

# 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 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2012

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**PRESENT:**

**Councillors:** Stephanie Coupland (chair), Peter Eaton, Diane Chase, Frances Self, Robert Taylor, Ben Cox, Jill Warner, Robin Baldry, Margaret Taylor, Ted Wright, Chris Leney, Ian Bryce

**Parish Clerk:** Samantha Barber.

**District Councillors:** Nick Ridley and Peter Jones.

**Members of the Public:** Eileen Damant.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

County Councillor Kathy Pollard

**2. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2012:**

Jill Warner pointed out that the audit of accounts actually took place on the 15<sup>th</sup> of June 2012 and after that slight amendment the minutes were proposed by Ted Wright and seconded by Ben Cox and were duly signed and dated by the Chairman.

**3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

Ian Bryce and Jill Warner declared an interest in respect of pylons.

**4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2012:**

**Telephone Box Painting** – Painting has been completed.

**C730 Speed Limit** – At present there has been no update on the speed limit. Clerk will follow up

**School Admissions** – Frank Stokely at SCC Education Department had replied in writing to clarify that little could be done about the school admissions policy and that schools are under immense pressure as a ‘baby boom’ had meant there were more children after the same amount of school places and councils are not allowed to keep places in reserve for children who may move into the catchment area.

**Lower Barn Road** – Highways have not yet been able to provide a timescale when this will be dealt with; the clerk will follow this up with highways.

**Village Website** – Peter Eaton will speak with Chris Leney to look at whether the domain name for the old village website can be purchased and linked to the new site to make it easier for people to find the website for the village.

**Footpaths** – The footpath behind the Forge Garage has been cut back.

**Core Strategy** - Consultations are currently taking place on the alterations to the Core Strategy, Stephanie Coupland requested that an extraordinary meeting take place on August 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss and formulate a response.

## **5. REPORTS:**

**District Council:** Cllr Nick Ridley spoke about the Core Strategy alterations and mentioned that there are no alterations to anything relating to Hintlesham and Chattisham. There has been a rethink on Village Hall bin charges. The integration of Mid Suffolk and Babergh is still progressing. Once again the budget will see many cuts having to be made on things such as grants given by the council. Charges for things such as parking may need to be revisited and staffing levels reduced. With regard to pylons the strategy is for undergrounding with no distinction between 2A and 2B. Nick mentioned that it is important that the parishes do not fall out about this decision.

**Buses:** Ben Cox reported that evening and Sunday buses were restarting with two buses every evening and four on a Sunday

## **6. CODE OF CONDUCT AND STANDING ORDERS:**

After discussion it was agreed that the code of conduct would be included on the agenda for September for adoption by the council. The clerk will check the numbering within the code document.

## **7. EXPENDITURE:**

Three items were presented to the council for approval and payment.

Accountancy Fees - £25.00

Clerks Salary - £229.60

HMRC - £57.40

VAT had been reclaimed to the value of £507.97

The Community Speed watch team requested funding for the purchase of three high visibility long sleeve jackets which will cost approx. £60.00. This was approved by the council with all in favour. Proposed by Robert Taylor and seconded by Chris Leney

Volunteers are still required for Speedwatch and an article will be placed in The Link. Whilst on the subject Chris Leney asked whether the speed detectors in Duke Street could be made permanent. A request had already been made in this regard to highways who informed the council that this was not possible and the signs were temporary

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE:**

Clerks and Councils Direct – Magazine

Local Councillor – Magazine

Suffolk View – Magazine

SALC Invitation to AGM

Babergh –Public Place Order: Alcohol

## **9. DECISION ON HARD COURT AREA/GYM EQUIPMENT – FOR PLAYING FIELDS**

Margaret Taylor has worked very hard looking into this and has met with the Community Council. There seems to be a good level of interest in the Hard Court area and there is also interest in having adult gym equipment in Chattisham at some point in the future. The S106 money together with a donation would

begin the funding for the hard court with more funds to hopefully be obtained from grants. Quotes have been received and it is estimated that costs will be in the region of £40k.

Stephanie Coupland together with Margaret and Robert Taylor went to look at some of the adult gym equipment at Kersey which appears to be well used.

Stephanie suggested it would be a good idea to produce a presentation display for the Holiday Club to show people what the hard court and equipment would look like and gain support and interest. A leaflet would also be put together and an item placed in The Link. This would provide as much information as possible. The leaflets could possibly be door dropped with the response collated for the September meeting. This was proposed by Ian Bryce and seconded by Chris Leney with all but Robert Taylor in agreement.

#### **10. RESPONSE WITH REGARD TO NAT GRID'S INTERIM CONNECTIONS REPORT:**

Frances Self had drafted from the parish council. Chris Leney made the point that contrary to suggestions by other parishes, Peter Eaton and himself had no part in the response sent from a particular group of residents which they would not be signing and both totally support the 'Bury not Blight' campaign for total undergrounding. Peter Eaton added that since starting the 'Bury not Blight' protest group three years ago, both he and Chris Leney had worked tirelessly both in public and behind the scenes to achieve total undergrounding for the Bramford/Twinstead line and that they would continue in that aim. Frances read the report to the council which was well received. Peter Eaton asked that the Connection Options Report Summary compiled by Nick Ward be sent with the response. Thanks at this point were passed via Nick Ridley to Nick Ward. The response was proposed by Jill Warner and seconded by Robin Baldry; all were in favour apart from three abstaining councillors. The response will be displayed on the notice board and put on the website and is attached to these minutes.

#### **11. INVITATION TO GROUP MEETING OF OTHER PARISH COUNCILS:**

An invitation had been received from Burstall Parish council to attend a meeting where representatives of various neighbouring parish councils would get together and discuss issues and possibly provide support in relation to matters they have in common. Stephanie Coupland will be attending. Peter Eaton raised the point that these sort of meetings needed to be treated with caution.

#### **12. PLANNING:**

*B/12/00703/FHA*

*36 Timperleys Hintlesham*

*Erection of single storey ext to front and rear side of garage*

No objections had been raised, however the clerk had subsequently received a letter from Babergh stating that as this was permitted development planning permission was not required.

#### **13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS/ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:**

Code of Conduct, Highways –Drain on Thorpes Hill

*DATE FOR NEXT MEETING THURSDAY AUGUST 9TH*