

CHARTRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 18 October 2017 at 8pm
in Chartridge Village Hall

Present:

Councillor Juliet Davies (Chair)
Councillor Alan Booth
Councillor Peter Brown
Councillor Chris Howell
Councillor Derek Keen
Councillor Lee Kemp
Councillor Joan Lherbier
Councillor Ellie White

In attendance:

Ms Kate Boulter (Clerk)

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Parish Councillors Peter Jones and Lee Kemp.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 13 September 2017

The minutes were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

3. Declarations of interest

Councillors Chris Howell and Ellie White declared that they knew Mr Rogers, who had submitted a planning application.

4. Notification of Any Other Business

It was agreed that verges, hedges and signs would be discussed under Any Other Business.

5. Questions from members of the public

Mr Rogers spoke in support of the planning application he had submitted for Land adjacent Elmcroft, Chartridge (CH/2017/1786/FA). He stated his family had lived in Chartridge since the 1960s and he had applied to build a single family home which he intended to live in.

6. Update from County and District Councillors

The County and District Councillor were not present.

7. Update from the Chair of the Parish Council

The Chair reported that planning permission had been refused for retrospective application ref: CH/2017/1648/FA (OS Parcel 2814 Opposite Tiles Farm, Asheridge Road, Asheridge), which had been discussed in detail at the last meeting. An enforcement notice had been served.

8. Matters arising

(a) PC website

Details of a potential developer for the Council's website had been circulated to councillors. A quotation of £700 for re-design, plus £20 per hour for updating work had been received. This would ensure the Council had a functioning website that was easy to update and legally compliant. The Council agreed this and asked the Clerk to progress engaging the developer.

(b) HGV signs

The Council had requested that 'no HGV' signs be erected at the junction of Bank Green and Chesham Road. Pednor was also experiencing large lorries getting stuck due to inadequate signage. Tfb had asked for more information. A site meeting between JD/DK/KB and the LAT would be arranged to view the area.

(c) LAT update

This was covered elsewhere on the agenda.

(d) Local Area Forum

Councillor Lherbier, the LAF representative, had not attended the last LAF due to a clash with the CDC Planning Committee.

(e) Sentinel camera

An article would be put in the Bellingdon Newsletter to gauge parishioners' interest.

The MVAS which had been purchased by the Council would rotate between three locations (Asheridge, Bellingdon and Chartridge).

9. Planning

Decisions for noting

0331 DE	331 Chartridge Lane	Two detached houses (details following outline permission)	Conditional permission
0967 EU	2 School Cottages, Asheridge	Occupy dwelling without agricultural occupancy	Existing use granted
1319 FA	Land at Ashotts Lane, Asheridge	Convert agricultural outbuilding to residential	Conditional permission
1410 FA	8 Bloomfield Cottages, Bellingdon	Single storey rear extension	Conditional permission
1434 FA	The Bull, Bellingdon	Change of use to day nursery and upstairs apartment	Conditional permission
1472 FA	Land SE of Huge Farm, Bellingdon	Two horse stable block, hay barn	Conditional permission
1648 FA	Opposite Tiles Farm, Asheridge	(Retrospective) Change of use of land to a mixed use as a residential caravan site for two gypsy families with a total of up to 3 caravans (including no more than one static caravan), laying of hardstanding and	Refuse permission and further action

		provision of means of foul drainage.	
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New applications considered

The following comments were agreed for submission to CDC:

1674 FA	Animal Farm, Hawridge Lane, Bellingdon	Replace mobile home with agricultural worker's dwelling	Neutral
1748 FA	Woodbrook, Bellingdon	Single storey rear extension (conservatory)	Neutral
1762 FA	Land at Ashotts Lane, Asheridge	Historic building consent for 1319 FA	Neutral
1772 FA	The Spinney, Grange Drive, Chartridge	Single storey extension	Neutral
1786 FA	Land adj. Elmcroft, Chartridge	Two storey dwelling with new vehicular access	Support, on the basis that it is one family house.

Appeals

2407 FA	Hazeldene Farm	Three timber lodges for tourist accommodation	Object as not in keeping with natural beauty of the area, and would cause traffic issues.
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10. Annual return 2016/17

Mazars had confirmed completion of the audit for the year ended 31 March 2017. No concerns had been raised and there were some suggestions for scope for improvement in 2017/18.

11. Budget monitoring

The accounts to 18 October 2017 were noted.

The Clerk reported that there had been a delay in issuing some cheques signed at the last meeting as the bank had held payment while security checks were undertaken. The bank had subsequently allowed the payments and would not disclose what the security issue had been. As a result, the bank had paid the Council £52 compensation for the delay.

12. Payments

The following payments were agreed and cheques signed:

(a) Chesham Town Council - grass cutting

- Payment of £2,268 (£756 + £1,512) (cheque number 788)

(b) Mazars audit fee

- Payment of £150 (cheque number 789)

(c) Clerk's salary 1-31 October 2017

- Payment of £396.17 to K Boulter (cheque number 790)
- Payment of £99.20 to HMRC (cheque number 791)

(d) DCK Accounting

- Payment of £30 (cheque number 792)
- Payment of £36 (cheque number 793)

13. Meeting dates 2017/18

The following dates were agreed:

- 06 December 2017
- 10 January 2018
- 07 March 2018
- 02 May 2018 (Annual Council and Annual Parish Meeting)
- 06 June 2018
- 18 July 2018
- 12 September 2018
- 17 October 2018
- 05 December 2018
- 16 January 2019
- 06 March 2019
- 08 May 2019

The Council reiterated that it would like meetings at Bellingdon to take place in the main hall as the annex was not big enough.

14. Any other business

Grass cutting

The contracts for grass cutting would need to be reviewed.

Hedges

The hedge around Hazeldene Farm was not being cut by the landowner and it was causing difficulty for road users. TfB to be asked to contact landowner.

Signs

Ramscoate Lane needed a new sign.

13. Date of next meeting

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 6 December 2017 at 8pm in Bellingdon & Asheridge Village Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed

Date