

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 October 2013

PRESENT:

Councillors: Stephanie Coupland (chair), Ted Wright, Robert Taylor, Margaret Taylor, Chris Leney, Ian Bryce, Frances Self, John Whyman, and Diane Chase

Parish Clerk: Samantha Barber.

District Councillors: Nick Ridley, Peter Jones

County Councillor: Dave Busby

Members of the Public: There was one member of the public present

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence had been received from Robin Baldry, Ben Cox and Peter Eaton

2. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF 12th September 2013:

Copies of these had been circulated to all councillors and were proposed as an accurate record of the meetings by Chris Leney and seconded by Robert Taylor. The minutes were duly signed by Stephanie Coupland

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

Ian Bryce signed the book in respect of pylons.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 12th September 2013:

Planning Principles – Cllr Nick Ridley reported back from Christine Thurlow at Babergh Planning that the current planning protocol had been adopted in April 2013. The planning process had been streamlined with meetings taking place fortnightly to clear the backlog. Councillors were asked to keep a watch for any planning issues and log any that need to be dealt with by Committee. Councillors questioned the wider issue which is that Babergh's own website is clearly incorrect as it reflects out of date policies and in many cases lacks clarity. Nick Ridley will take the issue back to Babergh and report back.

Noticeboard – Duke Street. A quote of £189.37 had been obtained to put shelves and a noticeboard in the telephone box in Duke Street. It was proposed by Chris Leney and seconded by John Whyman with all in favour that the council go ahead with the quote. A similar quote for Chattisham will be arranged in the future.

Buses – A letter had been sent to Beestons regarding the bus service through Duke Street. Beestons had replied that unfortunately there were no plans to run a service now or in the foreseeable future.

Speeding – Letters had been sent to Celotex and Babergh Refuse Department about lorries driving through Hintlesham, the managing director of Celotex and Corporate Manager at Babergh had replied both stating

that they take safety very seriously and that if the public were concerned about how a particular vehicle was being driven they should report the registration number.

An article will be placed in 'The Link' once again warning people not to leave vehicles unlocked or items on view on seats.

30mph Stickers – Cllr Dave Busby was asked about the possibility of funding, he reported that the Highways department were not keen to support and suggested that the children of the school design a road safety sticker for bins an idea which the Council were not keen on. It was decided that it may be better to arrange for those that would like to buy the stickers privately.

5. ADJOURNMENT FOR REPORTS FROM COUNTY, DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND POLICE:

County: Cllr Dave Busby had met with PCSO Melissa Cohen on the 1st October in George Street to discuss traffic calming ideas and another entrance to the school away from the road had been looked at. The SCC Scrutiny Committee is reviewing the roll out of super fast broadband to the area.

District: Cllr Nick Ridley reported that there will now only be a planning application for one wind turbine at Belstead/Wherstead. The Solar Farm at Tattingstone is going to appeal. There had recently been a meeting at SCC in respect of pylons attended by Suffolk and Essex councillors. Babergh are waiting for a decision from the Planning Inspectorate regarding the local plan which can hopefully be adopted by the end of the year. Burstall are currently dealing with the plans for EA One and the sub station development and have made a number of representations to the Planning Inspectorate. No final designs for the sub station buildings have yet been released. The budget is currently being worked on and in future years it is predicted that there will be no funds from the government. The Tesco development may go to appeal and there was a discussion about planning decisions and the issue of the allotments.

Police: No police officer was present but the report for the area had been circulated.

6. REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS :

Footpaths – All of the footpaths reported in September have now been cut.

Road Safety – Problems with school parking continue. Stephanie Coupland has visited the school and spoken to the Headteacher and a letter has now been sent to parents. Cars are being parked down not only along George Street but also down Chattisham Lane causing visibility and safety issues. There was a discussion about a long term solution and a possible alternative entrance was mentioned.

Speedwatch – Unfortunately the speed sign had been stolen from Hintlesham. A speedwatch is due to take place on the 11th October and an article will be placed in 'The Link' requesting more volunteers.

SALC Councillor Course – John Whyman had recently attended the Councillor Course at SALC and reported back to the council that it had been very worthwhile. John will also be attending the SALC AGM. 'The Link' will be thirty years old this month and Stephanie Coupland talked about its history and how it started Frances asked whether the very first copy is available to be reproduced and added to a future issue of 'The Link'

7. TRAFFIC AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT :

There was a long discussion about a bypass for Hintlesham and that Suffolk County Council need to be discussing this once more, especially as future development of Hadleigh and Sudbury both in terms of housing and industry will have a profound effect on the amount of traffic through the village in the future. Cllr Ridley mentioned that the economy of Babergh needs both of these towns to develop. Chris Leney requested that Babergh and SCC consider the wider impact when looking at planning applications and make sure that the infrastructure in the area supports the development being made. It may be necessary in the future to seek the support of the local MP Tim Yeo for a bypass and Dave Busby also talked about the possibility of involving National Grid especially as once the pylon project gets underway there are expected to be about 50,000 extra lorry movements on local roads over three years. It was discussed that a letter be sent to NG to request a discussion about the impact traffic through the village.

8. FINANCE:

The following items were approved by the council and the cheques signed.

Chq No	Payee	Expense	Amount
827	S Barber	Clerk Salary	£95.67
828	H & C Comm Hall	Hall Hire	£33.00

9. CORRESPONDENCE:

The Suffolk View Magazine – to be circulated

10. AOB/ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

Stephanie Coupland gave her apologies for the November meeting.

Affordable Housing – This is progressing well, there has so far been one name suggestion with hopefully more to follow. A decision on which name to put forward to Babergh will be made in November.