

CHENIES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 4 January 2017

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

In attendance: Mr P L Waite *Clerk*

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

1 Apologies

Received from Councillors Noel Brown and Andrew Garth

2 Democratic Quarter Hour

Village Road Traffic Calming. Chris Gohl, a Village Road resident, wanted to know what action was being taken since he had heard nothing since the previous meeting. The Chairman confirmed that the points raised were being looked into. A possible solution might include moving the current practice of parking beside the greensward across to the house side of the road. General discussion included the suggestion of creating a 20mph zone due to the proximity of the school and the fact that parents park in nearby roads and walk due to the lack of parking space adjacent to the school. The starting point for any scheme must be to consult with experts from Bucks CC and a meeting had been arranged for the week before Christmas but was postponed by Bucks CC. The Chairman will now meet the Road Safety representative at 12.30 on 12th January. **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.** DF was chasing Rosie Taylor, the new TfB Area Customer and Compliance Officer. **Action: DF**
- **Bus shelter:** work complete but it was reemphasized that the roof shingles should be stained to match the sides **Action: CMM**
- **Broadband:** GL reported that an encouraging response had been obtained from Giles Ellerton at BT indicating that fibre connections to new cabinets, or possibly direct to certain premises, should be available either later this year or by spring 2018. This will depend on the surveys to be conducted by Open Reach during 2017 on both the 01494 and 01923 exchanges. More detailed assurances had been requested. **Action: GL**
- **Village Green - CDC Management.** The Clerk needed to complete the necessary background research and would then write to David Stowe, the Assistant Estates Manager, CDC, (copy

ClIr. Garth) with appropriate background, to seek payment consideration under the historic management scheme
Action: Clerk

- **Litter Bins.** Two bins had been ordered and acknowledged by Gary Honour of CDC Waste Management.
Action: Clerk
- **Greensward Grasscutting.** A somewhat ambivalent response to the Clerk's letter had been received from Rosie Taylor confirming that TfB no longer make ad hoc payments to Parishes but devolve services schemes across the County. There was clearly no likelihood of any form of compensation so it was agreed to drop further approaches.
- **New Water Main.** The new representative, Toby Feirn, had advised that the programme was currently on hold but would be reinstated in the spring. CPC would be advised as soon as it was in place
Action: Clerk
- **Replacement of Village Notice Board.** Tony Williams had promised to consider and quote within the week.
Action: Clerk
- **Emergency Plan.** Little Chalfont had advised that they had no plan in place and relied on the CDC Plan. Latimer had not responded. After discussion it was felt that a 2-3 page appropriate cover to the CDC Plan should be drafted giving necessary emergency contact details etc.
Action: Clerk

5. **The Business Case for Modernising Local Government**

The Chairman summarized his understanding of the situation in that Bucks had applied to DCLG for the creation of a unitary authority to take the place of the present County and District Council structure. The District Councils had undertaken their own review and of three options explored favoured creating two unitary authorities one for Aylesbury Vale and another for Wycombe, Chiltern and South Bucks. After discussion we preferred whichever scheme would produce the best value services to residents

6 **Finance**

A cheque for £90.00 to the Clerk for necessary CPC computer conversion work by PCFixit was approved and signed.

Subject to confirmation in the awaited Bank Statement the balance remained at £9,529.70

Santander letter of 15 Dec 16 confirmed that necessary amendments to the Bank Mandate had been completed albeit no follow-up details had been received.
Action: DF/clerk

The Precept request for 2% increase to £6,630 had been acknowledged by CDC

7. **Planning**

Applications Pending:

CH/2016/1772 - 64 Claypits Lane Objection registered but conditional permission granted

CH/2016/1792 - The Manse. Objection registered. Decision pending.

CH/2016/1882 - Barn 2 Great Green Street Farm. Objection registered but conditional permission granted.

CH/2016/1095 - Conversion of Cartshed to 2 bed dwelling, demolition of Crendon Barn and replacement with 2 bed dwelling and garaging for 6 cars. Decision pending

CH/2016/1990 - Conversion of Cartshed to 3 bed dwelling. Objection registered. Application withdrawn.

- CH/2016/2137/FA - Two storey extension to Gardeners' Cottage. Council had considered the application prior to the meeting and elected not to object
- CH/2016/2367/RM - Prior Notification for the installation of a 15 metre monopole at the Cricket Club was noted. This was a permitted Development, not requiring Planning Permission.

Local Plan Presentations

CPC's response to the Preferred Options Consultation had been acknowledged by CDC on 10 December. It was agreed that our response should be entered on the village website.

Action: DF

8 Footpaths

The list of footpaths needing attention had been submitted and forwarded to the Rights of Way Operations Team for investigation. Clerk to follow up.

Action: Clerk

The Latimer Park Farm application under s31(6) of the Highways Act 1980 had been checked by DF/MW and supported.

MW had been in contact with Ross Osborn and his Project Team to help record and secure unrecorded paths for future generations.

9 Traffic/Highway Matters

In addition to 2 above DF had met with Rosie Taylor, the new TfB Customer and Compliance Officer for this area, to discuss moving the 30mph signs, parking on the Greensward and all outstanding Highways matters. Some action had resulted but more was required. A follow-up letter with all items listed would be sent.

Action DF/Clerk

The Clerk had submitted a letter to CDC presenting CPC's proposals for road name changes in the Parish. Their response required a complete confirmation that all residents had signed in agreement. A summary response would be sent to try and avoid a complete repeat of our earlier submission

Action: Clerk

The recent fatal accident at the A404/Lodge Lane/Stony Lane crossroads evoked much discussion and the recommendation that CPC apply for traffic lights, or a roundabout or that the 30mph signs on entering Little Chalfont be repositioned ahead of those crossroads.

Action: DF/Clerk

10 Reports

David Martin had agreed to take over from GL as our LAF representative.. No meetings had taken place so there was nothing to report. DM would attend the next meeting on 18 January

Action: DM

11 Any Other Business

DF would follow up again on the Peter Ellis expressed concern over obstructive parking around the green on the approach to the Manor driveway.

Action: DF

It was agreed that a village map with prominent features, footpaths etc should be added to the village website

Action: DF

The possible installation of a Village defibrillator was discussed with the thought emerging that The Bedford Arms might well be prepared to consider taking full or part responsibility.

The Clerk would contact the Manager

Action: Clerk

Helen Savage had written complaining about hedgecutting in Mill Lane. The Barleycroft hedge had now been cut but not the Mill Farm side. Mill Farm would be contacted.

Action: Clerk

This, and related issues, led to the proposal that, rather than spending abortive time trying to persuade the Authorities to take care of such issues, it might be more beneficial to set up village volunteer teams and a "to do" list. DF to discuss with the Village Society and perhaps explore at the combined AGM

Action: DF

Search Dogs Bucks had written requesting Council approval to their use of the woodlands between Stony and Bell Lanes. This area was in the Parish but owned by Latimer Park Farm. Clerk to refer SDB to Gary Grant at the farm and, as the Council felt it was a worthwhile charity, to forward a £25 cheque in support

Action: Clerk

12 Date of Next Meeting

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

The meeting closed at 9.55pm.

P.L.Waite
Clerk
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