defibrillator had been discussed and sales literature sent to The Bedford Arms Manager but little enthusiasm had resulted. A further approach would be made. **Action: Clerk**

An application form for the annual Best Kept Village Competition had been received. Chenies had a reasonably successful track record in this competition. The chairman had been in touch with Simon Hudson, chair of Chenies Village Society, who made it clear that the Society no longer has the capacity to assist in organizing village tidy ups etc. Kathryn Le Neve Foster had volunteered to lead our possible presentation. This was well received and agreement therefore reached on entering the competition. Entry fee £20

Action: Clerk/KLNF

11 Date of the next Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of Chenies Village Society and the Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Garden Room of the Manor House on **Thursday, 20 April 2017** starting at 8.00pm

The next meeting of Chenies Parish Council will be on **Wednesday 3 May 2017**, in the Sun Room at the Chenies Baptist Chapel. (Further meetings scheduled for 5 July, 6 September and 1 November).

The meeting closed at 10.25pm.

P.L.Waite
Clerk
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