

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 8TH NOVEMBER 2012

PRESENT:

Councillors: Ian Bryce (chair), Peter Eaton, Diane Chase, Robert Taylor, Margaret Taylor, Chris Leney, Ben Cox, Robin Baldry

Parish Clerk: Samantha Barber.

District Councillors: Nick Ridley

Police: PCSO Melissa Cohen

Members of the Public: Eileen Damant.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

County Councillor Kathy Pollard, District Councillor Peter Jones, Ted Wright, Frances Self and Stephanie Coupland

2. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF 11TH OCTOBER 2012:

Copies of these had been circulated to all councillors and were proposed as an accurate record of the meeting by Diane Chase, seconded by Chris Leney. The minutes were duly signed by Ian Bryce

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

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

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 11TH OCTOBER 2012:

Hard Court Play Area – The chairman wrote to all who had offered help thanking them for their interest and adding that the parish council would be in touch when plans for a hard court area were revisited by the council.

Affordable Housing – Hasto had provided an update that plans for the houses were forwarded to Babergh on the 24th of October.

Community Achievement Awards – There have been a few letters of support for the person nominated by Eileen Damant in October received and the forms will be completed and sent to Babergh.

5. ADJOURNMENT FOR REPORTS AND RESIDENTS COMMENTS:

County Council: Councillor Kathy Pollard was unable to attend the meeting however her report once received would be circulated to all councillors

Police: PCSO Melissa Cohen attended the meeting and reported that PC Gary Austin had moved to cover the Hadleigh area. PC Debbie Trinder had now started at Capel Police Station. The parish council requested that the clerk send a letter to Capel Police Station thanking PC Austin for his help during his time at Capel.

Complaints had been made to the police about cars parking on the pavements in Duke Street and notes have been placed on offending vehicles by the police who will monitor the situation.

Cars parked outside the school on George Street continues to cause issues. The A1071 is such a busy road that safety for all concerned has to be a priority and the police are constantly monitoring the best way of managing the school run traffic and congestion it causes, The Hintlesham George pub has kindly offered parking to parents.

Two crimes had been reported in Hintlesham, one fraud and one burglary.

District Council: Nick Ridley reported that the full consultation of the Core Strategy is now complete and will now go to the Inspectorate. The strategy will need to be adopted in the New Year.

Budget – The government will probably give 1% if there is no increase in council tax.

The Hadleigh Leisure facility is now open and appears to be very good, parking does however seem to be a problem.

National Grid – No decision has yet been made and Hintlesham Hall as a Grade 1 listed property still appears to be an issue. There is a councillors meeting on the 12th of December. Burstall village hall has been booked for the 6th of December which will probably be the next forum meeting. (since this meeting it has been confirmed that the meeting will in fact be at the Holiday Inn)

Wind Turbines at Belstead – A planning application is expected in the New Year and although there is a great deal of public concern, PFR the company building the turbines seem to think that noise and flicker will not be a problem.

Community Speedwatch: Nine people had been caught in one session on Duke Street and another is booked for the 15th of December.

Community Hall – Janette Cook is the new booking secretary for the hall.

6. DOG BIN UPDATE:

In her absence Frances Self had sent an email with regard to the sighting of a new bin in Duke Street. There seems to be two favoured spots, one on the farm track near Charity Cottage which although close to a popular dog walk would pose an issue as it would be near to the kitchen door of the cottage and may also restrict farm machinery using the track. The second would be at the entrance to the wood walks between Bumble Bee and Nutfield, there is however no pavement at this point.

It would seem however that even where a bin is provided dog litter remains a problem as owners still refuse to pick up after their dogs.

After discussion it was agreed to further investigate the matter and make any decisions at a future meeting

7. EXPENDITURE:

There were no items required for payment. The clerk had taken over the role of RFO and Treasurer from Jill Warner and would be dealing with the change of contact details at the bank etc.

8. CORRESPONDENCE:

Suffolk County Council – letter regarding bus stops on Back Road, Hintlesham – The letter stated that there are no safe locations for stops to be created.

Suffolk Acre – Posters and information about helping vulnerable people stay warm.

Clerks and Councils – Magazine

BDO Stoy – Information about extranet

Hedgerow Survey

Letter from governors of Hintlesham and Chattisham CEVCP School inviting Stephanie Coupland to meet the applicants for the post of head teacher on 4th December – Stephanie has replied and accepted the invitation.

9. PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY:

Jill Warner had sent in a letter of resignation to the council. The councillors all expressed their sadness that Jill was leaving and asked that the clerk send a letter to Jill thanking her for her time on the parish council. Samantha will be taking on the Treasurers role and the vacancy for councillor will be advertised in The Link and on the notice boards with a view to co-opting someone at a future meeting.

10. HIGHWAYS – LOWER BARN ROAD:

Unfortunately there had been no positive update on the major works needed at Lower Barn Road although the ditches are to be cleaned out in an effort to help with the water problem. Robin Baldry and the clerk had spoken to Philip Copsey at Highways about the potholes around the village which should hopefully be properly dealt with soon.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS/ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

The SALC AGM is on Monday 12th November, Peter Eaton and Stephanie Coupland will be attending on behalf of the parish council.

Pylons – Peter Eaton had drafted a letter to National Grid - Response to National Grid's Connection Options Response – Consultation Feedback. On behalf of the parish council which the clerk will send. Diane Chase asked whether the Planning Inspectorate would receive all items of correspondence, Peter replied that the inspectorate have to be happy that a full consultation has taken place and that they are well aware of the issues that exist with the process.

Precept and the Budget – item for Decembers agenda