

CHARTRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 12 July 2017 at 8pm
in Chartridge Village Hall

Present:

Councillor Juliet Davies (Chair)
Councillor Peter Brown
Councillor Peter Jones
Councillor Derek Keen
Councillor Lee Kemp
Councillor Ellie White (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Patricia Birchley (County Councillor), for item 6
Ms Kate Boulter (Clerk)

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Parish Councillors Alan Booth, Chris Howell and Joan Lherbier, and from District Councillor Nick Rose.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 7 June 2017

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

3. Declarations of interest

Councillor Ellie White declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning items on the agenda.

4. Notification of Any Other Business

It was agreed that two items would be considered under Any Other Business:

- Verges and hedges
- Duke of Edinburgh award

5. Questions from members of the public

None - there were no members of the public present.

6. Update from County and District Councillors

The Chair welcomed Councillor Patricia Birchley to the meeting and, on behalf of the Parish Council, congratulated Councillor Birchley on her appointment as Chair of Buckinghamshire County Council.

Councillor Birchley gave an overview of her engagements since taking office, and her priorities for the future, which included addressing the poor condition of roads in the parish. Councillor Birchley's chosen charity was mental health, particularly assisting adults with mental health issues into work. £10,000 had been raised in a month.

The Council wished to make a donation to Councillor Birchley's charity and would put this on the agenda for the next meeting.

7. Update from the Chair of the Parish Council

There was nothing to report.

8. Matters arising

(a) Clerk's report

There was nothing to report.

(b) PC website

The Council was keen to progress updating the website and agreed to look into finding a company or individual to take on the work.

(c) LAT update

There was nothing to report. Councillor Keen and the Clerk would find a date to meet with the LAT.

(d) Local Area Forum

The meeting had been postponed until 25 July 2017.

(e) Franklin Fields Playground: repairs/refurbishment

Councillor Booth, who had sent his apologies, had advised no progress had been made in liaising with the Village Hall Committee. The Council agreed that the Clerk would write to the Chair of Chartridge Village Hall to find out whether they would be interested in donating money to the refurbishment of the playing fields.

(f) Housing Need report

Councillor Jones reported that Chiltern District Council was happy to speak with the Parish Council about the housing need report, however, any discussions would be speculative. The Council agreed that it was the responsibility of the developer to raise any issues with the Council, and no action would be taken by the Council at the present time.

(g) Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign (MVAS)

The Council agreed unanimously to proceed with the purchase of:

- One battery operated mobile vehicle activated sign at a cost of £2,242.45 excluding VAT and including delivery, from SWARCO.
- One post fixing kit at a cost of £31.36 excluding VAT and including delivery if ordered at the same time from SWARCO.
- One hinged post with welded bracket at a cost of £185 excluding VAT and including delivery, from Dave Catling.

9. Planning

Decisions for noting

0611 FA	341 Chartridge Lane	Detached garage	Conditional permission
0639 EU	Sun Cottage, Bellingdon	Use of land as residential garden	Granted

0764 FA	Asheridge Grange, Asheridge	Porch, side and rear extensions	Conditional permission
0787 FA	Pednor Vale Farm	Greenhouse	Conditional permission
0784 FA	Caselynn, Bellingdon	First floor rear extension	Conditional permission
0785 SA	Caselynn, Bellingdon	Single-storey outbuilding	Refused (not PD, app reqd)
0840 SA	Pednor Vale Farm	Detached home office to front of property	Refused (not PD, app reqd)

New applications considered

1005 FA	Fullers Hill Farm	Convert agricultural building to dwelling	No objection
1171 FA	The Maples, Bellingdon	Replacement dwelling (retrospective)	No objection
1204 RM	Capps Lane, Chartridge	New electricity substation	No objection

Appeals

None

10. Budget monitoring

The accounts to 30 June 2017 were noted. The Clerk reported that two bank accounts had been transferred into her name, and she was in the process of transferring the other two accounts. Until the transfer was complete, statements would be sent to the previous clerk. The Council agreed that the Clerk should explore the facility to view accounts online but it did not wish to be able to carry out any online transactions.

11. Payments

The following payments were agreed and cheques signed:

(a) Clerk's salary and expenses

- Payment of £926.61 to Kate Boulter for 22 May to 31 July 2017 (cheque number 779)
- Payment of £231.60 to HMRC (cheque number 780).

(b) Bellingdon & Asheridge Village Hall hire

- Payment of £15.00 (cheque number 781).

(c) Internal audit fee

It was noted that no invoice had been received yet.

12. Any other business

Duke of Edinburgh awards

Councillor White reported that behaviour had been much improved this year with less litter.

Verges

Clarity was needed as to which areas were the responsibility of the Council, and which were done by Transport for Buckinghamshire. The Council had contracted Chesham Town Council to cut devolved areas.

Pednor had not been cut. The Council was concerned for residents' safety as Pednor was a popular area with walkers and cyclists. Cutting in this area was the responsibility of TfB and needed to be chased up.

Vision splays had been done. Chartridge had been done and visibility was much better.

It was noted that right hand turn road markings near Chartridge School were no longer visible and needed repainting.

13. Date of next meeting

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 13 September 2017 at 8pm in Bellingdon & Asheridge Village Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.57pm

Signed

Date