

CHARTRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 5th March 2014
in Bellingdon and Asheridge Village Hall at 8 p.m.

Present: Cllr Brown (Chairman), Cllr Jones, Cllr Lherbier, Cllr Russell, Cllr Davies, Cllr Mathias, Cllr Howell and CountyCllr Birchley

1. To receive apologies of absence

Cllr Derek Keen, Cllr Ellie White

2. To approve minutes of the meeting held on 15th January 2014

Approved

3. To receive declarations of interest

Cllr Howell declared an interest in Item 6 g., albeit non-prejudicial.

4. Questions from members of the public

Cllr Birchley updated members with the following:

- A sum of £500 each will be made available to support two projects, firstly the repair work to the footpath between The Bell and Cogdells Lane, Chartridge, secondly to support repair work to the driveway at Chartridge Village School
- Bucks CC has been awarded Silver, within the Top Councils Award
- Cllr Birchley continues her focus on the care and social welfare of the elderly and sick. One emphasis is to help keep the elderly and sick as well as possible, and in their own home, through improved social care, thus reducing the reliance on hospitals.
- Bucks Hospital Trust is under review and could be subject to changes.

Members reported the following potholes/failings in the road surface: i) Between Huge Farm and the top of Ramscoat Lane ii) Asheridge Bottom iii) Widmer Close iv) between Sun Cottage and Savcroft Farm v) Mount Nugent Farm vi) Westdean Lane (bottom of).

5. Questions to the Chairman

a. Development at Bloomfield Cottages

Cllr Brown reported that the development at Bloomfield Cottages is on schedule and wherever possible local suppliers are providing materials.

b. Chartridge Playing Field Clubhouse

Cllr Brown reported that full proposals were still being discussed and there would be an opportunity for Chartridge residents to view the plans and ask questions on 5th & 6th April, 10.00am – 1.00pm in Chartridge Village Hall.

6. Matters arising

a. Clerk's report

In her report the Clerk had noted communications received from BCC on the surface of Buslins Lane, Chartridge. Members agreed that the surface at the Asheridge end of the lane was in need of repair and that consideration should be given to all those who use the lane for access to fields & stables before it be blocked off in some way to all traffic.

The Clerk updated members on progress with the possible upgrade of footpaths to bridleways, within Bellingdon, in a move to stop horses riders using the path alongside Haywill Farm. Cllr Brown told members that he has received several complaints about the condition of the path, this information will be fed back to the Footpath Team at BCC.

b. To do list

The list was reviewed. Cllr Jones advised members that a Health & Safety visit to the school could highlight the need to repair the poor surface of the school driveway.

c. Local Area Forum

Cllr Lherbier reported that the current focus is the repair of potholes and management of flooding. The reported repair to the footpath between The Bell and Cogdells Lane was still pending. Members noted that the promise of financial support for this project, from Cllr Birchley may speed this up.

d. LAT update

The Clerk updated members on the outcome of her regular meeting with Paul Snell, LAT. The next meeting is scheduled for 23 April 2014

e. Area of Value to the Community

Members agreed that The Bell, Chartridge should also be nominated as an AVC. The Clerk will start the ball rolling.

f. Parish Clearance Scheme

Members agreed that the Parish Council should accept the terms offered from BCC and liaise with the Chiltern Society over carrying out the work.

g. Chartridge Pond

Members agreed that the Parish Council will continue to support the local working party, but must receive a proposal of work each year together with an estimate of equipment needed and all associated costs. The Parish Council is not in a position to propose a financial contribution towards the work without proper supporting paperwork.

h. CDC Open Space Strategy

Members were comfortable that Bellingdon & Asheridge Village Hall & Playing Fields were sufficiently covered and agreed that the renewed Chartridge Playing Fields & Facilities would be included in time.

i. Footpath gateway at Chartridge Village School

This item was one of those presented to Cllr Birchley for possible financial support. In the light of her agreement to financially support two other projects within the Parish this item will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

j. Home to School Transport

Cllr Davies advised members that the most recent consultation provided an opportunity to comment on the home to school transport for both 16 years and under and the over 16 year olds. The consultation proposes charges that are way over the cost of inflation, and consideration is being given to options such as children using public transport (not always an option in rural villages) and the use of 'drop off points' on the route of school transport. The link to the consultation is :

<http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/education/schools/school-transport/>

7. Planning

a) Decisions

1907 FA	Cherry Tree Farm, Braziers End	Alterations to existing detached outbuilding	Conditional Permission
1931 FA	High Mead, Bellingdon	Extensions, loft conversion, front porch, etc	Conditional Permission (less three dormers)
2033 FA	Chess Spring House, Pednor	Single-storey extension	Conditional Permission
2042 FA	Rosebank, Bellingdon	Extensions	Withdrawn
2043 FA	Bolt Hole Farm Barn, Chartridge	Conversion of barn to dwelling	Refused

b) Outstanding

1825 FA	The Cottage, Bellingdon	Replacement dwelling	
1975 HB	The Cottage, Bellingdon	Listed building consent for the above	
0050 EU	Crofters Cottage, Bellingdon	Occupancy without complying with agricultural occupancy condition	
0165 FA	Bellingdon & Asheridge Village Hall	Extension	No objections. The Parish Council supports the development of this site
0180 FA	Wood Cottage, Braziers End	Replacement dwelling	No objections
0183 FA	Wood Cottage, Braziers End	Replacement dwelling	No objections
0204 FA	Chess Spring House, Pednor	Extensions	No objections

c) Appeals

None

d) Delivery Development Plan Document

Cllr Jones asked if he may update members on this process. The formal consultation period will run from 20/02/14 to 04/04/14 and he believes there is no need for this parish to formally respond (the Parish Council response was submitted in June 2013).

8. Finance

There being very little financial activity since the last meeting (15th January) the Clerk had nothing of note to report and will now start working on year end accounts.

9. To approve invoices for payment including:

- Clerks salary & Clerks expenses
- Invoice from D Cox for grass cutting 2013
- Invoice for B&AVH hall hire

10. Representatives' Reports

Cllr Lherbier reported that the Superfast Broadband lobbying group from the Chesham rural villages is expecting a response, to its initial requests, mid April.

Cllr Brown requested that information on Chilterns-Dial—Ride is put on to the parish council web site.

11. Items for road gangs

Pot holes as listed in item 4.

Westdean Lane – a build up of gravel and silt at the bottom of the lane, makes the turning at the T junction unsafe and has resulted in blocked drains and ditches.

E L van Hullen, Clerk to the Council

March 2014

Chairman.....

Date.....

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 9th April, in Chartridge Village Hall, at 8.pm