

Chattisham & Hintlesham Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CHATTISHAM AND HINTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON THURSDAY 14th December 2017

PRESENT:

Councillors: Stephanie Coupland (chair), David Marsh, Frances Self, Ian Bryce, Debbie Archer, Peter Eaton and Diane Chase.

District Councillors: Nick Ridley and Barry Gasper

County Councillor: Christopher Hudson

Parish Clerk: Samantha Barber.

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

1. Apologies for Absence -

Apologies for absence had been received from Chris Leney, John Whyman, Jamie Bostock, Ben Cox and Stuart Kellett

2. To approve the minutes of the meetings Thursday 9th November 2017

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

3. Declaration of Interest of any item on the Agenda -

No declarations were made for the items on the agenda.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes –

There have been two applicants for the clerk vacancy. Interviews will take place on the 5th of January with a handover taking place shortly after.

MUGA – A MUGA meeting took place on the 6th December, the notes of which are attached.

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

County Councillor – Cllr Chris Hudson reported that a resident had written to him about speed signs. VAS signs had been followed up with Highway's. Finance remains an issue at the County and cuts are always being looked at in a variety of services. Drilling tests will take place soon looking at a second Orwell crossing. road congestion remains a problem. At Policeman's Corner there needs someone to look at the layout of street signs and the lack of 30mph signs. Steve Mottram at SCC will be invited to the village to look at all the issues that exist.

Quarries – There are potential new quarry sites at Belstead and Wherstead being consulted upon. A letter of objection was sent from the parish council regarding the Beyton Hall quarry where there would be the creation of a lorry wash which would increase the amount of lorry movements along the A1071.

Broadband – Cllr Hudson asked if there had been any further correspondence from BT which there hasn't. Peter Eaton asked a question about how when there is £9 million being spent in Suffolk on Broadband was someone not being held to account to make sure that targets for the delivery of super- fast broadband are met and if there existed a written document showing the contract, strategy and deliverables. Cllr Hudson stated that he has had assurances from the boss of BT and Openreach that there is a written strategy of how

broadband targets are to be achieved, and that the actual figure was £37 million. Cllr Hudson promised to send a copy of the document to Peter Eaton.

Cllr Nick Ridley reported that the move to Endeavour has taken place. The buildings at Hadleigh and Needham Market are now closed, and a decision will be made on their future in January. The first consultation on the joint local plan has finished and the Boundary Commission has almost completed. The land at Wolsey Grange has new planning applications about to be made for 145 houses and a school. On the 19th December there is to be a motion of no confidence in the leader Jennie Jenkins which will be voted on. The reason for this being that the potential merger of Babergh and Mid Suffolk is out for consultation for two months using 2000 families. The opposition want a referendum which would not then take place until 2019.

A question was asked about planning application call-ins. Six months ago Peter Eaton had asked Cllr Ridley about the call-in process and it was stated that for six months the process would be that members put in an application form giving reasons and Phillip Isbell takes a decision. This was an experiment to last 6 months. At the time Cllr Ridley had stated that this practice had ceased and call ins had reverted to the old system. However, it now transpires that contrary to his previous answer Philip Isbell is still the decision maker. Discussions are taking place and within four to six weeks a revision to the planning protocol will be taking place as part of the planning charter.

During recent calls in for the 11 houses and Ceylon House, the case officer misquoted and changed certain phraseology which altered the tone of the case when writing their summary, it was asked whether this was acceptable. Cllr Ridley stated that during the process there is ample time to change and correct anything that was written.

Cllr Barry Gasper reported that CIL is being looked at by the Scrutiny committee, and that they would like the CIL figure to be agreed by the applicant before assent is given. Income, expenditure and governance are also being looked at as well as how the 5- year land supply is calculated.

Members of the public – speed checking is still on-going, with a current regularity of once a month.

A vacancy still exists for a speed-watch co-ordinator.

Public footpath 40 was spoken about as being needed to be opened. There is a very good chance that with the building of the planned 5 dwellings the footpath will be properly re-opened and this has been discussed with the landowner and rights of way.

A resident was unhappy with the outcome of the 11 houses planning application. Concerns over safety of pedestrians in Duke Street when these houses are built was raised.

The lack of consideration for infrastructure was discussed at length, including school places and road congestion.

6. East Anglian Tree Warden -

The parishes of Hintlesham and Chattisham will be added to the tree warden forum. Stuart Kellett is the tree warden for the parish council and his contact details will be forwarded.

7. Planning -

The following applications had been received and were looked at online by councillors.

DC/17/05740 – 1 Cherryground Cottages – Erection of first floor extension and internal alterations
There was no objection to the application

Clarification is required as to the status of Hintlesham Hall Farms as on the recent Safari tent type holiday units it was documented as a limited company. There was also a query as to Cllr Jamie Bostock's involvement with the company and development and whether he should have left the meeting while a vote was taken.

Future planning application results should be included in the minutes in the future as it is deemed difficult to read the Babergh website.

8. Reports from Parish Councillors

Community Council are having a free Christmas celebration on the 23rd December. Congratulations were paid to the events committee.

The play area will be barked, and help is required on Saturday 16th.

The parish council were represented by Frances Self at the planning committee meeting where the 11 houses were passed. A complaint was made about the way in which the application was summarised. A query was raised about a suspended councillor being on the planning committee it was however stated that the monitoring officer had approved this. Issues were raised about the fact that the individual who proposed the application having little idea of the village and the seconder had no idea about the site of the houses. The point about not reading out councillor's letters at the planning committee was discussed again. Training of planning committee members took place in June/July with another session due fairly shortly.

9. Finance –

The following cheques were approved and signed

Chq	Expense	Payee	Amount
100958	Clerk Salary	S Barber	£208.33
100959	Hint & Chatt PCC	Grant	£360.00
100960	Lunch Club	Grant	£100.00
100961	S Coupland	Chairs Allowance	£50.00
100962	The Village Link	Village Link	£591.50
100963	Air Ambulance	Grant	£100.00
100964	H & C Comm Council	Hall Hire	£99.00
100965	Church Clock Service	Smith of Derby	£201.60
100966	Grass Cutting	Vertas	£344.05

The MUGA cheque number 100957 for £4554.96 which it had been necessary to sign prior to the meeting was also agreed.

10. Budget/Precept -

The clerk had prepared a draft budget which was circulated, this was discussed. The church clock is serviced by the parish council as a statutory requirement. The link payment has increased due to printing costs. The precept will be decided at the January meeting and the appropriate forms completed.

11. Correspondence Received -

No paper correspondence had been received.

12. Any other business/items for next agenda -

Budget/Precept - finalise

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.15 pm