

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 March 2013

PRESENT:

Councillors: Stephanie Coupland (chair), Ian Bryce, Robert Taylor, Margaret Taylor, Chris Leney, Frances Self, Ben Cox, John Whyman

Parish Clerk: Samantha Barber.

District Councillor: Peter Jones, Nick Ridley

County Councillor: Kathy Pollard

Members of the Public: Six members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence had been received from Peter Eaton, Robin Baldry, Diane Chase and Ted Wright

2. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF 14th February 2013:

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

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

Ian Bryce and Chris Leney signed the declaration of interest book in relation to pylons.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 14th February 2013:

Affordable Housing – The closing date for tenders was the 6th of March, soil samples have been taken and hopefully work will start in April.

Speedwatch - The electronic signs have been located in Duke Street for a few days and since the last parish council meeting the police speed camera van has visited George Street at least twice.

Play Area – A cheque of £1000 has been received from Kathy Pollard's Locality Budget which will be used to purchase new chippings for the play area. Mr Whittle has offered to measure up and then a decision will be made as to which to buy. Ian Bryce has offered to collect chippings if necessary and will spread them.

Grit Bin – This has yet to be moved.

Footpath 27 – The footway has been extended and repairs are now awaited to the bridge

School Parking Issues – The Chairman went to visit the Acting Head regarding the problems with parking. Stephanie took her to see where the problem was and she was astounded as to what parents/carers were doing regarding parking. The head thought it was appropriate to send out the same letter to parents via the school as was sent last year (re dated) the letter was issued on the same day as PCSO Cohen went into school to talk about safety

Hedge George Street - The hedge has now been cut.

Clay Pigeon Shoot – Ian Bryce had spoken to those responsible for the shoot at Chattisham who apologised profusely for any issues.

5. REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS:

Play Area – John Whyman had looked into Playdale the company doing the play area inspection to make sure everything was above board.

Speedwatch – There was a speedwatch session on Duke Street on 26th Feb, six vehicles were over the speed limit. The mobile speed signs will be shared with Hadleigh and will be in Hintlesham possible once per month and need to be put up and taken down every day.

Core Strategy – Stephanie Coupland and Frances Self attended meetings at Babergh that dealt with Gypsies and Travellers, Sustainability and the Sproughton Sugar Beet site. Meetings were taken by Mr Philip Wore, Planning Inspector. The sugar beet site has been empty now for twelve years and there is a possibility it will soon be sold to a development company and used as a ‘dry port’ or possibly for waste management which is something that locals are concerned about. Roads will have to be updated.

SALC Area Meeting – Stephanie Coupland attended this meeting. The speaker was Gordon Mussett who spoke about Neighbourhood Plans. The cost of producing a plan appears to be in the region of £40k and there are a number of steps to be taken to implement a plan. Stephanie suggested that it would be a good idea to have Neighbourhood Plans as an item on the APM agenda’s to see what the general opinion for them is.

The next meeting is on the 3rd June when the speaker will be about Wind Turbines.

The Local Plan is now being adopted for the next 10-15 years and it was mentioned that it would be best to wait for the final version of this before a Neighbourhood Plan is decided upon. It was discussed that although one advantage of a plan would be to guide planning policy it would not be possible for instance to just decide that you would not accept Wind Turbines in the area. Chris Leney asked whether Babergh could provide some sort of guidance to help Councils make decisions about creating a plan. Nick Ridley spoke about the fact that funding will be an issue and will not be available for all parishes to create Neighbourhood Plans

Accidents – As well as the accident at Policeman’s Corner, there had also been a jack-knifed lorry on the A1071 in the recent bad weather. The council had received an e-mail from Mrs Ferdinando (Policeman’s Corner) which had been forwarded to Steve Merry, SCC Highways who had replied that he hoped the funds would be available before the end of the financial year for cats eyes and road markings. Bollards are to be considered as a possibility and Kathy Pollard mentioned that if that was the case then there is money in a road safety budget that could be used for such a project.

6. ADJOURNMENT FOR REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND RESIDENTS COMMENTS:

County Council – Cllr Kathy Pollard had circulated a report to the council but also added that after speaking to local schools all of her Locality Budget had been spent. The Dame Vera Lynn Trust in Burstall had also benefited from equipment. At the recent Lib Dem conference Kathy had spoken with Tessa Munt, MP from Somerset where decisions had recently been made regarding pylon routes to only underground an AONB. Kathy spoke about the recent judicial review in Northampton where wind turbines were turned down because of the proximity of a National Trust property. Suffolk One is still having problems with parking in the nearby streets.

District Council – Nick Ridley spoke about the recent pylon route decision. A meeting had been held on the 14th of March which Babergh had not been invited to. The substation development at Bramford/Burstall is a huge concern for residents and a very spirited meeting was held at Burstall on the 28th of February which was presented by East Anglia One – offshore wind; The developer at Chilton Meadows in Sudbury had recently pulled out of the development leaving problems for Babergh with regard to the Local Plan. The constitutional review is now coming to an end. The recent Community Achievement Awards was a success.

Frances Self asked Nick Ridley whether Babergh still consider it a priority to push for undergrounding, Nick replied that Nick Ward is spending a great deal of time on the matter even though the lead is taken by Suffolk CC. Chris Leney asked whether Nick Ward will have the support both from members and financially to push

for undergrounding, he mentioned that in the case of Suffolk Coastal they are paying for a planning consultant to help with the rebuttal documents. Stephanie asked whether a letter to Jennie Jenkins at Babergh with the parish council's views would be helpful and Nick suggested that any letter be sent to the Chief Exec Charlie Adan with Jennie Jenkins and Lindsay Barker copied in, this will be drawn up and sent.

Residents Comment – Planning at Duke Street. The agent for this development spoke about the position of the house and the fact that it appears to be an anomaly and is excluded from the building line. Mrs O'Toole the applicant mentioned that a discussion had taken place with Babergh regarding this anomaly and also the fact that the barn conversion had been classed as a new build however Chris Leney said that the barn as an existing building was a conversion and as such this would have been the only reason consent would have been given. Frances Self made it clear that as the proposed development was outside of the village envelope and the parish building line that consent from the parish council could not be given. Frances asked about the plans and the fact that the size varied as did whether the dwelling would be single or double storey. The agent replied that until outline planning had been granted a decision on the final plans would not be made and would be designed with the wishes of Babergh in mind. Stephanie added that the applicant and agent should attend the planning meeting and take the opportunity to put forward their case.

Community Council – The AGM had taken place and new people have joined the management committee. Two barn owl boxes are to be put up.

Mrs Ferdinando from Policeman's Corner spoke about a notice that she has put up on her gate regarding the recent accidents which she hopes residents will respond to.

7. PLANNING:

*.Barn House – Duke Street Hintlesham
B/13/00061 – Erection of one dwelling*

The application was discussed by the Council and it was decided that an objection to the application would be made by the Parish Council as the proposed dwelling falls outside of the village envelope

8. PYLON UPDATE:

France Self reported that the next Community Forum would be on the 4th of April. A response by the 18th of March is required by the Planning Inspectorate in relation to an Environmental Impact Assessment scoping report. A response will be drawn up by the Alliance Group and Frances proposed that the Parish Council support this as long as it adheres to the principles of total undergrounding this was seconded by Robert Taylor with all in favour. Ian Bryce commented on photomontages currently being prepared by NG.

9. FINANCE- ITEMS FOR PAYMENT

S Barber – Clerks Salary - £287.00

This was agreed unanimously.

Bank Mandate Forms – These have been completed by Ben Cox and the Clerk and we await confirmation from Barclays.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

.Plantscape Catalogue – passed to Eileen Damant

Sovereign Play Equipment Brochure

BDO Stoy Audit Briefing

Stowmarket Area Action Plan

Community Action Suffolk

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS/ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

It was mentioned that at Charity Corner Farm at Chattisham there is a problem with flooding which the clerk will raise with Highways at SCC