

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 14TH November 2013

PRESENT:

Councillors: Ian Bryce (chair), Ted Wright, Robert Taylor, Margaret Taylor, Chris Leney, Frances Self, John Whyman, Ben Cox, Peter Eaton and Diane Chase

Parish Clerk: Samantha Barber.

District Councillors: Nick Ridley

County Councillor: Dave Busby

Police: PCSO Melissa Cohen

Members of the Public: There were no members of the public present

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence had been received from Robin Baldry, Stephanie Coupland, and Peter Jones

2. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF 10th October 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 Margaret Taylor. The minutes were duly signed by Ian Bryce.

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

Ian Bryce signed the book in respect of pylons.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 10th October 2013:

Affordable Housing – Several names had been put forward for the housing development the most popular being St Nicholas Close, this was discussed by the council and it was decided to put this forward to Hasto as the preferred name. It will of course be dependant on Babergh DC to make a final decision. There will be an open day for the affordable housing on the 5th of December at the Community Hall.

Community Bus - The 90 bus service will now be running in the evenings and Sundays along Duke Street Hintlesham, and this will be advertised in The Link.

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

County :- The report from David Busby had previously been received and circulated to councillors. David added to this that the Beagle roundabout scheme to install traffic lights would appear to be on hold

as the Officer responsible had left SCC. Broadband – There is currently no real clarity as to which and when communities in Suffolk will be obtaining super fast broadband.

District:- Babergh DC now have powers to enforce unregistered scrap merchants and bring them to account. Pylons – the announcement from National Grid had literally just been made that the pylon project is on hold for the next few years. Local Plan - The inspectorate has yet to approve the local plan and until then the plan can not be adopted by the Council. The council budget is currently being completed. Parish liaison meetings are being held in Hadleigh on the 28th of November. Peter Eaton asked whether central government had a strategy or plan for local government and Nick Ridley replied that although there was no obvious strategy there continues to be a financial squeeze on local government which will no doubt continue in to the future.

Police:- There had been three crimes in October, 2 burglaries in George Street and 1 theft from a motor vehicle in George Street. PCSO Cohen reminded everyone to remember to secure vehicles and not leave anything on the seats. It has also been reported to the police in other areas that criminals are using a device which opens the central locking of cars and will sometimes put stones etc under door handles to prevent cars locking. The 20's Plenty sign in George St is being moved so that it can be seen better.

6. **REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS :**

Speedwatch – Seven motorists had been detected speeding in George Street during the latest speedwatch.

Pylons – An announcement had just been made by National Grid that the project would be put on hold for a few years as there was no immediate need for the increased capacity. Local MP Tim Yeo had arranged a meeting with fellow MP's Tessa Munt and Liam Fox and Michael Fallon Minister of State for Energy to continue to push for undergrounding. A great deal of work has been put in by local campaigners to change government policy and push for undergrounding and this fight will continue. The next Community Forum will be held on the 28th of November.

7. **PLANNING – B/13/01220/FHA – Hillside Nurseries – Erection of one and half storey side extension :**

The council had no objections to the plans and this will be conveyed to Babergh planning by the clerk.

Maple House, California Lane, Hintlesham – Application has been withdrawn

Hintlesham Golf Club, Driving Range – Application granted

8. **FINANCE:**

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

Chq No	Payee	Expense	Amount
829	S Barber	Clerk Salary	£124.06

9. **TO REDISCUSS NOTICEBOARD IN DUKE STREET:**

Stephanie had received some feedback from the residents of Duke Street that having the noticeboard in the telephone box would not be considered a good idea as people read the noticeboard while posting a letter and would not go to the trouble of looking in the telephone box. Taking residents opinions in to account the matter was discussed again by the council with some mixed opinions. Shelves would still be placed in the telephone box at Hintlesham and this can then be used as an information point and book share. A resident has already offered to do this and has purchased the wood. Clr Dave Busby offered to pay for a new noticeboard for Duke Street from his locality budget. The council voted with eight councillors in favour of a new noticeboard for Duke Street and one against. The clerk will arrange for quotes to be given to Clr Busby

10. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Community Achievement Awards

11. AOB/ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

Budget/Precept