

CHARTRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 12 September 2018 at 8pm
in Chartridge Village Hall

Present:

Councillors Alan Booth, Peter Brown, Juliet Davies (Chair), Lee Kemp, Peter Jones, Derek Keen, Joan Lherbier and Paul Wright

In attendance:

Councillor Nick Rose (District Councillor) and Ms Kate Boulter (Clerk)

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Councillor Ellie White.

2. Minutes of the meetings held on 18 July 2018 and 3 September 2018

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

3. Declarations of interest

No interests were declared in relation to items on the agenda.

4. Notification of Any Other Business

- Braid Bridleway
- MVAS
- Noticeboards
- Chartridge play area

5. Questions from members of the public

No members of the public were present. Councillors raised the following issues that had been brought to their attention by members of the public:

- Councillor Jones reported that Chartridge School was proposing opening a nursery class. The Parish Council agreed that it supported the proposal.
- Councillor Davies reported that residents of Pednor were concerned about an unfenced field which could attract travellers and were considering arranging for it to be fenced at their own cost if the owner could not be reached.

6. Update from County and District Councillors

(i) County Councillor

Councillor Birchley was unable to attend the meeting but had sent a written update:

- A number of roads in the Parish had been improved this year including Little Hundridge Lane, Banks Green and Chesham Road, Bellingdon. Work was also planned at Pednor.
- The Buckinghamshire schools had excellent results again this year at A level, GCSE and Primary level, well above the national average.

(ii) District Councillor

Councillor Rose reported that:

- The new Local Plan was progressing and the public consultation was planned for early 2019.
- Chiltern District Council was considering replacing the Chiltern Pools facility and plans had been produced for consultation with users.
- There had been a huge number of objections to the proposal to form a unitary authority covering Buckinghamshire. An announcement from the government was awaited.
- The HS2 Forum would be held at the District Council offices on 29 October 2018. Booking was required.
- Councillor Rose attended the planning appeal for Land Opposite Tiles Farm, Asheridge on 4 September 2018 and a decision was expected in around six weeks.

(Councillor Rose left the meeting).

7. Matters for discussion

(a) Devolved services: grass/hedge cutting

Councillor Keen reported that he would be contacting an approved contractor for grass cutting whose details he had been passed by Councillor Birchley. Last year's contractor would be used again for hedge cutting. The Clerk had circulated a letter from Mark Averill which sought the Parish Council's views on continuing the devolved services beyond 2018/19. It was agreed that Mark Averill would be invited to attend the next meeting.

(b) Local Area Technician / potholes / HGV signs / speed limits

There had been no communication from the LAT since the last meeting. The Clerk would contact him for an update.

(c) PC meeting venues

Reverend Tim Yates of St John's in Bellingdon had confirmed the Parish Council could use the church for meetings. The Clerk would liaise with the church to arrange dates.

(d) Local Area Forum

There was nothing to report.

(e) Parish Councillor vacancy (Bellingdon)

Councillor Brown would be resigning from the Parish Council after the September meeting which would create a vacancy in Bellingdon ward. This would be advertised in the usual way. The Chair thanked Councillor Brown for his long and dedicated service to the Parish Council, including a long stint as Chair, and wished him every success in his new home.

(f) HS2

The Clerk would contact the Community Engagement Manager, Vernon Loo, to establish whether he would be attending the Parish Council meeting on 17 October 2018.

8. Planning

(a) Decisions for noting

0649 FA	Mornington Barn, Chartridge	Outbuilding and single storey side extension	Conditional Permission
0650HB	Mornington Barn, Chartridge	Historic Buildings Consent for the above	Conditional Consent
2085 FA	Sun Cottage, Bellingdon	Carport	Conditional Permission
2184 FA	Adj 2 The Warren, Chartridge	Erection of bungalow with carparking and landscaping	Conditional Permission
2295 FA	Bonderlea, Bellingdon	New dwelling (part retrospective)	Conditional Permission
2360 FA	395 Chartridge Lane	Conversion of existing outbuilding into a self contained annex	Conditional Permission
2526 SA	Cherry Tree Farm, Chartridge End	Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed use of an existing outbuilding as a residential annexe	Certificate Granted

(b) New applications considered

The following applications were considered and, where applicable, comments agreed for submission to CDC:

2931 FA	Hazeldene Farm, Asheridge	Change of use to a mixed use comprising of agriculture and dog related activities (exercising, walking and training)	Neutral
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(c) Appeals

An appeal had been lodged against the refusal of CH/2017/0224/EU, Land Southeast Of Huge Farm, Chesham Road, Bellingdon.

9. Finance

(a) Accounts 2017/18

The AGAR for the 2017/18 accounts had been submitted to the external auditor, PKF Littlejohn, and a response was awaited. It was noted that income of £75 in the 2017/18 accounts had been identified as payment for cutting of a resident's hedges carried out by the Parish Council.

(b) Budget monitoring 2018/19

The accounts to 29 August 2018 were noted. It was agreed that the Clerk and Chair would go to a branch of the bank to update the account signatories.

(c) New invoices for payment

The following payments were agreed and cheques signed:

(i) Clerk's salary 1-30 September 2018

- Payment of £432.40 to K Boulter (cheque number 826)
- Payment of £76.40 to HMRC (cheque number 827)

(ii) Clerk's expenses (for bonline.com - PC website)

- Payment of £27.60 to K Boulter (cheque number 828)
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(iii) Chartridge hall hire

- Payment of £128.00 (cheque number 829)

(iv) Payroll fee

- Payment of £67.50 to DCK Accounting Solutions (cheque number 830)

(v) Grass cutting (second cut)

- Payment of £771.96 to Chesham Town Council (cheque number 831)

10. Any other business

(i) Braid Wood Bridleway

The Braid Wood bridleway ground was gouged out with exposed chalk making the surface dangerous for users. Councillor Keen had written to BCC and no response had been received.

(ii) MVAS

Councillor Keen reported that roadworks in Bellingdon had prevented the camera from being erected in its usual place and asked if an alternative site could be found. There were specific rules about where cameras could be sited and police approval was required. The Clerk would raise the issue with the LAT.

(iii) Noticeboards

Councillor Jones asked if draft minutes could be published before the next meeting, together with an indicative agenda for the next meeting.

(iv) Franklin Fields Playground

Councillor Brown suggested that consideration be given to donating the Chatridge play area to the Village Hall, who could then apply for grants to replace the equipment. The Clerk would find out the current ownership status of the play area.

11. Clerk's pay review

This confidential discussion, relating to an individual's employment, was minuted separately.

12. Date of next meeting

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 17 October 2018 at 8pm.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.10pm

Signed

Date