

CHARTRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at Bellingdon & Asheridge Village Hall on Wednesday 22nd October 2008 at 8.00 p.m.

Present: Cllrs, Brown, Gordon, Howell, Lunn, Jones, Lherbier.

Also present: The Clerk, Mr Darren Humphries and four members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence.

Cllrs Brewer and Keen.

2. Minutes of meeting 423, 10th September.

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

3. Declarations of interest.

None

4. Traffic Speed Detection

Mr Darren Humphries, Thames Valley Police Traffic Management, outlined the traffic survey services available from the Police and Bucks County Council to help combat speeding vehicles. He explained the use of several detection devices including Vehicle activated Signs, Community Speedwatch and Police camera vans. He offered to provide an information sheet giving full details of the various devices.

5. Questions from members of the public

a. The Chairman clarified design aspects of proposed affordable housing.

b. It was noted that cherry trees outside Bloomfield Cottages need reduction.

6. Planning Regulations.

The Clerk outlined changes to planning regulations which are already in force and are expected to reduce the number of applications.

7. Website.

Website proposals by Cllr Gordon will be on the next agenda.

8. NAGS

It was noted that the Chairman and Clerk will attend a meeting with Chiltern District Council and representatives of other Parish and Town Councils to discuss the effectiveness of NAGS.

9. Affordable Housing.

Cllr Brown said that a public meeting will be held to discuss the creation of a Village Green on land close to Bloomfield Cottages.

10. Chartridge Playing Field.

Reports were received from the Clerk, who had met with Chiltern District Council to discuss the Playing Field, and from Cllr Jones who had attended a meeting with Chartridge Sports Club. The Club will be asked to attend the next meeting of the Council.

11. Planning

a. Decisions.

1019. 349 Chartridge Lane.	Allowed
1227. Elm Cottage, Buslins Lane.	Allowed.
1238. Asheridge Arms (Blue Ball)	Allowed.
1311. Broadway House, Chartridge.	Allowed.
1354. Newhaven, Bellingdon.	Refused.
1384. Home Paddocks, Asheridge.	Allowed.

b. Outstanding

1421. Old Croft, Bellingdon. No observations.

1500. 2 The Warren, Chartridge. The **Parish Council is concerned at the size of the proposed development in relation to the original house.**

1546. 11 The Warren, Chartridge. **The District Council should satisfy itself that the previous reasons for refusal have been overcome.**

1551. Sefton Lodge, West Dean Lane. No observations.

1597. Ramsey Cottage, Ramscote Lane. No observations.

1610. Saxeway Business Centre. **The Parish Council welcomes the business use and improvements on the previous application but asks that the sloping aspect of the land with regard to apex height should be born in mind when considering the application.**

c. Appeals.

An appeal has been lodged against the refusal of 0950, Pednor Ridge, Pednor.

12. Finance.

a. The Clerk's financial statements were received.

b. The following payments were approved:

i. **Chartridge Village Hall, £6.00.**

c. The Clerk presented his budget proposals for the year 2009/10 which will be debated at the next meeting.

13. Representatives' Reports

a. Cllr Howell said that the fence around Chartridge Playground was showing signs of damage. He will replace two broken bolts on the gate. A suggestion that a football goal should be erected will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

b. Cllr Lherbier reported that, following the return of scouts to Braidwood, an offensive smell had returned to Asheridge village, presumably from the site drains.

c. Cllr Howell reported that works to the village pond had received an award from the Chilterns Conservation Board.

14. Farm Watch.

Cllr Gordon outlined the activities of Farmwatch, a crime reducing operation for rural communities.

15. Freedom of Information Act.

The Freedom of Information Act New Model Publication Scheme was adopted by the Council.

16. Delegated Budget.

17. The Bucks County Council delegated budget will be discussed at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

18. Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation.

A revised version of the "Review of Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation" consultation was noted.

19. Byelaws

A consultation on "The making and enforcement of byelaws" was noted.

20. **It was resolved** that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted. It is advisable in the public interest that the press and members of the public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

21. Cooption of a replacement member.

It was resolved that Mr Simon Pegg should be co-opted on to the Council to replace Cllr Stephen.

22. Clerk's Appraisal.

The report of a working group was received and endorsed by the Council. The Clerk will attend an appraisal interview with Cllrs Lherbier and Gordon.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10 p.m.

Chairman.....

Date.....

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 26th November at Chartridge Village Hall, 8 pm.