

CHARTRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at Bellingdon & Asheridge Village Hall on Wednesday 7th January 2009 at 8.00 p.m.

Present: Cllrs, Brown, Davies, Gordon, Howell, Keen, Lherbier, Lunn, Jones and Pegg.
Also present: The Clerk, County Cllr Birchley, District Cllr Rose, Mr J Smith (Treasurer of Chartridge Sports Club) and one member of the public.

1. Apologies for absence.

None

2. Minutes of meeting 425, 26th November & 426, 5th December.

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

3. Declarations of interest.

Cllr Brown, as a friend and business associate of the applicant, declared an interest in Planning application 1726.

4. Questions from members of the public

County Cllr Birchley said that gritting had been carried out in accordance with the published schedule. She said that the County Council precept would increase by about 3.8% in 2009/10. Adult Social Care would be high on next year's agenda. Participants in the Pathfinder scheme would shortly be going out to tender for PPP. She confirmed that grass is cut three times per year. In response to a comment from Cllr Keen she said that the timing of the November cut would be reconsidered. In response to an enquiry from Cllr Lunn she said that the road gangs are working on hedge cutting, sign cleaning and other similar work, but with no pre-arranged schedule.

Cllr Jones asked for gritting at the entrance to The Warren which is very dangerous.

Cllr Birchley will try to arrange a "once off" gritting and ask for consideration of this area on the gritting list. A request will also be made direct to Bucks Highways for gritting at The Warren, for urgent filling of the grit box at the junction of Chartridge Lane and Buslins Lane and for temporary salt dumps at three locations in Pednor. Provision of salt bins will be discussed at the next meeting of the Council.

Cllrs Keen and Lherbier reported that noxious smells are again being produced by the sewage system at Braidwood Camp. As Chiltern District Council has failed to take any action over several years, **District Cllr Rose agreed to investigate the matter.**

Cllrs Keen and Lherbier reported that Bucks Highways had been unable to clear drains where they encroached on to Widmore Farm as the owner had refused them access. **Cllr Lherbier will Email details to Cllr Brown who will discuss this with the owner.**

District Cllr Rose said that Chiltern District Council had found it necessary to reduce spending on non-essential services by £½M. The District precept would increase by 3.7-3.9% for 2009/10.

5. Chartridge Playing Field

Mr Smith outlined the current use of the field, administered by Chartridge Sports Club, and used by Chartridge and Chesham Cricket Clubs and Chesham FC juniors. The Sports Club is funded by users of the field and is financially sound. Repairs are required to the pavilion roof and these are planned for Easter this year. The Council and Sports Club agreed, in principle, to work together to improve the field for the benefit of the public and **Cllr Howell was appointed to liaise on behalf**

of the Council and to attend the next meeting of the Sports Club Committee.

Provision of a football goal for use by members of the public is one possibility.

6. Affordable Housing.

Cllr Brown said that a planning application is expected shortly. **He and Cllr Pegg will attend a preliminary fact-finding meeting with the architects.**

7. Planning

a. Decisions.

1421. Old Croft, Bellingdon. Allowed.

1610. Saxeway Business Centre. Withdrawn.

1683. 335 Chartridge Lane. Allowed.

b. Outstanding

1726. School House, Asheridge. No observations.

1776EU. Rear of 346 Chartridge Lane. On observations.

1884. Saxeway Business Centre. **The Parish Council welcomes the business use and improvements on previous applications but asks that the sloping aspect of the land with regard to apex height should be born in mind when considering the application.**

1953UA. North of Top Cottage, Hyde End. No observations.

c. Appeals.

Appeals were dismissed against the refusal of planning application CH/2007/1368/FA and the enforcement notice 2008/00001/ENF, both concerning a detached single storey building in the rear garden at Blue Pines, Bellingdon.

8. Finance.

a. The Clerk's financial statements were received.

b. The following invoices were approved:

D Cox (mowing) £180.00.

Chesham Digger Hire (Pond clearance) £440.00.

Bellingdon & Asheridge Village Hall. (Christmas party) £100.00.

Chiltern Sea Cadet Unit. (donation) £75.00.

Clerk's SLCC membership (50%) £66.50.

c. A request for funding from Victim Support was noted.

d. It was resolved that cheque signatories for accounts at Lloyds TSB Bank should be amended as follows:

Cllr Stephen – Delete

Cllr Brewer – Delete

Cllr Pegg – Add

Cllr Davies – Add

As previously, any two signatures are required on cheques and the Clerk may transfer money between accounts.

9. Representatives' Reports

a. Cllr Pegg was appointed as Tree Warden.

b. Cllr Lherbier was appointed as CLAC representative.

c. Cllr Davies was appointed as Footpath Representative for Pednor.

10. Website.

Cllr Gordon presented plans for a Parish website to be produced by his wife at a cost of £32.87 for web hosting and registration. The proposals were accepted.

11. A consultation on "A code of recommended practice on local authority publicity" was noted.

12. **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.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.25 p.m.

Chairman.....

Date.....

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 11th February in Chartridge Village Hall, 8 pm.