

CHARTRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council
Held on Wednesday 22nd July 2015
in Chartridge Village Hall at 8 p.m.

Present: Cllr Peter Brown (Chair), Cllrs Howell, Booth, Lherbier, Keen, White & Davies. The Clerk
County Councillor P Birchley. Approx 3 members of the public from Chartridge Village

1. To receive apologies of absence: None
2. To approve minutes of the meeting held on 10th June 2015 & the Extraordinary meeting held on 16th June 2015: Approved
3. To receive declarations of interest: None
4. To receive questions from members of the public
 - 4.1 Chartridge residents requested that the trees at the junction of Cogdells Lane/Chartridge Lane be cut back. They over hang the route to the school and the grass is dying off. The Clerk to speak with CDC.
 - 4.2 Cllr Birchley reported that:
The Chesham Day Centre opened today (22nd July).
The HS2 select committee did not recommend the Chilterns Long tunnel. As support is still very strong the campaign for the long tunnel will continue and as always, residents support is very welcome.
The 2014 road repairs in Bellingdon were not done to a sufficiently high standard and will be revisited.
The HRH Princess Royal visit to open Bloomfield Cottages went extremely well.
 - 4.3 Cllr Keen advised members that a local farm has is receiving complaints from neighbours about the shooting of pigeons on its land. The shooting is carried out within Guidelines set out by the British Association for Shooting and Conservation and has been reduced to one weekend day only. Members agreed that there is seemingly nothing untoward with this and, whilst they respect the views of local residents they also respect the business needs of local farmers.
5. Questions to the Chairman
 - i) Review of HRH visit: Cllr Brown reported that this was a hugely successful event & thanked the councillors for all their help & support. One resident has sent Cllr Brown a small gift in appreciation of the properties being developed. Cllr Brown asked members if he may keep it – members agreed. It was proposed that the spade used to plat the fruit trees be donated to a local charity – all agreed. Cllr Keen presented his bill for the fruit trees.
6. Matters arising
 - a. Clerk's report: Contents were noted. Regarding the MVAS – training is now complete, Cllr Brown (Cholesbury) will organise spare batteries. Cllr Jones requested the equipment be use outside Cogdells Lane.
 - b. To do list: the following was added - The gullies at the entrance to Ramscote Lane for clearing, the white lines at the top of West Dean Lane, Chartridge, the trees at the old brickworks, Bellingdon, need cutting back.
 - c. Local Area Forum:
To receive an update on the MVAS training, 16th July: Training now complete
To confirm bids for LAF funding: Re the footpath in Chartridge, CDC are considering cost options. Members agreed to also bid for financial support in replacing playground equipment

at Chartridge Playing Fields and replacement wood within the seat at the end of Cogdells Lane.

- d. LAT update: The Clerk updated members on her recent LAT meeting of June 29th. The next meeting is set for 8th September.
- e. Footpaths & Bridleways:
Haywill Farm – Clerk and BCC to meet with neighbouring landowner 31st July
Replacement gate – Lower Kiln: Members approved the cost of £100 to position new post and fit gate.
Buslins Lane – Members agreed that it is only worth installing a bollard to prevent vehicular traffic once the existing pot holes have been filled.
- f. The Old Brickworks, Bellingdon: Members agreed that until policies are clear they do not want to review the position of development on this site. It was agreed that the Clerk would draft a letter to Cheryl Gillan, outlining what is at stake in rural communities, in particular this parish.
- g. Website: Updates underway
- h. Councillor training: BALC has issued 3 training dates for new councillors, members noted these.

7. Planning

a) Decisions

0704 FA	Little Pednor Farm	Demolish existing stables, erect new block with associated access track	Conditional Permission
0711 FA	Little Pednor Farm	Construction of manege	Conditional Permission
0733 FA	Woodlea, Ramscote Lane	Single-storey garage	Conditional Permission

b) Outstanding

0900 EU	Bellingdon End Farm Shop	Use of four buildings for retail purposes	No objections
0952 FA	Pednor Croft	Single storey rear extension	No objections
1026 FA	392 Chartridge Lane	Side and rear extensions	No objections
1105 FA	12 Widmore Close, Asheridge	Side / rear extension	No objections
1150 FA	Bellingdon Farm House	Detached stable building + access + hardstanding	No objections
1168 FA	Pakamaer, Bellingdon	Side / rear extension (amend 15/0662)	No objections
1194 FA	Six Acres, Bank Green	Single storey front and side extensions	No objections
1249 FA	The Maples, Bellingdon	Extensions to create two-storey dwelling	Members to offer comment
1260 FA	Animal Farm, Hawridge Lane	Replace mobile home with agricultural worker's cottage	Objections based on size and scale of the development and the design not in keeping with the local area

c) **Appeals**

Two appeals have been determined against refusals of applications to convert a barn to a dwelling at "Bolt Hole Farm", Chartridge. CH/2014/2043/FA was refused but CH/2014/0647/FA was allowed.

8. **Finance**

- i) Accounts to 30th June 2015 were presented
- ii) It was agreed that Alan Booth be added to the list of financial signatories

9. To approve invoices for payment including:

- a) Clerk's salary and expenses
- b) Internal Audit invoice
- c) Bellingdon & Asheridge Village Hall invoice

10. Representatives' Reports: Cllr Howell requested that a playground inspection be organised and consideration be given to replacing the swing and wooden gate.

Cllr Lherbier reported from the Local Area Policing Forum that the number of rural burglaries has fallen. Cllr Brown advised members that where household grey water runs into a soakaway (and not mains drainage) households are eligible for a refund of £25 p/a (apply Thames Water/Affinity Water)

11. Items for road gangs.

As per To Do list item 6 b.

There being no further business members first adjourned to view the trees on the corner of Cogdells Lane/Chartridge Lane and then the meeting closed at 9.30pm

Signed (Chair)

Date

E L van Hullen - Clerk to the Parish Council
July 2015