

## CHARTRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2013  
in Bellingdon & Asheridge Village Hall at 8 pm

Present: Cllr Keen (acting Chair), Cllr Jones, Cllr Lherbier, Cllr Russell, County Cllr Birchley and The Clerk

1. To receive apologies of absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Brown, White, Davies & Howell & Mathias

2. To approve minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2013

The minutes, number 565, were approved

3. To receive declarations of interest

Cllr Jones declared an interest in two planning applications; The Barn, Savcroft Farm, Bellingdon & Old Zacs Cottage. Cllr Lherbier declared an interest in the planning application relating to Grange Nookery.

4. Questions from members of the public

Cllr Birchley updated members on the following:

Council Tax within BCC will not increase this year, equivalent to a £100 saving per household.

BCC has been voted the top performing County Council, rated on management of finances.

There have been significant improvements to care and welfare services.

BCC is still working incredibly hard to put a stop to HS2.

BCC has spent £30m on roads, repairing potholes, resurfacing and similar. There is a further £30m to be spent but this will be held until there is a break in the freezing weather.

Cllr Lherbier advised members that regarding the Donate a Gate scheme, the correct gates had still not been installed in Bellingdon and she would be chasing the organisation again.

5. Questions to the Chairman

Members discussed the initiative to, presented by community heartbeat.org, to house public access defibrillators within disused public phone boxes. This item will be carried over the next agenda.

6. Matters arising

a. Clerk's report

The Clerk's report was discussed and information provided noted. The Clerk will communicate directly with the Chiltern Society regarding misuse of the footpath at Haywill Farm,

b. Web site

There was nothing to report on the website

c. Chartridge Playing Fields

There being no further communication from CDC following the decision at Cabinet meeting 12<sup>th</sup> February 2013, to support the Parish Council's proposals, members agreed that the Clerk would write to D. Stowe at CDC, copying in Alan Goodrun and District Councillor Rose.

d. Chartridge Millennium Seat

Members approved the cost of £185, to repair this seat.

e. To do list

The list was reviewed and updated

f. Local Area Forum

Cllr Lherbier had nothing to report

- g. Devolved Services Agreement  
The Clerk will write to Cllr Birchley to request an update on Devolved Services as a policy within BCC
- h. Bloomfield Cottages Sign  
Members were advised by the Clerk that No 1 Bloomfield Cottages will be included on the signage. This item can be removed from the agenda
- i. Ashotts Lane  
As Cllr White was not at this Parish Council meeting the item will be carried over to the next meeting
- j. Footpath at Haywill Farm, Bellingdon  
The Clerk will liaise with CDC, Rosie Taylor, and The Chiltern Society, to see how horse riders can be prevented from using this footpath
- k. Affordable Housing – Bloomfield Cottages Bellingdon  
This item will be carried over the next meeting
- l. Council Tax refund at local level  
Cllr Jones reported that although the Tax Base change could have led to an increase to households, this in practice has not been the case and the Parish Council precept will still be £10,000.
- m. Improved Waste Collections – Parish Survey  
Cllr Jones reported that all households will receive an information pack during April. In summary, whilst collection of refuse will improve to include plastics, the data on routes and information on households/areas with discrete needs will remain intact and used by the waste service provider. Households may request smaller bins if needed. The Clerk will respond to the survey noting the mobile home park in Chartridge.
- n. Bellingdon & Asheridge Village Hall  
Members approved Parish Council support of the cost of £225.00, towards grass cutting, to be reviewed annually.
- o. Neighbourhood Planning  
Members discussed the benefits of training on Neighbourhood Planning and agreed to not go ahead at this time.

## 7. Planning

### a) Decisions.

1987 FA	Elmcroft, Chartridge	External staircase	Conditional Permission
0051 EU	The Barn, Savcroft Farm, Bellingdon	Use as independent dwelling	Allowed
0077 FA	Scout Camp, Braid Wood	Replacement building	Conditional Permission
0122 FA	341 Chartridge Lane, Chartridge	Extensions	Conditional Permission
0199 NMA	339 Chartridge Lane, Chartridge	Amendments to CH/2012/1751/FA	Allowed

b) Outstanding applications.

1593 FA	Mapletree Farm East, Chartridge	Convert outbuilding to residential	
0053 FA	397 Chartridge Lane, Chartridge	Raised garden decking	
0347 FA	Grange Nookery, Chartridge	Double garage (retrospective)	
0357 FAE	Old Zac's Cottage	Barn Conversion (renew)	
0358 HBE	Old Zac's Cottage	Historic Building Consent (renew)	
0437 EU	The Cottage Barn, Bellingdon	Barn as single dwelling	

c) Appeals.

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

## 8. Finance

i) Accounts from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> February 2013 were presented

## 9. To approve invoices for payment including:

a) Clerk's salary and expenses were paid

b) The sum of £225 was paid towards the invoice relating to grass cutting costs for Bellingdon & Asheridge Village Hall

## 10. Representatives' Reports.

Cllr Jones reported that there was little to update members on from Chartridge Village School. Regarding the affordable housing contributions – Cllr Jones is still exploring this further.

## 11. Items for road gangs.

The driveway to Chartridge Village School

The top of Olds Sax Lane

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm. The next meeting will be on 8<sup>th</sup> May at Chartridge Village Hall, at 8.00pm.

This will be preceded by the Annual Parish Council Meeting at 7.45pm.

Chairman

Date

E L van Hullen

Clerk to the Council

April 2013