Chattisham & Hintlesham Parish Council

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CHATTISHAM AND HINTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL MEETING ROOM ON THURSDAY 8th September 2016**

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**PRESENT:**

**Councillors**: Stephanie Coupland (chair), David Marsh,Chris Leney,Ian Bryce,Jamie Bostock,Peter Eaton and John Whyman.

**Parish Clerk**: Samantha Barber.

**District Councillors**: Barry Gasper, Nick Ridley

**County Councillor**: Dave Busby

**Members of the Public:** There were 6 members of the public present

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from Frances Self, Diane Chase, Stuart Kellett, Debbie Archer and Ben Cox

1. **To approve the minutes of the meeting dated 14th July 2016**

The minutes had been circulated to all councillors and were proposed as a true record by Ian Bryce and seconded by Jamie Bostock.

1. **Declaration of Interest of any item on the Agenda**

Ian Bryce signed the book in relation to the planning meeting on August 25th

1. **Matters arising from the Minutes dated 14th July 2016**

Speedwatch – The relevant forms have been passed to the school volunteers from the Police so that they can begin the process of joining the speedwatch team

Traffic Calming – Traffic calming measures were discussed and in particular rumble strips. The question of why rumble strips are not considered appropriate on the A1071 by Suffolk County Council with issues such as noise was talked about. It was discussed that the parish council residents and the school need to get together and provide some possible solutions which can be taken forward with SCC as at the moment it is very difficult to find a solution to the ongoing traffic and safety problems which is acceptable to everyone.

Unfortunately, there was not a representative from the school traffic team

Bark has been completed on the play area

1. **Adjournment for Reports from County and District Councillors, Comments from Residents**

Dave Busby reported that there is to be a by-election in Hadleigh in September. There has been a change of personnel in Highways John Simpson is now Babergh Area Highways Manager. It was suggested that it may be worth arranging a meeting between the parish council and Mr Simpson to open a dialogue with the new team.

Devolution – the consultation took place in three ways, a telephone survey, on-line and in person. There were 11,000 responses in total out of 750,000 residents. Over 50% on telephone and on-line were in favour of devolution which is much higher than in Norfolk.Against were 16% on the telephone and 39% on-line. On the subject of a mayor with conflicting responses between those doing the telephone survey in favour of a mayor and those on-line opposed.

How the consultation is going to be analysed and reported will be interesting to see.

Dave Busby was asked a question about the A1071 and why various corners had been missed during the recent resurfacing. At the end of Priory Road an area which had been poorly resurfaced back in March has lifted in rain and heavy machinery and then has been left in the most recent resurfacing job.

The fence opposite the school almost on the highway was raised with Dave Busby who will ask for someone at SCC to come out and have a look.

District Council – Devolution – votes will be taken in each council by the end of September.

Headquarters – Babergh and Mid Suffolk are still considering where to move their headquarters too with the probable ‘hub’ destination being Ipswich with some presence ‘spokes’ in the outlying areas such as Needham Market but no decisions have yet been made although a move was scheduled for 2017.

Chief Executive – Applications are due to close in mid- September.

Planning Applications – some interesting applications are coming through with far more detailed cases being presented to Planning Committee.

Barry had attended a meeting where planning appeals were the principal topic. What came across at the meeting was that planning needs to follow the principal rules and the 5year growth plan needs to be adhered to. There were 30 planning appeals in 2015, three claims for costs with none awarded. Seven claims remain outstanding.

There is no up to date news or decision on the Wolsey Grange Development although it has been six months since the second decision.

The boundary committee have been in and looked at the number of members a merger between Babergh and Mid Suffolk will be raised again. A number of different issues and considerations need to be resolved.

A question was asked about how any elected mayor will be involved with planning and although the district councillors were unable to answer it would seem that any planning involvement would be things such as new towns/main roads etc (strategic planning !!) and not individual planning applications.

It was discussed that when the new Chief Executive is appointed they need to be accountable to the members.

A resident spoke about the 30mph limits and the enforcement of this by the police. Lorries and farm machinery are noted as speeding. Logging incidences with the police was mentioned as an effective way of getting something done. The speed strips were once again noted as an important element which needs to be implemented by SCC.

Speed Cameras and speed watch can only officially take place in designated areas in the village.

A question about the joint strategic land allocation which is on the Babergh website was raised by a resident. Babergh during a call for sites had identified possible sites for development although this is in no way means that these would definitely be developed instead it is just potential for the future and would be subject to the usual planning applications.

1. **Muga Update -**

John Whyman reported that there is a joint task group made up of parish councillors, community council and a few other interested parties and various meetings had been held. A visit has been made to Bealings as reported in the July meeting. On Saturday the 10th of September a l consultation will be held in the playing field hut and the Community Hall with pictures and details asking for feedback from the residents of the village. A further quote to supplement the two already obtained will be pursued. After the consultation work to establish a budget of costs to build and further costs going forward will take place. It was discussed that it is important that the MUGA is self- funding and well supported by the village.

1. **Defibrillator -**

A resident had investigated the possibility of obtaining a defibrillator for the villages. A resident of the village is a national distributor for a defibrillator company and will be asked to come along and explain all about them at the next parish council meeting in October. Funding would need to be sought if this was considered a possibility.

1. **Planning –**

A planning meeting had been held on the 25th August to discuss an application for :-

 Park Farm – B/16/01010 Erection of an office/garden room

There were no objections

1. **Reports from Parish Councillors.**

BAPTC – An e-mail had been circulated of the minutes by David Marsh after the last meeting of the Alliance and there was no further progress to report with no further meetings agreed upon at the time. It was discussed that what an alliance of parish councils will need is a Chairman and possibly a clerk to drive the alliance forward and attend to any admin. Over the next few months it was mentioned that more parish councils need to be informed about what the alliance of parish councils is about and encouraged to join in an effort to gain more weight.

SALC – Peter Eaton had attended the recent SALC meeting where one of the highlights was the vote for a member of the LSP (Local Strategic Partnership) although there isn’t actually an LSP in Babergh. Peter had made a suggestion to SALC that all Parish Councils in Suffolk are contacted and asked for six key issues that can then be collated and then raised with the various authorities such as highways,broadband or the police adding weight to any individual problems each of the councils face. SALC have decided that this should be a full consultation and will be contacting each of the PC’s and asking for their views

Broadband - £11 million was the budget at SCC in 2015 with a spend of only £7 million. Jane Storey the member in charge of broadband needs to answer the fundamental questions as to why this has not been spent and where BT is with its plan.

Footpaths – Work has been done on drainage at the footpath at the back of the George pub.

1. **Expenditure**

The following cheques were approved and signed

Chq Expense Payee Amount

 915 Clerk Salary S Barber £212.50

1. **Correspondence**

A letter had been received from the Harriet Lloyd and Aldham Educational Foundation Suffolk to inform the Parish Council that there will be a change of name of the foundation. Stephanie Coupland is the current chairman and a vote of confidence was given by the parish council for that to continue and the name to be changed.

There had been no other correspondence

1. **Any Other Business/Items for Next Agenda**

Defibrillator, BAPTC, ,MUGA

**Meeting closed at 9.10pm**