

# Chattisham & Hintlesham Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CHATTISHAM AND HINTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON THURSDAY 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018

### PRESENT:

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

**District Councillors:** Barry Gasper

**County Councillor:** Christopher Hudson

**Members of the Public:** There were 5 members of the public present.

- **Apologies for Absence -**

Apologies for absence had been received from, Nick Ridley, John Whyman

**To approve the minutes of the meetings Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017.**

Minutes for the meeting had been circulated to all councillors and with two small amendments these were proposed by Ian Bryce and seconded by Frances Self. The minutes were duly signed by Stephanie Coupland.

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

No declarations were made for any items on the agenda.

- **Matters Arising from the Minutes –**

A new parish clerk Ms Jo Brown has been appointed she will take up the position on February 1st. Also agreed was an increase in the clerks hours from 130 to 150.

MUGA. There has been no MUGA meeting this month yet. The receipt of the S106 monies has been agreed by Babergh but is awaiting final sign off.

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

County Councillor – Cllr Chris Hudson reported that the consultation on school transport was due to end. There were three options but whatever the outcome it was necessary to make savings. Suffolk would be part of a pilot scheme whereby the local authorities were allowed to retain business rates. The effect however would be fiscally neutral after the requirement to share these with the District Councils and the loss of Government grants. There was a new heating subsidy scheme for "fuel poor" households. It was hoped that some 453 households would benefit from this by the installation of fuel efficient systems. There was no further movement on the provision of fast broadband however it was hoped that with the appointment of Matthew Hancock as the new Secretary of State for Digital, who is himself a Suffolk MP things might improve. Cllr Hudson will be writing to him to press the case.

Cllr Barry Gasper reported that prior to a vote of no confidence in her, Jennie Jenkins had stood down as Leader of Babergh District Council and has also since stood down from her cabinet post. The position of leader after a vote, was taken by John Ward (C) who has agreed to hold a binding referendum on the proposed merger between Babergh and Mid Suffolk Councils. He will be forming a new cabinet but this will not be completed until April due to voting procedures.

Babergh Councillors were due to be given details of the future plans for both the Corks Lane and Needham Market former headquarters on 12th January. The 2018 Financial Plans are due before the Scrutiny Committee this month and it is intended to call their Deputy Director for Planning

before the same committee in February to explain how the 5 year Land supply is presently calculated.

A member of the public raised the issue of flooding on FP39, Cllr Bostock, on who's land it is, agreed to investigate.

The same member also raised the problem of bus timetables or lack of them on the Wilderness Hill bus stops. The bus company will be contacted over this matter.

- **Planning -**

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

DC/17/06287 – Walnut Tree Barn, Duke Street, Hintlesham

Erection of two storey dwelling and separate garage

There was no objection to the application.

It was noted that the following applications have been granted:-

DC/17/04737. Change of use of land for the erection of 4 no. "Safari type" tents as holiday units with associated parking and landscaping.

Home Wood, Hintlesham Hall Park, Hintlesham.

DC/17/05563 Erection of single storey open glass room.

2 Covey Cottages, Priory Road, Hintlesham.

- **Reports from Parish Councillors**

The Community Council were organising many events in the coming months.

BAPTC has arranged a series of meeting with Arthur Charvonia CE of Babergh and Mid Suffolk and or the relevant officers in February and March as part of an ongoing dialogue to improve communication between BDC and the Parish and Town Councils. Subjects to be covered would include, planning, economic issues, climate change and the environment and CIFCO

- **Finance –**

The following cheques were approved and signed

Chq	Expense	Payee	Amount
100967	clerk salary	s barber	£108.65

Cheque 100964 for hall hire had been damaged and a replacement cheque for £100.00 needed to be drawn to the community council Cheque No 100968

- **Budget/Precept - 2018/19**

After discussion by the council it was agreed that the precept should be set at £5982 a 2% increase. It was proposed by Chris Leney and seconded by Debbie Archer with all in agreement. The Budget will be published on the website with the relevant documents sent to Babergh.

- **Correspondence Received -**

Clerks and Council  
The Local Councillor

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

There were no further items

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:35 pm**