

CHARTRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at Chartridge Village Hall on Wednesday 26th November 2008 at 8.00 p.m.

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

Also present: The Clerk, County Cllr Birchley and Mrs J Davis.

1. Apologies for absence.

Cllrs Lherbier and Gordon.

2. New Member

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Pegg, who had signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

3. Minutes of meeting 424, 22nd October.

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. Declarations of interest.

None

5. Questions from members of the public

County Cllr Birchley said that the application for a village green close to Blomfield Cottages could take up to two years to settle. The County Council will shortly be making a decision on a site for an incinerator for waste treatment. The contract for "built environment" will be allocated shortly for commencement in April 2009. She will respond to Cllr Keens comment that verges have apparently been cut three times this year.

District Cllr Rose had apologised for not attending the meeting and had asked the Clerk to explain the availability of ward budgets from members of the District Council.

6. Clerk's report.

The Clerk reported on meetings with Bucks Highways to meet the new Area Technician, Mike Barber, and with Chiltern District Council to discuss the future of Local Area Committees.

7. Affordable Housing.

Cllr Brown said that a meeting would be held on 4th December between Paradigm Housing and Chiltern District Council Planning department to discuss the proposed planning application for land close to Bloomfield Cottages.

8. Planning

a. Decisions.

1500. 2, The Warren, Chartridge. Refused.

1546. 11 The Warren, Chartridge. Refused.

1551. Sefton Lodge, West Dean Lane. Allowed.

1597. Ramsey Cottage, Ramscote Lane. Allowed.

b. Outstanding

1421. Old Croft, Bellingdon. Outstanding.

1610. Saxeway Business Centre. Outstanding.

1683. 335 Chartridge Lane. No observations.

1776. Rear of 346 Chartridge Lane.

To the Council's knowledge the declarations made by the applicant and his neighbours are correct and this Council therefore supports the application to confirm the existing use of the land in question as residential.

c. Appeals.

None

9. Replacement for Cllr Brewer.

It was resolved that Mrs Juliet Davies should be co-opted on to the Parish Council with immediate effect. She signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the meeting.

10. Finance.

- a. The Clerk's financial statements were received.
- b. **The Clerk's budget proposals were accepted and an unchanged precept of £9,500 was set.**

11. Representatives' Reports

- a. Cllr Howell had repaired the gate at Chartridge Playing Field.
- b. Cllr Jones said that a very successful cross-country event had been held at the School.
- c. Cllr Lunn had attended a meeting of BALC and said that subscriptions would be increased this year due to increased NALC contributions.
- d. Cllr Howell said that police speed monitoring had taken place and members had been trained in the operation of Speed Indicator Device which is currently held by Cllr Lherbier.

The **Clerk will obtain suitable insurance for the device.** Training in the use of Community Speedwatch equipment will shortly be available.

12. Website.

Website proposals by Cllr Gordon were deferred to the next meeting.

13. Delegated Budget.

Cllr Howell will compile proposals for clearing the pond at Chartridge End under the delegated budget. Deadline for submission 15th December.

14. Chartridge Playing Field.

- a. Proposals for a football goal post and a basketball net at Chartridge Playing Field were deferred to the next meeting when a representative of Chartridge Sports Club will be invited to attend. **Provisional costs will be obtained.**
- b. **An additional sign will be placed at the play area indicating that enquiries regarding the area should be addressed to the Parish Council at the address shown on the Council's notice board.**

15. **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.

16. Clerk's salary and Conditions of Service.

- a. The Clerk's salary increased to £5,565.04 per annum.
- b. It was noted that the Council does not offer an employee pension scheme.

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

Chairman.....

Date.....

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 7th January at Bellingdon & Asheridge Village Hall, 8 pm.