

# 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 11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2012

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**PRESENT:**

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

**Parish Clerk:** Samantha Barber.

**District Councillors:** Nick Ridley

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

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

County Councillor Kathy Pollard, Robin Baldry, Ted Wright and Ian Bryce

**2. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012:**

Copies of these had been circulated to all councillors. An alteration needed to be made to the attendees/absences and also the item regarding Hintlesham School. Peter Eaton asked for some notes to be added to the County Council report. These minutes will be altered and signed at the December meeting

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

Chris Leney declared an interest in the planning item for Northlands Farm

**4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012:**

Play Area-several people had commented that they had forgotten to return their questionnaires. A number of people had also offered help and it was mentioned that these offers could be followed up. After discussion it was decided that a note be sent to all those people and ask what they may be able to do in the future

All other items are dealt with as items on the agenda

**5. REPORTS:**

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

**District Council:** Nick Ridley reported that National Grid would be issuing its response to the public response to the Connections Options Report by the end of October. The new community leisure facility at Hadleigh is soon to be opened. The staff integration at Babergh/Mid Suffolk is still progressing and is now at the stage of compulsory redundancies.

Wind Turbines – A planning application for two turbines at Belstead is expected by the end of the year.

This will be the first application of its kind for Babergh. Frances Self asked whether Babergh had taken on board any of the amendments to the Core Strategy suggested by the parish council in relation to wind turbines, whilst on the subject it was also mentioned that at the original Core Strategy meetings wind turbines and renewable energy had been suggested for inclusion. Nick Ridley reported that the Strategy had been sent to the Planning Inspectorate unchanged although the Inspector may then decide that changes do need to be included.

Chris Loney asked whether Babergh and Mid Suffolk were working together in respect of the convertor station development at Bramford. Nick Ridley replied that it comes under the remit of Suffolk County Council.

**Affordable Housing:** Stephanie Coupland had received an update from Isobel Wright the development officer at Hastoe Group. The application is ready to submit and funds are currently being raised. All of the surveys have been completed and the architect has altered one of the two beds to a three. Plans should be submitted by the 19<sup>th</sup> of October.

**Community Speedwatch:** Two sessions of Speedwatch had taken place since the last meeting, one in George Street which had recorded four people speeding and the other in Duke Street where nineteen speed offences were recorded. The team are currently consulting with the police about a suitable site in Chattisham

**Bus Service:** The number 90 bus service which runs evening and weekends is now in service. It was reported that although this service should run along Duke Street but this is not always the case. Ben Cox will look into and report back to the council.

**Footpaths:** A problem with one of the footpaths in Chattisham had been reported by Margaret Taylor, together with a particular boggy area on another path.

**Community Hall Meeting Room:** Diane Chase mentioned about the 25 new chairs in the meeting room and all agreed they were very smart.

## **6. TO CONSIDER DOG BIN FOR DUKE STREET:**

A resident had approached the parish council with regard to having a dog bin placed in Duke Street to try and help with the ever increasing problem of dog fouling. The clerk had obtained a quote from Suffolk County Council. The council voted in favour of purchasing a dog bin to be placed in Duke Street when a suitable site can be found. A long discussion was held by the council on potential sites and the suitability of these. It was decided that some research by councillors would take place about where in Duke Street this could go and a decision could then be taken about ordering a bin.

## **7. EXPENDITURE:**

The following items were presented to the council for approval and payment.

Clerks Salary - £287.00

Air Ambulance - £100.00

Smith and Derby clock maintenance for three years - £543.60

These were all agreed unanimously and cheques were duly signed

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE:**

National Grid – Letter regarding the delay in rewiring the existing lines

A letter from the Chair of Governors of Hintlesham and Chattisham CEVC Primary school had been received by the Chair Stephanie Coupland regarding the notes in ‘The Link’ about the September Parish Council meeting which the writer found to be offensive in tone and inaccurate. It was agreed that a

correction be printed in 'The Link' stating that Margo Barker is indeed the acting headteacher and a letter be sent in reply to Mr Allen .

An e-mail had been received from a resident unhappy with the style of reporting of the Parish Council meetings in 'The Link' which was felt to be too personal and in certain instances lacking balance and objectivity. After discussion it was decided a letter be sent in reply to contain the following. The Link representative for the Parish Council is Peter Eaton which is made clear on the village website, and the village directory. The official minutes are recorded by the clerk and agreed by the parish council at the following meeting, a copy will now be placed on the website. The notes in 'The Link' are simply to provide a flavour of items discussed at the parish council meeting. Peter Eaton offered to create an e-mail address which would be published in 'The Link' so that anyone with any comments to make about the notes could contact him directly.

An e-mail had been received requesting a copy of the minutes from the September meeting; the writer would be directed to the village website where minutes will now be uploaded every month.

**9. PLANNING:**

*B/12/01006/FUL*

*Land North East Northlands Farm*

*Erection of small timber hut for electrical services*

**No objections were made by the council**

**10. HIGHWAYS – LOWER BARN ROAD:**

A letter had been sent by the Parish Council to Philip Copsey/David Stiff at Highways regarding Lower Barn Road and its current problems. An article had been placed in the link asking for residents to write to highways as well. It would seem that it is now a waiting game to see whether funds will be made available to carry out the necessary works.

The road problems at Wilderness Hill and Chattisham Lane had also been reported.

**11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS/ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:**

Frances Self asked whether an item entitled 'comments from residents' could be incorporated into future agendas to allow members of the public an opportunity to raise issues and make comments. It was decided that this would be a good idea and would be trialled beginning in November.

A request for nominations for the Community Achievement Awards had been advertised in The Link and any nomination would need to be finalised by the November meeting.

*DATE FOR NEXT MEETING THURSDAY NOVEMBER 8th*