

CHARTRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 27th February 2013
in Chartridge Village Hall at 8 p.m.

Present: Cllr Brown (Chair), Cllr Howell, Cllr White, Cllr Davies, Cllr Mathias, Cllr Lherbier, Cllr Keen, Cllr Jones and Cllr Birchley. The Clerk and Ms C Gardner, Bucks County Council

1. To receive apologies of absence

Cllr Russell.

2. To approve minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2013

Approved

3. To receive declarations of interest

Cllr Brown and Cllr Jones declared a non-prejudicial interest in the planning application relating to The Barn, Savcroft Farm, Bellingdon.

4. Questions from members of the public

Christine Gardner spoke to members about BCC's initiative to explore the options to devolve services to town and parish councils. Members queried what funds could be available to facilitate this initiative and how such savings to BCC would be calculated. Ms Gardner was unable to clarify budgets at the meeting, she will maintain communications with the Clerk on this matter. The type of works that the Parish Council would consider to undertake could include hedge cutting, verge cutting and sign maintenance.

Cllr Birchley added that the Parish Council should consider large projects as well as the smaller ones, and she will also look into what budgets could be available.

5. Questions to the Chairman

A Bellingdon resident had previously asked the Clerk if Broadband speeds within the parish could be discussed. Cllr Birchley responded with the information that a works contract has been awarded and work is due to start in April, to improve broadband speed across Bucks.

Cllr Howell mentioned that a Chartridge resident has raised a complaint about access to the bridleway at Lime Tree Farm. Members discussed this and agreed that little of note has changed to merit a complaint. Cllr Keen will speak to the resident.

Cllr Birchley updated members on the following:

- * Bucks CC is currently rated as the top performing council in the country and has not increased its council Tax this year.
- * The Community Wellbeing efforts are showing results, two examples of this – identification of, and help to, unemployed people within Chesham and improving the care of small children, again within Chesham.
- * Commitment to the Endeavour Centre continues, most recently it has been agreed that centre visitors will be able to utilise the walled garden at Grt Missenden.
- * Plans of the proposed Day Opportunities Centre, in Chesham, are available to the public.
- * Gritting – a significant number of roads have been kept clear and usable throughout the winter.
- * Chartridge Lane will be closed for repair to potholes, later in this year.
- * A number of other road repairs were discussed and these are noted under item 11, Items for Road Gangs. However of specific note for Cllr Birchley are:

- i) Cllr Brown explained to Cllr Birchley and other members that he has spoken with the Mayor of Chesham about the condition of Asheridge Road from the speed limit signs to the bottom of Asheridge Hill.
- ii) the need for double yellow lines along the Bellingdon Road, travelling into Chesham, where roadside parking on both sides of the road is proving hazardous to other road users. Cllr Brown
- iii) the road surface through the middle of Chartridge Road, leading up from Chesham towards the village, the surface has lifted and split along the centre of the road.

6. Matters arising

a. Clerk's report.

Information in the Clerk's report was discussed and noted.

With regard to the inaccurate signage outside Bloomfield Cottages it was agreed the Clerk, and if needs be, the Chairman, would put pressure on Paradigm to amend the signs.

b. Web site

The Clerk updated members on recent updates to the site and an increase in visitors immediately following the distribution of leaflets.

c. Chartridge Playing Fields

Minutes from the Cabinet meeting indicate approval in principle of the parish council proposals regarding maintenance and signage. The Clerk awaits formal communication from D Stow, CDC, on this matter. In the meantime Cllr Jones presented a copy of the Cabinet meeting minutes for the Clerk to hold on file.

A replacement seat and children's munchi seat have been delivered to Cllr Howell, for installation.

d. Chartridge Millennium Seat

Cllr Howell will confirm the cost to refurbish this seat. The members agreed in principle that the work should go ahead.

e. To do list

The list was reviewed

f. Local Area Forum

It was noted that applications have been made for 3 x projects – The footpath along Chartridge Lane, the top of Old Sax Lane and the top of Buslins Lane.

g. Local Area Technician

The Clerk updated members on her meeting with J Dickens on 30th January 2013.

h. Devolved Services Agreement

The Chairman signed the Devolved Services Agreement between Chartridge Parish Council and TFB (BCC) that relates to grip maintenance.

i. Community Speedwatch

Cllr Lherbier will further investigate the possibility of hiring of a Post Mounted SID from BCC.

j. Grass mowing costs

D Cox had submitted a bill for grass cutting at Chartridge Playing Fields in 2012. Members approved payment.

k. Bloomfield Cottages Development

Cllr Brown updated members on the progress towards an Agreement of Section 106, between Paradigm and CDC. Documentation had been received but not signed off by CDC and Cllr Brown had elevated the matter to John Warder, Chairman of CDC.

l. Chiltern DC - Proposed Housing Summit for Town and Parish Councils

CDC has a proposed Affordable Housing Action Plan, Cllr Brown advised members that nothing much is moving forward on this at the moment.

Cllr Jones agreed to look into the alleged budget into which local developers have to contribute when building locally. It is understood that this budget is specifically for affordable housing

m. Ashotts Lane

Cllr Keen confirmed that he had spoken with Mr Danaker who has agreed to stop using this bridlepath as a vehicular right of way. Members agreed that the installation of bollards would be necessary as a long term measure. The Clerk will put Cllr White in touch with Rosie Taylor at CDC to progress.

7. Planning

a) Decisions.

1810 FA	Portobello Arms, Chartridge	Extensions, alterations, convert outbuilding to residential	Conditional Permission
1850 FA	Chiltern Haven, Pednor	Detached greenhouse	Conditional Permission
1865 FA	New Oaks, Mount Nugent	Various extensions	Conditional Permission
1886 FA	Bellingdon Farm House, Bellingdon	Extension and internal alterations	Conditional Permission
1887 HB	Historic Building Consent as above		Conditional Permission
1888FA	Bellingdon Farm House, Bellingdon	Conversion and alterations of cart-shed to residential annexe	Refused
1890 HB	Historic Building Consent as above		Refused
1946 SA	Kiln Farm, Bellingdon	Detached pool building	Confirmed

b) Outstanding applications.

1593 FA	Mapletree Farm East, Chartridge	Convert outbuilding to residential	No objections
1987 FA	Elmcroft, Chartridge	External staircase	No objections
0051 EU	The Barn, Savcroft Farm, Bellingdon	Use as independent dwelling	No objections
0053 FA	397 Chartridge Lane, Chartridge	Raised garden decking	No objections
0077 FA	Scout Camp, Braid Wood	Replacement building	No objections, however the drains must be tested and proven adequate.
0122 FA	341 Chartridge Lane, Chartridge	Extensions	No objections
0199 NMA	339 Chartridge Lane, Chartridge	Amendments to CH/2012/1751/FA	No objections

c) Appeals.

An appeal has been lodged against the refusal of application CH/2012/1023/FA for a detached garage in front of 372A Chartridge Lane, Chartridge.

The appeal against the refusal of application CH/2011/1850/FA which was for a detached outbuilding and associated hardstanding at Cherry Tree Farm, Braziers End, Bellingdon was dismissed.

d) Resident car parking (over a long period of time) in Two Gates Lane, Bellingdon was discussed. Cllr Jones advised that he thinks planning permission is not required.

8. Finance

- i) Accounts from 1st April to 31st January 2013 were approved
- ii) The VAT reclaim of £262.20 has been paid into the PC account
- iii) The £500 from BCC, contribution towards playground seating, has been paid into the PC account

9. To approve invoices for payment including:

- a) Clerk's salary and expenses
- b) Bellingdon & Asheridge Village Hall hire for 9th January 2013 - £15.00
- c) Orbit Press, web site leaflet, £86.00
- d) D. Cox, grass cutting, £222.00
- e) Chartridge Village Hall hire for 2013 £39.00
- f) Glasdon Ltd for provision of New seat and munchi seat for Chartridge Playing Field £1078.48
- g) Digital Potential work to web site £90.00

10. Representatives' Reports

Cllr Jones advised members on the following:

- * There was little to report from Chartridge Village School this month
- * The new waste collection service in the parish will be handled by Serco, the allotted days should stay the same, timings may change. Serco will issue updates from April. There is a link to updates on the website and further information will be made available there too.
- * Whilst BCC has frozen their Council Tax, Chiltern District has increased. This should be an agenda item for the next meeting
- * The salt bin at the top of Buslins Lane is empty and the Clerk is to write to BCC requesting a refill.

11. Items for road gangs

- * Chartridge Road, entering Chartridge from Chesham, the centre of the road has lifted and split
- * Bellingdon Road, outside Savcroft Farm, the road surface is failing and needs immediate attention
- * Double yellow lines are needed along Bellingdon Road on the approach into Chesham
- * Asheridge Road from the speed limit signs to the bottom of Asheridge Hill, the surface is failing
- * Bank Green, Bellingdon, the surface is failing
- * Westdean Lane, at the bottom and to the right the drains/grips need clearing and the resultant collection of stones and gravel needs clearing
- * Top of Old Sax Lane, pot holes need repairing.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.38pm. The next meeting will be on 27th March 2013 at Bellingdon and Asheridge Village Hall

Chairman

Date

E L van Hullen
Clerk to the Council

March 2013