

Chattisham & Hintlesham Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF CHATTISHAM AND HINTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL MEETING ROOM ON THURSDAY 9th June 2016

PRESENT:

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

Parish Clerk: Samantha Barber.

District Councillors: Nick Ridley and Barry Gasper

County Councillor: Dave Busby

Members of the Public: There were six members of the public present

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from John Whyman, Debbie Archer and Jamie Bostock,

2. To approve the minutes of the meeting dated 12th May 2016

It was requested that amendments were made to the minutes to reflect the conversation surrounding devolution and clarify the remit of the MUGA project. With these included the minutes were proposed by Chris Leney and seconded by David Marsh. The minutes will be signed at the July meeting.

3. Declaration of Interest of any item on the Agenda

No declarations were made

4. Matters arising from the Minutes dated 12th May 2016

Play Area Bark – The bark has been obtained and work will soon take place at the Hintlesham play area. Work to refresh the bark at the Chattisham play area has been completed by the Community Council.

5. Adjournment for Reports from County and District Councillors, Police and Comments from Residents

Dave Busby reported that at last the yellow lines on George Street outside the school are being consulted upon until the 1st of July and will then be hopefully completed as long as there are no issues. Ipswich Park and Ride is currently being heavily subsidised and consultation is taking place to try and find ways to save money. A working group has a number of suggestions as to how this can be achieved. Alternative uses for the site are being looked at, ticket offices may be automated in a bid to save £700k. The lack of joined up thinking at SCC was mentioned, in this case The Street Chattisham was resurfaced and then dug up by BT a couple of days later.

Dave Busby had spoken with Jane Storey, who is about to become the portfolio holder for Superfast Broadband in Suffolk, as to when our villages could expect to receive the new faster broadband service. No meeting date has yet been fixed.

District Council – Cllr Nick Ridley reported that the large planning application at Brantham has been passed. A meeting regarding the Sugar Beet site had taken place with a number of the different stakeholders who all put forward their ideas for the site. Most of the site is designated for commercial business use, however the possibility of including some housing was discussed.

Devolution – The final meeting is due to take place shortly for the Eastern Area

Lindsay Barker has been appointed as Deputy Chief Executive. There appears to be confusion whether Lindsay will combine this post with her current role as Strategic Director. At the recent Parish Liaison Meetings Leader of Babergh Jennie Jenkins had announced that she had requested a Deputy Chief Executive be appointed to strengthen the management team.

Another call for sites will take place at the end of the year.

Lavenham neighbourhood plan has been passed by Babergh Strategy Committee. East Bergholt is still in process with a number of amendments to be agreed before sign off can take place.

A consultation has taken place at Capel St Mary for a number of houses although there has been no planning application yet.

Angel Court in Hadleigh has been bought by Babergh and will be redeveloped as housing.

Hook Lane – A question was asked about the potential development of anything up to 1500 houses. No details were forthcoming.

Annual Monitoring Report – A question was asked about whether they will remain separate for Babergh and Mid Suffolk. A great deal of applications (up to 1600) have been approved by Babergh and the houses not yet built. Ideas were raised about how developers could be forced to begin building.

Residents – A resident asked about Ceylon House and the decisions that the council had made when an application was made to lift the agricultural tie. The parish council had at the time asked for the planning decision to be made by committee due to the complex nature of the property and the Parish Council after careful consideration did not feel that they were able to make a decision to either approve or object. The resident plans to speak to Babergh about future plans for the property.

The speeding on Silver Hill was mentioned and Dave Busby explained that there is currently a blitz on speeding taking place and once this is over then a speed strip across the road will be placed at Silver Hill. Celotex lorries have been noticed speeding and the resident was asked to take registration numbers if possible and then the clerk can contact Celotex. The flashing speed signs attached to telegraph/light poles, and the possibility of a chicane or traffic calming was also discussed at length with varying opinions.

A resident asked about traffic management in relation to planning at Wolsey Grange and various other possible planning applications in the area which would cause huge amounts of extra traffic. As has been discussed many times before infrastructure is never looked at properly and with ‘joined up thinking’ in relation to the various developments.

Simon Barrett deputy leader at Babergh spoke at the recent Parish Liaison Meeting and said that “work was being done” to alter the definition of sustainability within the CS11 Planning Policy. This would be based on the assumption that anyone who lived in a rural village owned a car! This was considered a somewhat interesting quote and not the definition of sustainability considered by most people. The intended outcome would be allow housebuilding outside of the current defined areas.

At the same meeting Peter Eaton had pointed out to Council Jennie Jenkins and an agreeing Chief Exec Charlie Adan, that any Devolution deal with the Government had to include an elected mayor. If they had read the government’s Devolution Bill then they would have known this to be a fact. Contrary to an answer they had given to another questioner.

6. **Muga Update -**

Unfortunately, the parish council representatives John Whyman, Jamie Bostock and Debbie Archer were not at the meeting. Andrew Bryce gave an update about the meeting that took place on 25th May 2016. The position of the MUGA on the playing field, costings, grants etc. were all considered. Andrew is keen to pass the project on to a parish team to take forward. The next stage would be to engage more fully with residents, and to investigate further any funding available for the project. This would include grants from

Babergh, explore the use of S106 monies and possibly some fundraising or outside grants from Sport England or The Lottery. The number of responses to the survey was discussed and an open day to look at the proposals was raised as a good idea to engage with more residents. It was decided that the three councillors involved would be asked to meet with Andrew with a view to arranging a community event to look at the plans and get a larger number of residents involved. Andrew Bryce was thanked on behalf of the Parish Council for all of the work he had undertaken so far.

Other uses for the s106 money such as a hall extension and other ideas for the playing field were mooted.

7. Planning –

The following planning decision was noted -

B/16/00318 – Rowan Cottage, Duke Street, Hintlesham, Ipswich, IP8 3PN

Permission was granted.

8. Reports from Parish Councillors.

SALC – Peter Eaton had attended the recent SALC area meeting. A presentation took place from SCC about Community Transport which explained the system for booking and highlighted the various user groups who could benefit. Peter expressed concern that the service was not particularly well advertised and many people who may be able to benefit simply do not know of its existence. It was discussed that it would be a good idea to advertise the service around the village via The Link and the various groups in the village such as the hall lunch. It was noted that this sort of service needs to be used or lost.

Lack of visibility of the police was talked about at the meeting and SALC will contact parish clerks to see what the issues are and then contact Tim Passmore.

Broadband – Shona Bendix was asked to contact SCC Jane Storey to raise the issues with broadband speeds.

At the Parish Council Liaison meeting the following day Jonathan Free was asked about Broadband and the confusion surrounding when superfast will be available, he suggested contacting Jonathan Chan SCC with a number of different phone numbers from around the village, he in turn will contact BT and get back with the answers as to when the village will have superfast broadband.

Parish Liaison Meeting - Jennie Jenkins had spoken about devolution and the sum of money if that decision is made. Confusion still appears as to what will actually happen. The money given for devolution will be expected to be used for a number of services and a grant for central government will no longer be given. It was considered that money to build houses would be forthcoming in a bid to get more built. More responsibility would also be handed down.

A full merger between Babergh and Mid Suffolk will probably be discussed again at some time.

Trying to reduce tiers of local government is considered to be the way things are going

Devolution was once again discussed at length with the possible scenarios and impacts this may bring.

Parish Alliance Meeting – This had been attended by David Marsh at Pinewood Community Centre, there had been more parish councils in attendance and a list of issues to be discussed with Babergh to open a dialogue were put forward. David was asked to put together a letter to make clear the intentions of the parish council in joining the alliance. David will put together a document for circulation to the PC which can then be taken forward to the Parish Alliance

Footpaths – Permission has been granted from SCC to put the definitive map on the website once they can prove the validity of the licence with the Ordnance Survey. David will liaise with the clerk to obtain the licence number. SCC are willing to help produce an updated footpath leaflet.

One particular footpath has been worked on by SCC with a bridge having been replaced but the particularly wet part that was a problem still remains an issue.

An overgrown footpath in Chattisham was reported, it may be the responsibility of SCC. A footpath overgrowing Duke Street was also reported. David will investigate.

The chain link fencing on George Street close to the road will be raised with Steve Merry at Highways by Dave Busby.

Hedging at Hurdlemakers Hill is an issue with visibility and was reported to Dave Busby.

Planning – Rowan Cottage – items were discussed such as visibility and the fact that Highways did not have an issue within their report.

9. Expenditure

The following cheques were approved and signed

Chq	Expense	Payee	Amount
910	Clerk Salary	S Barber	£106.25
911	Printing	Printing for Pleasure	£1200.00

10. Correspondence

No correspondence had been received.

11. Any Other Business/Items for Next Agenda

Building a Sustainable Future- Leaflets for this initiative from Babergh will be delivered to every household and there will be an exhibition on the 14th July in the Community Hall between 3pm and 7pm.

The Village Fete is on the 12th June and the Open Gardens at Chattisham on the 19th June

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm