

Chattisham & Hintlesham Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CHATTISHAM AND HINTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON THURSDAY 8th February 2018

PRESENT:

Councillors: Stephanie Coupland (chair), Frances Self, Ian Bryce, Debbie Archer, Peter Eaton, Chris Leney, Jamie Bostock, Ben Cox and Diane Chase

District Councillors: Barry Gasper

County Councillor: Christopher Hudson

Members of the Public: There were 6 members of the public present.

- **Apologies for Absence -**

Apologies for absence had been received from, Nick Ridley, Stuart Kellett, David Marsh & John Whyman

To approve the minutes of the meetings Thursday 11th January 2018.

Minutes for the meeting had been circulated to all councillors these were proposed as a true record by Ian Bryce and seconded by Chris Leney. The minutes were duly signed by Stephanie Coupland.

- **Declaration of Interest of any item on the Agenda -**

Jamie Bostock & Chris Leney signed the book in relation to planning for Pony Paddocks

- **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

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MUGA update - all 106 monies will be paid at the end of the project. Also some good news received today, the Babergh/Mid Suffolk Working Together Team have agreed to a funding request, the amount has yet to be confirmed.

The HGV signs have now been installed both at Cherrygrounds Hintlesham and Lower Barn Road Chattisham

- **Adjournment for reports from County Councillor, District Councillors and comments from members of the public -**

County Councillor - Cllr Chris Hudson reported that the Council Tax for 2018/19 is going to rise by 5.5% this year and another 1% next year and explained that this is not good news for lower income families. He has written to Matt Hancock, who is the Minister in charge of Broadband, to see if he can put pressure on SCC/BT Connect to provide up to date information on the fast broadband roll out in Suffolk.

The fact that the Babergh Planning website was down at the weekend when that is probably the time when it is most used was discussed and it was suggested that it should be investigated by Babergh's Scrutiny Committee,

Cllr Nick Ridley report - sent in his absence - Have been asked to join the Cabinet dealing with Assets and Investments and the meeting is at 5.30-as it includes the Budget and several other major items I very much doubt it will finish in time for your meeting so very sorry to be an apology. As a result of the above change I will no longer be Chairman of Planning or on the Committee as from the 20th February with the likelihood that Peter Beer will again be Chairman. There have been two defections to join the Independent Conservative Group led by John Hinton(Alan Ferguson and Simon Barrett) despite every attempt by our Leader John Ward to accommodate them but not at any cost. We shall have to see what happens in the future. The budget comes up for approval on February 20th with the just about balanced Budget seeking an increase of £5 which is equivalent to around 3.25%+ on Band D properties. Council

rents will again go down by 1%. The challenge for future years becomes more of a problem with our General fund reserves now very low. The Cabinet will be discussing the Kingfisher and Hadleigh Pools on Thursday with the expectation that investment will be made in each which will include a totally new pool adjacent to the same site in Hadleigh which is very good news. The telephone consultation on merger finished on Monday and the results will be of interest but Babergh has now had to agree that a Referendum will have to be held after the full Business Case is developed. It therefore seems unlikely that this can occur in time for the 2019 elections which will nevertheless be decided on the reduced number of Councillors when this is determined by the Boundary Commission. The two HQ buildings are the subject of initial development plans which in the case of Hadleigh is likely to be residential, when these have Planning Consent a decision will be taken as to whether this is undertaken by the Council or passed on to a Developer

Cllr Barry Gasper reported that following the telephone questionnaire that cost around £20,000, they are no further forward and the council will be holding a referendum. He is also no further forward with an explanation on how the 5 year Land supply is presently calculated following a meeting with the Deputy Director on Monday. This will be called to the scrutiny committee to review and if necessary call for a Judicial review. In the last 8 months planning applications for 1,950 dwellings have been passed by Babergh. A discussion followed this as concerns were raised by all with regards the planning process at Babergh and the 5 year land supply. He has recently attended a site meeting at the Old HQ at Corks Lane, Hadleigh and looked at the proposed plans to convert the building in to flats. He raised the question about the financing which could not be answered at the time but is attending a meeting shortly to discuss this further. A VOIDS update was given and is taking an active interest in making sure these are getting reduced. Last year there were over 28 and this year they have got as high as 80 and low as 48. He has had a meeting and it is not the fault of the tradesmen or the person in charge as they need to employ more foremen to inspect the sites but they are consciously working very hard to turn this around. Suffolk County Council are in consultation regarding the School and post-16 travel. Burstall PC will be taking this further as this affects the village children going to Sproughton School. Within the next 7-10 days further information will be available and then they plan to arrange an open meeting.

Members of the public - monthly speed check took place on 18th January for 1 hour and 21 vehicles were over the speed limit with the majority 35 - 38 mph. Les Cole has agreed to be the speed watch co-ordinator with Peter Beal as a member of the team. Big thank you to Trevor Self for all his hard work over the past few years keeping the team going.

A member of the public raised the issue of 2 Victoria Cottages planning application and that 1 Victoria cottages has been told to remove his fence and shrub as these were on the red line on the application. This is to be discussed further in the planning item.

- **Planning -**

The following application had been received and was looked at online by councillors.

DC/18/00349 - 1 Victoria Cottages , Duke Street, Hintlesham
Erection of first floor rear extension

There was no objection to the application.

DC/18/00419 - Pony Paddocks, Duke Street, Hintlesham
Access to be considered and increase from 5 to 6 plots

This application was discussed at length and was agreed that the original objections to the application are still relevant and in addition the extended site challenges the original ruling by the case officer and was considered that as Red House Farm Cottages were diagonal from Duke Street then a small development would not be detrimental however the larger site does threaten the settlement pattern. Other concerns raised were the size of the dwellings and would the development meet the Mix of Dwellings needed.

A vote was taken with 2 councillors abstaining and 6 objecting

A discussion was held regards 2 Victoria Cottages, Duke Street, Hintlesham it was decided that the PC would write a letter in support of the issue raised by 1 Victoria Cottages.

- **Dates for Annual Parish Meetings**

The Chattisham APM will be held in the Parish Church on Thursday 19th April at 7.30pm
The Hintlesham APM will be held before the Parish Council meetings on Thursday 12th April

- **Reports from Parish Councillors**

The Community Council were organising many events in the coming months and there is a Spanish Evening this Saturday

Peter Eaton reported on Tuesday 13th February there will be the first of four scheduled meetings between the BAPTC and Arthur Charvonia. The topic for this meeting is planning, and Assistant Director Tom Barker is also due to attend. He will be representing the BAPTC along with the Chairman of East Bergholt PC and others. (East Bergholt being the Parish Council that Barry Gasper mentioned earlier regarding Judicial Reviews and the 5 year land supply calculation)

- **Finance -**

The following cheques were approved and signed:-

Chq	Expense	Payee	Amount
100970	Clerk Salary	J Brown	£135.00
100971	Grounds Maint Jan - March 18	Vertas	£344.05
100972	Streetlights - Apr 17 - March 18 SCC - to be added to next Agenda		£184.33

Letters signed for banks for change of correspondence details for new clerk.

- **Correspondence Received -**

Community Infrastructure Levy Expenditure Policy meetings being held on 22nd February - Ian Bryce agreed to attend the morning meeting and Stephanie Coupland & Frances Self agreed to attend the evening meeting - Clerk to reserve places

Babergh Councillors Register of Interest needs to be updated by all councillors. The Clerk will email the details to all councillors to process. The clerk will then review and approve these using the Clerk login.

- **Any other business/items for next agenda -**

SALC have circulated a Community Self Help Survey from Suffolk Highways which was circulated via email Peter Eaton agreed to complete this on behalf on the PC.

The Hintlesham and Chattisham website has recently been updated and Helen is attending a training course at CAS on the recent changes.

Peter Eaton raised an enquiry from Gerald Main regarding the war memorial lettering and asks if the PC would fund the work to restore this. It was agreed to ask Gerald to obtain quotes to be discussed at the next meeting.

There were no further items

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05 pm

