

CHARTRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held at Chartridge Village Hall on Wednesday 6th May 2009 at 8.00 p.m.

Present: Cllrs, Brown, Davies, Gordon, Howell, Keen, Lunn, Jones and Pegg.

Also present: The Clerk, County Cllr Birchley (part), District Cllr Rose (part).

1. Election of Chairman.

Cllr Brown was elected as Chairman.

2. Apologies for absence.

Cllr Lherbier

3. Minutes of meeting 429, 25th March 2009.

a. The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. Declarations of interest.

Cllr Pegg, as a neighbour, expressed an interest in item 7b, application number 0424.

5. Questions from members of the public

County Cllr Birchley said that, if re-elected, she would continue to press for improvements to roads. She thanked the Council for their interest during her term of office. The Chairman thanked her for attending Parish Council meetings and working on our behalf.

6. Affordable Housing.

Cllr Brown said that submission of a planning application for land near Bloomfield Cottages had been delayed following receipt of further objections from Chiltern District Council. He said that a new survey on affordable housing would take place.

7. Playing Fields Association.

It was resolved that the Council should join the Bucks Playing Fields Association.

8. Planning

a. Decisions.

0125. Bellingdon Cottage, Bellingdon. Allowed.

0127. Pednor Ridge, Pednor. Allowed.

b. Outstanding

0271. The Coppins, Bellingdon. No observations.

0308. Oak House, Peppetts Green. No observations.

0317. Merriebank, Bank Green. No observations.

0350. Fir Tree Cottage, Buslins Lane. No observations.

0384. Newhaven, Bellingdon. No observations.

0396. 11 The Warren, Chartridge. No observations.

0424. 2 Bloomfield Cottages, Bellingdon.

The Parish Council has no objections to this application but asks the Planning Authority to satisfy itself that overlooking windows do not detract from the amenity of neighbouring properties.

0485. Blue Pines, Bellingdon.

The Parish Council strongly objects to this application which is similar to previous applications and was subject to an enforcement order. Objections are as previously stated.

0499/0500. Old Croft, Bellingdon. No observations.

c. Appeals.

None.

d. The Old Brickyard, Bellingdon.

Cllr Brown asked for a letter to be sent to the potential applicants advising them that all correspondence should be addressed to the Clerk.

9. Finance.

- a. **The Council's Annual Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2009 were approved.**
- b. Effectiveness of the Council's financial controls and financial procedures was reviewed.
- c. The Council's compliance with legal requirements was reviewed.
- d. The effectiveness of the Councils audit systems was reviewed.
- e. **The Annual Governance Statement for the year ended 31st March 2009 was completed.**
- f. The following invoices were approved:
SLCC. Updates to Clerks Manual. £17.00
Chartridge Village Hall. Rent. £6.00.
- g. **It was noted that, due to Mr Ball's unavailability through illness, Mrs Ann Hooten would carry out the internal audit for year ended 31st March 2009.**
- h. **The cost of a playground management course to be attended by the Clerk and Cllr Howell was approved at £40.00 each.**
- i. A full back-up of documents and accounts was handed to the Chairman for safe keeping.
- j. **A quotation for insurance from Came and Company of £602.20 was approved.**

10. Verge Cutting.

Cllr Davies said that verge cutting had been carried out too early and in a haphazard way. **A letter will be sent to Bucks Highways advising them that the agreed time for first cut is end of May.**

11. Bollards.

The Chairman advised that logs and concrete blocks placed at the roadside are becoming a danger to road users. It was noted that these obstructions are usually placed in such a way as to protect the verges. Residents are advised that the responsibility for any damage caused by these items, whether placed on their property or on manorial waste, is theirs. County Cllr Birchley agreed to ask the County Council to consider removing any dangerous items.

12. Road surface Repairs

Cllr Brown said that road surfaces are continuing to deteriorate and no further work has been done since the March report from Bucks CC. **Bucks Highways will be asked for a status report on the list of potholes previously submitted.**

13. Representatives' Reports

- a. **A current list of representatives will be circulated.**
- b. Cllr Howell presented a paper on Local Area Forums which, he said, are contrary to the wishes of District and Parish Councils. It was agreed that the Parish Council should keep a watching brief on the situation regarding LAFs, NAGs and other local bodies and work with others to ensure the independence of Parish Councils. It was noted that LAFs have a budget of £49,000 for distribution to members.
- c. Approved Council Status. The Clerk reported that we await contact from Mark Averil, Bucks Highways, for further discussion.
- d. Cllr Lunn reported that Chartridge Village Hall had made a profit of £4,000 last year and the AGM would be held on 19th May.

- e. Cllr Pegg said that asbestos had been removed from land near Bloomfield Coattages.
- f. **A dangerous tree outside Chartridge Village Hall will be reported to Bucks Highways.**
- g. **Cllr Keen asked for speed strips to be on the next agenda.**
- h. Cllr Howell reported that a baby swing is required at Chartridge Playground. **Quotations will be obtained.**
- i. Cllr Gordon showed the new Parish Council web site and asked for suggestions as to what information and links should be provided.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.03 p.m.

Chairman..... Date.....

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 10th June in Bellingdon & Asheridge Village Hall, 8 pm.