

CHARTRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held at Bellingdon & Asheridge Village Hall on Wednesday 28th November 2007 at 8.00 p.m.

Present: Cllrs Brewer, Brown (Chairman), Gordon, Howell, Jones, Lherbier, Lunn, Keen and Stephen.

Also present: The Clerk, County Cllr Mrs Birchley, District Cllr Rose and 56 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence.
None
2. Minutes of meeting 414, 24th October 2007.
The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.
3. Declarations of interest.
None.
4. Affordable Housing
5. Mr Glen Bloomfield of Paradigm Housing Group spoke about proposals for affordable homes close to Bloomfield Cottages. Following a questionnaire sent to all homes in the Parish the Rural Housing Trust had taken initial steps to identify a suitable site and carry out initial surveys. Paradigm had now taken over the scheme which is still at an early stage. As and when detailed proposals have been formulated an open day will be arranged to ensure that residents have an opportunity to comment on the proposals before any further action is taken.
6. Questions from members of the public.
 - a. Members of the public asked Mr Bloomfield about various aspects of the scheme. It was suggested that copies of the original survey results should be posted on notice boards and the Chartridge website.
 - b. Cllr Rose spoke about tree preservation orders and said that the orders recently imposed for land close to Bloomfield Cottages would be discussed by the Planning Committee of Chiltern District Council on 3rd January.
 - c. Cllr Birchley said that winter gritting had been partially restored to Asheridge and spoke about road maintenance and care of the elderly.
7. Vehicle activated signs.
It was noted that vehicle activated signs would cost in the region of £6,000 each. No further action will be taken on initial surveys.
8. Bucks CC delegated budget.
It was noted that the Bell car park will not qualify for resurfacing under the delegated budget.
9. Chartridge Playing Field
 - a. Chartridge Playground.
Cllrs Howell and Gordon suggested that small simple items such as log walkways could be provided easily and at low cost. **The Clerk will check the insurance situation on such items.**
10. Planning
 - a. Decisions
 - i. 1368. Blue Pines, Bellingdon. Refused.
 - ii. 1622. Dell Cottage, Chartridge. Allowed.

- iii. 1626/7. Portobello Arms, Chartridge. Allowed.
 - iv. 1666. Land at Old Timbers, Bellingdon. Allowed.
 - v. 1669. Bushells Lea, Bellingdon. Allowed
 - b. Outstanding
 - i. 1788/93. Mapletree Cottage, Chartridge. No observations.
 - ii. 1826. The Old Dairy, Homestead Farm, Chartridge. No observations.
 - iii. 2046/7. 2 Bellingdon Farm Cottages. No observations
 - c. Appeals.
 - i. The appeal against refusal of 2007/0017 (Saxeway Industrial Estate) was refused.
11. Finance.
- a. A statement of accounts was received.
 - b. Invoices for payment. None.
 - c. The Clerk's budget proposals were approved and **a precept of £9,500 was set for the year 2008/9.**
12. GC2C Meeting.
- a. Cllr Keen reported on a meeting held on 6th November. **Minutes will be downloaded and passed to Cllr Keen.**
13. Representatives Reports.
- a. Cllr Lunn had attended the BALC Annual General Meeting and said that the annual subscription to BALC would increase by 4½ %.
 - b. **It was agreed that a letter of support for proposed extensions to Bellingdon & Asheridge Village Hall, which would include changing rooms for referees and disabled toilets, should be provided.**
 - c. It was noted that both drains in Westdean Lane are completely blocked. **Bucks Highways will be advised.**
 - d. **A letter of thanks will be sent to the Chiltern Society for clearing footpath 19.**
14. Clerk's salary and conditions of service.
- a. *In view of the nature of the business about to be transacted it was resolved that the Clerk and members of the public were excluded from the remainder of the meeting.*
 - b. The Clerk was offered a revised salary package of £5,500 per annum, of which he could claim any amount as expenses at his discretion. The package would be backdated to 1st April 2007.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.15 p.m.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 9th January at Chartridge Village Hall, 8 pm.

Chairman.....

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