

CHARTRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council
held on Wednesday 3rd December 2014
in Chartridge Village Hall at 8 p.m.

Present: Cllr Brown (Chair), Cllrs Davies, Jones, Howell, White, Lherbier, Russell and Mathias.
County Councillor Birchley, District Councillor Rose, the Clerk.
Approx 12 members of the public

These minutes are draft until approved at the next parish council meeting

1. **To receive apologies of absence: Cllr Keen**
2. **To approve minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th October 2014:** Cllr Brown corrected the spelling of Ramscoote Item 11. This was noted. The minutes were approved.
3. **To receive declarations of interest:** Cllr White advised that quotes to cut back the hedges at Chartridge Playing Fields include a quote from her farm.
4. **To receive questions from members of the public:**
 - i) Stuart Anderton, Paradigm Housing updated the council on the progress of the Bloomfield Cottages woodland management plan and explained that CDC and Paradigm were at the point of finalising discussions, at which point Paradigm would seek Parish Council approval. Members agreed that the plan would be approved. Cllr Howell asked what the related costs would be, Cllr Brown explained that this had been taken care of for the next 5 years.
 - ii) On behalf of Mr & Mrs Denham, a member of the public asked that the two Chestnut trees at the entrance to Cogdells Lane, be cut back a little. Cllr Howell suggested raising the canopy – the Clerk will look into this with CDC.
 - iii) Chartridge Residents Association – a representative brought the Parish Council up to date on progress of registering Chartridge Playing Fields as a ‘Fields in Trust’. The main benefits of such registration would mean the playing fields have another layer of protection as an amenity space, and could be eligible for grant applications. Cllr Jones clarified the ‘Fields in Trust’ status, and expressed his support of such registration. Cllr Russell reminded those present that the playing fields had been left for the benefit of the children within Chartridge, therefore any such registration should not dilute this. Cllr Mathias asked if the registration process incurs costs. The Clerk relayed Mr Franklins request; that taking into account any such registration, the Deeds remain with Chiltern District Council. Members of the Chartridge Residents Association took all the above points on boards and reiterated that ‘Fields in Trust’ registration would not have a detrimental effect on any aspect of the playing fields and their current status. The Parish Council agreed to support the nomination, when approached by CDC.
 - iv) Mr Booth, Chartridge Residents Association, advised the Parish Council that Rosalind Franklin, of the local Franklin family, was a pioneer in the discovery of double helix DNA. Following discussions with the Village Hall Committee, the Residents Association would like to place a plaque in memory of her, on the village hall and would like the Parish Council to contribute.

Councillors agreed in principle and the sum of £100 will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting, they did however suggest that a consideration may be to place the plaque at the Conference Centre (originally the home of R. Franklin).

v) Councillor Birchley updated the council as follows:

- * BCC are well aware that there are many roads within the county desperate for repair. Chartridge Lane has recently been marked up and will be subject to some repair work soon.
- * BCC is still campaigning hard to prevent HS2 or at least reduce the impact of it across the Chilterns.
- * BCC is working on draft budgets for 2015-2016, 35% of which is allocated to Health and Wellbeing. High Wycombe hospital has now been taken off special measures. Stoke Mandeville is at 98% occupancy and BCC is working hard to help people move out of hospital and back into their own homes quicker. It is also working on improving home care.
- * BCC is reorganising into 4 business units with the objective of becoming more commercially astute, the long term objective is to become self-sufficient.
- * The precept is likely to increase 1.9%
- * Chartridge Village School is to have replacement windows.

Cllr Brown asked for more information on the transport to school costs in the light of the reduction of coaches and introduction of more taxis.

Cllr Brown also asked for an update on the progress of double yellow lines along Bellingdon Road, Chesham, and mentioned the small stretch along Chesham Road, Bellingdon where the central white lines are missing.

Cllr Davies asked for an update on the distribution of salt piles in the more rural areas eg Pednor. Cllr Birchley suggested that she may be able to offer help via the community leaders fund if necessary.

vi) District Councillor Rose updated members on:

- The success of the joint working with South Bucks CC, which has made considerable cost savings.
- The DDPD documentation submitted by CDC is to be revisited and either amended or rewritten. The main concern is its lack of provision for extra housing.
- CDC continue to lobby for reduced impact of HS2.

5. Chairman's report

Cllr Brown had received letters of thanks from residents at Bloomfield Cottages

6. Matters arising

- a. Clerk's report: Contents of the clerk's report were noted
- b. To do list: The list was reviewed and amended
- c. Local Area Forum: Cllr Lherbier updated members on progress of LAF initiatives. MVAS Sites for consideration include –
 - Chartridge:
 - Between the Golf Course and the School
 - Outside the Conference Centre
 - Asheridge:
 - Between the Blue Ball PH and Braid Wood Activity Centre
 - Bellingdon:
 - Outside "The Pheasanteries"
 - Opposite "Brockholme"

d. Devolution of Services

No further specific updates received from J Wesley since her meeting with the PC 15th October. Cllr White advised members of the following rates, for consideration when discussions on devolved services develop:

- £25 per hour including tools
- £15 per hour labour only
- £42.50 hedge cutting

e. Gate – Huge Farm

Form for change of gate is with the landowners

f. Ecological Management Plan at Bloomfield Cottages

All queries from Paradigm and CDC, on the woodland report commissioned by the Parish Council have been resolved and a 5 year management plan will be proposed.

g. Footpaths and Bridleways

The Clerk will work with R Taylor on a possible diversion of horses around the footpath at Haywill Farm.

BCC will start the process to introduce a bollard at the bottom corner of Buslins Lane.

h. Chartridge Playing Fields

Hedges – quotations received

i. Chartridge Pond

After considerable discussion it was agreed that ideally the yellow flags should be completely cleared from the pond. Cllr Howell offered to provide history of work carried out to those currently involved. Cllr White will continue to liaise with the Chiltern Society and the proposed contractor, in particular over the disposal of the waste removed.

7. Planning**a) Decisions**

1027 FA	Grange Nookery, Chartridge	Change annexe to independent dwelling	Conditional Permission
1509 FA	Unit 1, Saxeway Business Centre	Change of use to D2 (gym / health club)	Conditional Permission
1635 FA	Orchard Cottage, Bellingdon	Detached garage	Conditional Permission
1636 FA	17 Widmore Close, Asheridge	Rear conservatory	Conditional Permission
1768 FA	The Cottage Barn, Bellingdon	Demolish and replace	Conditional Permission
1769 HB	The Cottage Barn, Bellingdon	Historic Building consent for above	Conditional Consent

b) Outstanding

1916 FA	High Mead, Bellingdon	Extensions and demolish garage	Objections raised – consideration for neighbours and overdevelopment of site
2029 FA	Lynwood, Bellingdon	Extension and dormer windows	Defer to Bellingdon members

c) Appeals: None

8. Finance

- a) Budget 2015-2016: Members agreed that the precept should remain unchanged for 2015-2016
- b) The cost of £420.00 towards the MVAS equipment was agreed.

9. The following invoices were approved for payment including:

- a) Clerk's salary and expenses
- b) External audit fee
- c) Cricket Club invoice for mowing at Chartridge Playing Fields
- c) Bellingdon & Asheridge Village Hall October hire and to sign cheque overlooked from September

10. Representatives' Reports.

Cllr Jones reported that the XC run organised by Chartridge Village School was a success.

11. Items for road gangs.

- * The grit at the bottom of West Dean Lane
- * Blocked drains/gulley 363 – 365 Chartridge Lane
- * Blocked gulley – Ramscote Lane
- * Black cladding, Huge Farm – requires reflective strip (Clerk to write to Mr Taylor)

There being no further business the Chairman wished everyone a very happy Christmas and the meeting closed at 9.55pm

Next meeting will be at Bellingdon & Asheridge Village Hall, 8.00pm on 14th January 2015

E L van Hullen
Clerk to the Council

December 2014