

## CHATTISHAM & HINTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Meeting Room of the Community Hall  
On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7.30pm

### PRESENT:

David Marsh (Chair)	Debbie Archer
Ian Bryce	Diane Chase
Stephanie Coupland	Jamie Bostock
John Whyman	Ben Cox

### APOLOGIES:

Jo Brown, Peter Eaton, Chris Leney, Frances Self & County Councillor Christopher Hudson

### IN ATTENDANCE:

District Cllrs Barry Gasper & Nick Ridley  
3 members of the public

#### **CHPC141/18 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Peter Eaton, Chris Leney, Frances Self, County Cllr Christopher Hudson and Clerk Jo Brown

#### **CHPC142/18 - TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

The minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019 had been circulated to all councillors and were proposed by Ian Bryce and seconded by Stephanie Coupland. The minutes were duly signed by David Marsh.

#### **CHPC143/18 – DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

John Whyman declared an interest regarding item 6 – DC/19/00567 on the Agenda

#### **CHPC144/18 – MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES DATED 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

There were no matters arising other than those that would be discussed, in full, within the published Agenda.

#### **CHPC145/18 – COUNTY COUNCILLOR & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

Councillor Hudson – No report was received from Councillor Hudson other than the February monthly Parish Newsletter circulated to Councillors prior to this meeting.

District Cllr Nick Ridley reported on several significant planning issues affecting the district and, by consequence, Hintlesham & Chattisham. A matter of concern was the potential development of land adjacent to Burstall Lane and the allotments, which have been an integral part of many Sproughton residents 'gardening lives' for over 50 years. Councillor Ridley also explained the potential impact of the road diversion/restructuring in conjunction with the Wolsey Grange development. Councillor Ridley advised Councillors that due to the impending district council election there would be a 'suspension of services' whilst the council reformed around the newly elected councillors. In consequence, there would no planning or other council meetings for several months. Councillor Ridley was asked what was the councils' position on housing supply and whether they considered, effectively, fulfilled for the present. Councillor Ridley confirmed this was the case which had been proven by the council recently. In closing his report, Councillor Ridley thanked both David Marsh and Frances Self for attending the recent Parish Forum.

District Cllr Barry Gasper reported and reaffirmed his strong personal concern over the medium to

long term impact the current level of residential development upon the already strained community infrastructure and stresses this was placing upon road transport, health and education. Councillor Gasper confirmed that although the council were planning for a 'balanced budget' there is a strong possibility that a significant deficit will manifest itself, post-election, for the new council. He also confirmed Babergh CEO was undertaking a wide ranging review of the councils' expenditure in an effort to offset this anticipated shortfall and maintain 'front-line services'. Councillor Gasper reiterated that he had made his concerns known on the councils' budget trajectory over 3 years ago and the need to more closely scrutinise expenditure. He confirmed his expectation that the 're-engineered' budget would balance and achieve some degree of cost control. Concerns were raised over the level of genuine interest that both Babergh District Council and Suffolk County Council are demonstrating to mitigate the impact of residential development was having upon the communities' infrastructure. It was understood the inevitable 'defence' of the availability of finance for major road improvements, but the level of current and projected traffic loading on the A1071 and other 'feeder' roads has to be addressed. It was cited that the recent 'gridlock' on Sproughton Road and the unsustainable roadside parking. Councillor Gasper empathised with this and related the significant traffic issues that are likely to arise from the Wolsey Grange development. Councillor Ridley related the 'traffic testing' that took place which had indicated the impact of Wolsey Grange wouldn't create the impact that some feared. He did, however, indicate that if road infrastructures were to be improved the involvement of Highways England was crucial to create better and well considered strategic traffic solutions. The Chair reiterated his own concern on infrastructure and accepted Babergh District Council where trying/willing to help. The chair was less impressed with the support the community receives from Suffolk County Council – Even getting the smallest tasks completed was difficult. A motion was proposed to the council which empowered the Parish Clerk, in conjunction with the chair, to write to Suffolk County Council, in the strongest possible terms, requesting SCC confirm and evidence what action it intends to undertake to mitigate the ever increasing impact road vehicle movement was having upon our community. This motion was seconded by Jamie Bostock and carried unanimously.

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**CHPC146/18 – COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

The Chair invited comments and observations from the members of the public present. The main points raised were as follows:

A question was raised that the PC meeting date hadn't been included in the current copy of 'The Village Link'. Stephanie Coupland confirmed although this was an unfortunate omission, the PC meeting dates are placed in the 'Public Domain' on the village noticeboards throughout Hintlesham & Chattisham and also on the PC website. Details of the 'Speed-check', undertaken on the 18<sup>th</sup> February, was made by Richard Youngs, he also confirmed details had been circulated by the Parish Clerk. Concerns were raised at the traffic density and, its' seemingly, rapidly increasing level understanding and asked the PC to actively consider requesting or sponsoring a new A1071 (George St) traffic movement survey. The Chair considered it unlikely SCC would 'volunteer' their services for this work and suggested this might not be something the PC could, at present, consider paying for solely. There ensued an extensive discussion on traffic movement and the impact of damaging particulate and NO2 vehicle emissions to both George St residents and our primary school children whilst at play adjacent to the road during times of slow moving and congested traffic at peak loading times. The chair reiterated his frustration at SCC not wishing to financially support the PC in extending the 30 mph Speed Limit on Clay Hill. It was discussed that there is a need for the PC to 'press' Councillor Hudson to progress this matter at 'no cost' to the PC.

At the closing of the Open Public section of the meeting District Councillors Gasper and Ridley

requested permission from The chair to leave the meeting. Prior to their departure Ian Bryce proposed that the PC would very much like to offer their grateful thanks to Councillor Ridley for the full and generous support he has given to Hintlesham & Chattisham throughout the duration of his tenure as the communities District Councillor. All members agreed & wished him luck in the forthcoming election in his new ward.

#### **CHPC147/18 – PLANNING**

- **DC/19/00671 – Underhills, The Street, Chattisham – Erection of a Porch, Conservatory, Replacement Fenstration and Erection of a Balcony.**  
The plans and documents were considered by Councillors and following a discussion, there were no grounds for objection. This motion was proposed by Diane Chase & seconded by Stephanie Coupland. This motion was supported unanimously by Councillors present.
- **DC/19/00567 – Land North of Burstall Lane, Sproughton – Proposal: Hybrid Application comprising Outline Planning Application (Access to be considered). Erection of up to 114 No dwellings, including 13 self-build/custom building plots, affordable housing, open space including village green, land for B1 (a) offices and D1 nursery, provision of land to extend grounds of Wild Man Public House, village allotments, paddocks and caravan storage. Full planning application for spine road and associated highway works.**  
Councillors considered the proposal and the request from Sproughton Parish Council for support. The size and proportions of the proposed development created great concern with Councillors, particularly around the potential lack of infrastructure to support this development when considering the locus of other significant developments taking place nearby. It is upon these grounds members felt compelled object to this proposal upon the basis of its potential impact on the surrounding road network and degradation of the living environment for existing nearby communities. This motion was proposed by Stephanie Coupland and seconded by Diane Chase. This motion was supported unanimously by Councillors present.

#### **CHPC148/18 – Update on the replacement of Grit/Salt Bin at Cherryground/A1071 Junction**

David Marsh confirmed the bin will be funded from SCC resources. He also explained the process of installation and the requested local support by H&CPC. Jamie Bostock agreed to undertake the position of ‘Box-Minder’ – Councillors expressed their grateful thanks to all concerned. Clerk to complete the application form.

#### **CHPC149/18 – Reports from Parish Councillors**

Reports were received from the following Councillors:

David Marsh circulated, in advance of the meeting, the Liaison Report for members’ attention and consideration. He also reported on the work being considered and undertaken by the Parish Council & Hintlesham & Chattisham Community Council work group looking at Disability, Access and the potential improvements that might be made. Stephanie Coupland reported on the recent first Executive meeting of the Hintlesham & Chattisham MUGA Club and reported excellent progress and was being used by community residents and external sports clubs. Stephanie also drew to members attention that a one bedroom apartment would soon be let by Hastoe Homes. Debbie Archer commented on Rural Transport meeting to be held shortly. Ben Cox reported on the impending potential withdrawal of Hadleigh Community Transport which wasn’t currently finalised. It was hoped it might continue beyond the end of March. Diane Chase reported on the recently convened HCCC AGM. DC also confirmed to members that HCCC were intending to install much needed sound proofing in the main hall of the community centre. Diane also reported on the specially convened EGM of the H&C Social Club. Ian Bryce drew members

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attention to the continually deteriorating mains water supply to the villages and the increasing numbers of unabated pipe leaks. Ian confirmed the aging pipe network was in urgent need of replacement. Members shared these concerns and Ian proposed that communication be made by the Clerk, on behalf of the PC, to AWA indicating our concern at the poor quality of the pipe network, loss of/waste of water and poor pressure that reaches the community. This motion was proposed by Ian Bryce and seconded by Stephanie Coupland.

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**CHPC150/18 – FINANCE**

The following payments were proposed by Ian Bryce and seconded by Jamie Bostock and approved:-

Mrs. Jo Brown	Clerks Salary	£143.09	Cheque No 101023
SALC	Election Briefing	£30.00	Cheque No 101025
Suffolk County Council	Annual Street Light Maint	£278.50	Cheque No 101024

**CHPC151/18 – CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

**Sproughton Parish Council** – A note concerning Wolsey Grange Phase 2. David Marsh to put a note into 'The Link' concerning the Hadleigh Road closure.

**CHPC152/18 – ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

**VAS Sign for Discussion**

**CHPC153/18 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 9.55pm