

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 10TH January 2013

PRESENT:

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

Parish Clerk: Samantha Barber.

District Councillor: Peter Jones, Nick Ridley

County Councillor: Kathy Pollard

Members of the Public: Seven members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

An apology had been received from John Whyman

2. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF 13th December 2012:

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

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

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

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 13th December 2012:

Community Achievement Awards – Anne Thomas will be receiving an award at the ceremony in March for services to the Community Council, as past Treasurer and for running the 200 club.

Hintlesham VCP School – A new Head Teacher has been appointed and Justine Davies will commence her position after Easter.

C730 and Issues with A1071 – An e-mail was sent to Steve Merry regarding the conversations at the last meeting in relation to safety on the roads through the village. As a result of this Mr Merry is meeting with Stephanie Coupland, Barry Gasper (chair Burstall), Kathy Pollard, Robert Taylor and Mr and Mrs Ferdinando from Policemans Corner on 23rd January to look at issues with the A1071 throughout the Burstall and Hintlesham area

Affordable Housing - The parish council were surprised to learn that the Development Committee at Babergh DC had passed planning permission for this project, (subject to the Section 106 of the Planning Obligation Deed being signed off at the end of January) in December and not January 2013 as we had been assured by Peter Jones . At the December parish council meeting it had been felt that due to the proximity to the Christmas holiday members of the public and indeed some parish councillors had been unable to

attend and the decision was taken to postpone discussions until the January meeting which would still be in time for the Development Committee meeting at Babergh at the end of January. The Parish Council affordable housing sub-committee were concerned as they had not seen the Draft 106 document. This has now been circulated and read by councillors and the items regarding preferences to adjacent villages if houses cannot be filled by Hintlesham and Chattisham needed to be agreed. It was also noted that only two of the properties would be shared ownership with the rest being rental due to the fact that people are finding it increasingly difficult to raise the necessary deposit and secure a mortgage. A long and spirited discussion followed during which time an adjournment was held to take note of any comments from residents. Questions were asked about whether anyone knew exactly who from Hintlesham and Chattisham were on the waiting list for a property. It was mentioned that the affordable housing project would and could not have been started without a need from the villages being highlighted in the housing survey which took place. Peter Jones mentioned at this point that houses would always be allocated on a point's basis with local people taking priority. Peter Eaton asked why the plans went before committee in December and no-one was informed of this.

Concerns were raised by councillors and residents that the properties are not only allocated to local people from the outset, but also in the future when any become vacant and for this reason it was discussed that a request be made to alter the S106 agreement to ensure that and not as it currently stands in Section 12 and 13 of the agreement whereby houses and proceeds would be passed to Babergh as a whole. In addition to this councillors asked whether the criteria for local people should possibly be widened. Peter Jones said that extra points were given to people with links to the village; Robert Taylor challenged this and the manner in which the points are worked out. As a result it was decided to also request that section 4.4 of the Section 106 agreement be altered to reflect a widening of the criteria for locals.

It was therefore decided to write a letter to Tracey Brinkley at the affordable housing enabling team to request alteration of the Section 106 agreement at sections 4.4, 12 and 13. Councillors also agreed that the surrounding villages of Elmsett, Aldham, Great Wenham, Raydon, Burstall, Copdock and Washbrook could be approached if Hintlesham and Chattisham could not fill the properties.

During the adjournment a resident asked if further houses would be built in a few years time and mentioned the problems that already exist with the amount of traffic on the roads and the village school being full, of which the reply was that there are no plans to build further houses and this would only ever be put into action if the village reacted to a housing needs survey with a need for more. Peter Eaton mentioned the idea of a Neighbourhood Plan and whether creation of one might be an opportunity to control any further development.

5. REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS:

Pylons – Frances Self reported that confirmation had been received from English Heritage that they had completed and issued a damning report to National Grid about the way in which Hintlesham Hall was appraised; photo montages that had been produced were misleading and English Heritage continue to push for undergrounding. A decision from National Grid with their preferred alignment is due at the end of January and further forum meetings will probably take place in February although no dates have yet been set.

Speedwatch – There have been twenty temporary road speed signs purchased for the county and at a meeting on the 16th of January Trevor Self will be attending and will request the use of these for the Hintlesham and Chattisham area. Kathy Pollard mentioned that these portable signs appear to have the biggest impact.

Highways – Robin Baldry asked whether highways can be contacted to clear fallen leaves from the paths in Hintlesham – the clerk will contact Suffolk CC.

Community Council – Diane Chase reported that the Community Council AGM would be held on the 26th February.

Play Area – The annual inspection had been carried out by Playdale and had passed, there needed to be some more bark chippings placed under the play equipment and prices will be sought by Ian Bryce. The S106 funds were mentioned for funding this and will be looked into.

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

County Council: Kathy Pollard had sent a comprehensive report to all councillors. The main points of this were. Concessionary Fares have been looked at again, however the result of this is still unsatisfactory and

there will still only be the minimum free travel entitlement offered. A consultation has been launched regarding the park and ride service. The County Council complete consultation of the potential fire merger between Suffolk and Cambridgeshire on the 14th January. A Suffolk Rail prospectus has been produced where the County has set out a number of improvements it would like to see to the East Anglian franchise. Balfour Beatty has been awarded the contract for highways services for the next five years. The company will be responsible for design and implementation of highways maintenance and improvement works, winter gritting, street lighting, traffic signals and bridge work throughout the county. There will be a new head of children's services this year, Sue Cook and it is hoped that the disappointing education results recently reported will improve under her leadership. The broadband contract has been signed with work to increase speeds to take place over the next three years. The next cabinet meeting will be on the 29th of January when the budget will be discussed and the Suffolk Travel card scheme for young people.

District Council: Nick Ridley reported that the budget had been completed with no increase to be made this year. Staffing integration had reached the final (stage 5) level with some redundancies expected. There is to be a Constitutional Review to look at the way in which Babergh and Mid Suffolk work, this review should be completed by early April. An application for two Wind Turbines near to Belstead is expected sometime in the spring with public consultation forums taking place from the end of January. The planning department is trying to streamline the planning process and will now be open five days a week for members of the public to attend with planning issues. Ian Bryce asked about car park charges and Nick Ridley replied that this continues to be discussed, Peter Eaton enquired about the Tesco planning application in Hadleigh, a matter which is still ongoing.

Residents Comments: An adjournment for residents to make comments specifically about the affordable housing development had taken place during matters arising and no further comments were made

7. PLANNING:

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Land Rear of Timperleys, Hintlesham,

Erection of 8 houses and 2 flats – Affordable Housing

The council agreed to the plans unanimously with no objections

8. TO FINALISE PARISH PRECEPT 2013/14:

The precept had been finalised and agreed at the December meeting and the necessary forms were completed/signed and will be sent to Babergh DC

9. FINANCE- ITEMS FOR PAYMENT

The following item was presented to the council for approval and payment.

Clerks Salary - £287.00

'The Link' contribution - £591.50

Grant to Hintlesham PCC for grass cutting - £360.00

These was agreed unanimously and cheques were duly signed

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence of any note had been received.

11. CO-OPTION TO PARISH COUNCIL – JOHN WHYMAN

As had been decided at the December 2012 parish council meeting. John Whyman was formally co-opted onto the council and has been sent the necessary register of interest forms, standing orders and code of conduct. The acceptance of office will be signed at the February meeting.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS/ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

Dates for Annual Parish Meetings, Pylons, Litter Pick