

CHARTRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 7th May 2014
in Bellingdon & Asheridge Village Hall at 8 p.m.

THESE MINUTES ARE TO BE CONSIDERED AS DRAFT UNTIL APPROVAL AT THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Present: Cllr Brown (Chairman), Cllr Jones, Cllr White, Cllr Russell, Cllr Davies, Cllr Keen, Cllr Lherbier, County Cllr Birchley, District Councillor Rose and the Clerk.
Representatives from The Chartridge Residents Association (CRA)

1. To appoint a Chairman of the Parish Council

Cllr Keen proposed Peter Brown be reappointed as Chairman, Cllr Russell seconded the nomination

2. To receive apologies of absence

Cllr Mathias.

Cllr Howell sent his apologies and advice that he would be standing down as vice-chair

3. To appoint a Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council

Cllr Keen proposed Cllr Davies. Cllr Lherbier and Cllr Russell seconded the nomination and Cllr Brown hoped Cllr Davies would accept and suggested she take some time to consider.

4. To appoint representatives to outside bodies

Councillors agreed to work collectively with outside bodies

5. To approve minutes of the meeting held on 9th April 2014

The minutes were approved

6. To receive declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest

7. To receive questions from members of the public

Cllr Birchley presented the parish council with a cheque for £500 towards footpath repair in Chartridge. Cllr Birchley went on to update the council as follows:

- The approach to Chartridge Village School will be repaired
- Cllr Birchley has herself attended the school at pick up time and agrees parking and access is a problem
- 19,000 potholes have been filled in the County over recent weeks. Cllr Brown asked about the repair to potholes and better management of surface water flooding in Ramscoat Lane, Bellingdon
- The TfB contract with Ringway Jacobs is under review
- The new Chesham Community Centre has opened
- There is to be further investment into the Chiltern Hills Academy. The CRA asked if a pedestrian crossing could be introduced close to the Academy. Cllr Birchley said BCC are aware there is an issue there.

8. Questions to the Chairman

a. Development at Bloomfield Cottages

Cllr Brown updated members on progress and explained that he and Paradigm are already being approached by hopeful residents.

Cllr Keen asked how 'affordable' is defined. Cllr Brown responded that whilst he was not entirely sure of the basis used to determine rent, this should be below the market rate, and the properties would only ever be rented, not sold.

b. Chartridge Playing Field

The CRA raised the following questions; Parish Council responses are also noted:

- Has the sub-committee met since 9th April – No
- Has the Bowls Club approached the Parish Council since – No
- Will Chris Howell remain on the sub-committee – The Parish Council needs to discuss that with him. At the moment there is no need for the sub-committee to meet anyway.
- Is the Parish Council aware that Asprey Harris a sponsor of the Bowls Club – Yes
- Is there not a conflict of interest given Cllr Brown's involvement with Asprey Harris – Not in Cllr Brown's opinion.
- Did the Bowls Club approach Cllr Brown – No, Cllr Brown approached the Club offering a form of sponsorship, in memory of his mother.
- The CRA believes there is a conflict of interest – council members believed that there is not issue of conflict. Cllr Keen explained that Cllr Brown is one of nine councillors and the Parish Council acts collectively, not in accordance with the view of just one councillor, therefore biased decisions are not supported.

Cllr Jones reminded those present that it was the Bowls Club who approached the Parish Council and the Parish Council were not in a position to move forward, only present local views. He went on to explain that the Parish Council had fed back the very strong local views and in light of this the Bowls Club may consider an alternative site (the CRA seemed to think the alternative site would be too expensive for the Bowls Club). Cllr Jones concluded by suggesting the sub-committee stands down until the next Parish Council meeting, with a view to longer term redundancy.

District Councillor Rose advised all present that CDC has sight of the draft plans, which if formally submitted, will be treated as any other planning application. Cllr Rose went on to update Parish Council members as follows:

- The initiative for South Bucks CC and CDC to join forces is working well and saving money, Waste Collection Services just one example.
- Responses to the Delivery Development Plan are being considered, the consultation is now closed.
- HS2 – the deadline for petitioning is 16th May. CDC has commissioned a report on tunnelling options. The Environmental Audit Committee has raised a challenge over the potential damage to the environment.
- Through the Local Enterprise Partnership CDC are providing funding support to assist the move to enhance Broadband in rural areas.

9. Matters arising

- c. **Clerk's report:** Nothing further to add
- d. **To do list:** The list was updated
- e. **Local Area Forum:** Cllr Lherbier updated as follows – to borrow the Mobile Vehicle Activated sign would incur a cost of £350 to assess the proposed site. Cllr Lherbier to keep communications open. The Rural Policing Meetings are back up and running, the next will be on 22nd July in Bellingdon.
- f. **LAT update and Clerks Liaison Meeting:** As per the Clerks Report. Next meeting is 2nd July.
- g. **BCC Local Councils Devolution Conference:** Councillors were reminded this event is taking place 27th May. The Clerk will attend a Clerks briefing on 4th June.
- h. **Chartridge Golf Club:** Councillors will consider, and take note of resident's comments, as the Golf Club progresses with social functions in the future.
- i. **Site and land opposite the old Turkey Farm, Chartridge:** Residents should comment direct to CDC

10. Planning

a) Decisions.

0164 FA	3 Hawridge Lane, Bellingdon	Alter stable to residential annexe	Conditional permission
0180 FA	Wood Cottage, Braziers End	Replacement dwelling	Refused (bats)
0180 FA	Wood Cottage, Braziers End	Replacement dwelling	Refused (bats & proposed dwelling too large)
0402 FA	341 Chartridge Lane, Chartridge	Replacement dwelling	Conditional permission

b) Outstanding

0320 FA	Ramscoat Wood Estate, Mount Nugent	Replacement Barn	No objections
0501 FA	37 Bloomfield Cottages, Bellingdon	Extensions & new vehicular access	No objections
0594OA	331 Chartridge Lane	Erection of two new dwellings	No objections
0672FA	Huge Farm, Bellingdon	Convert barn to habitable space	Bellingdon councillors to feed back to Clerk
0673HB	Huge Farm, Bellingdon	Listed building consent for the above	
0727FA	Meadow View	First floor rear extension	No objections

c) Appeals

An appeal has been lodged against the refusal of CH/2013/1511/FA, The Bull, Bellingdon (change of use to nursery etc).

11. Finance

- i) Draft end of year accounts from 1st April 2013 to 31st March 2014 were presented. These figures will be used in preparation of the Annual Return 2013-2014
- ii) To approve the spend of £35 per tree for 3 replacement trees, Bloomfield Cottages. Approved
- iii) To advise members that the Insurance Policy is due for renewal on 1st June. The quotation received from Zurich is a very comparable £436.06. Approved

12. The following invoices were approved for payment:

- a) Clerk’s salary and expenses
- b) Insurance Policy £436.06

13. Representatives’ Reports.

Cllr Jones raised awareness of the Ride for Chartridge charity bike ride
 Cllr Lherbier raised the issue of D of E participants and their inappropriate use of the country side.
 The Clerk will contact the D of E offices.

14. Items for road gangs.

Items were recorded for the Clerk to feed back to the LAT contacts.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35pm.

Chairman..... Date.....

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 11th June, in Chartridge Village Hall, at 8.pm