

# Chattisham & Hintlesham Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CHATTISHAM AND HINTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL MEETING ROOM AT 7.30 P.M. ON THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> December 2013

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**PRESENT:**

**Councillors:** Stephanie Coupland (chair), Ian Bryce, Ted Wright, Robert Taylor, Margaret Taylor, Chris Leney, John Whyman, Peter Eaton and Diane Chase

**Parish Clerk:** Samantha Barber.

**District Councillors:** Nick Ridley

**Members of the Public:** There was one member of the public present

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies for absence had been received from District Councillor Peter Jones, County Councillor Dave Busby, Frances Self, Eileen Damant, and Ben Cox

**2. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF 14th November 2013:**

Copies of these had been circulated to all councillors and were proposed as an accurate record of the meetings by Chris Leney and seconded by John Whyman. The minutes were duly signed by Stephanie Coupland.

**3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA:**

Ian Bryce signed the book in respect of pylons, Chris Leney signed in respect of planning and Stephanie Coupland with regard to the precept.

**4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 14<sup>th</sup> November 2013:**

**Affordable Housing** – An open day was held on the 5<sup>th</sup> of December which was well attended. The name St Nicholas Close has been put forward to Babergh DC and a decision is awaited.

**Noticeboard. in Duke Street** – The council are waiting for funding from the County Council locality budget before purchasing a new notice board for Duke Street. A bookshelf has kindly been installed in the telephone box in Duke Street by Mr John Robinson and the clerk will write and thank Mr Robinson.

**5. ADJOURNMENT FOR REPORTS FROM COUNTY, DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND POLICE:**

**County:** - County Councillor Dave Busby had sent his apologies to the council and wished everyone a Happy Christmas.

**District:-** Nick Ridley reported the following. The local plan is unlikely to be adopted until the third week in February 2014 at the earliest as no decision has yet been made by the inspectorate. A planning

application has now been received for the proposed wind turbine at Belstead/Wherstead. The budget is currently being completed with some difficulty. Tesco have made the decision not to appeal the planning decision at Hadleigh, however the site in question is still designated for a supermarket. Pylons – there is an expectation that it will be 3-5 years before the question of pylons is revisited and although it appears that the needs case still stands the route through Hintlesham has not been agreed. Peter Eaton mentioned that things may change in the future and if for instance the Bradwell Power Station is built this would have an impact.

#### 6. **REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS :**

Speedwatch – At the recent speedwatch 7 motorists had been reported and 1 in Chattisham although it was mentioned that the site in Chattisham is not particularly suitable

Pylons – Frances Self had attended the recent Community Forum on the 28<sup>th</sup> November and sent the following report. As the project is on hold NG did not think it appropriate to publish the proposed pylon alignment. The distribution project has been delayed because the two generation projects which trigger the need for a further Bramford to Twinstead Connection have changed their timings. The earliest dates for East Anglia Offshore Wind Phase 3 is now 2022 and Sizewell C 2023. IF these events happen and IF the dates remain the same, then NG expect to resume their project and apply for planning permission for overhead lines on Route 2B. But if the generators' plans change, then the distributors, NG, will have to review and change their response. A national generation and transmission study for the next 10 years is to be published in January. It will include the needs case for the Bramford to Twinstead Connection. Forum members stated that this uncertainty will affect property sales along both routes for years to come. NG sympathised but there will be no compensation. Neither will NG start planting to mitigate the visual effects of the pylons ahead of the planning permission. NG promised to look at the lack of landscape mitigation at the Bramford Sub Station development.

Footpaths – It was reported that horses using footpaths in the area are damaging the ground and making the terrain difficult for walkers. A note will be put in 'The Link' to remind people that footpaths are for walkers only

The Advent Service at Lavenham had been attended and was very well received. Community Achievement Awards are being completed.

Parish Liaison Meeting – This was attended by Stephanie Coupland and Samantha Barber and both felt that there seemed to be a reliance on the New Homes Bonus to fund the District Council and that was a cause for concern as many worried that housing plans would be passed to increase revenue for the council. It also came across that although the District Council were keen on Parish and Town councils taking on various roles in the Community such as public toilets and grass cutting it was unclear how councils would fund this with a capped precept. Neighbourhood Plans were also discussed but once again it was unclear how a Parish Council would fund such a project.

Congratulations were recorded to Eileen Damant on receiving a Stars of Suffolk award.

#### 7. **PLANNING:**

**B/13/01334/VOT** – The Gables, Wilderness Hill, Hintlesham. Extension of time limit to existing planning permission for a single storey side/rear extension.

*The Council made no objections*

**B/13/01301/FUL** - Land west of Manor Farm, Duke Street, Hintlesham. Erection of 1 ½ storey dwelling and associated outbuilding.

*After much discussion a proposal was put forward that the council object to a dwelling being built in the grounds of a listed building. All were in favour of this proposal with one councillor abstaining.*

*A further objection was proposed that the design is unbalanced visually and not in keeping with the surroundings. The council voted with 4 in favour of the objection 3 against and 2 abstaining.*

The clerk will communicate the council's views to Babergh Planning Department.

**8. TO CONSIDER THE PARISH PRECEPT 2014/15:**

The clerk had produced a draft precept which was discussed at length. The Council adopted the budget in principle which was proposed by Ian Bryce and seconded by Chris Leney. The budget/precept will be finalised at the January meeting once the taxbase figure has been received from Babergh DC.

**9. FINANCE:**

The following items were approved by the council and the cheques signed.

Chq No	Payee	Expense	Amount
830	S Barber	Clerk Salary	£95.67
831	Hint & Chatt PCC	Grass Cutting Grant	£360.00
832	Eastern Fac Man	Grass Cutting	£938.29

**10. CORRESPONDENCE:**

The Local Councillor Magazine – to be circulated

**11. PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY:**

Robin Baldry had given his resignation as a Parish Councillor. An advertisement for the co-option of a councillor will be placed in The Link.

**12. AOB/ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:**

The clerk will report a broken sign at Policemans Corner and a damaged 40mph sign on the A1071 also an overgrown footpath at Birch Farm

Budget/Precept