

CHARTRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13 September 2017 at 8pm
in Chartridge Village Hall

Present:

Councillor Juliet Davies (Chair)
Councillor Alan Booth
Councillor Peter Brown
Councillor Peter Jones
Councillor Derek Keen
Councillor Lee Kemp

In attendance:

County Councillor Patricia Birchley
District Councillor Nick Rose
Ms Kate Boulter (Clerk)
Approximately 30 members of the public

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Parish Councillors Chris Howell, Joan Lherbier and Ellie White.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 12 July 2017

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

3. Declarations of interest

None.

4. Notification of Any Other Business

None.

5. Questions from members of the public

Approximately thirty members of the public were in attendance and a representative from the Chiltern Society. All who spoke indicated they were opposed to the planning application ref: CH/2017/1648/FA (OS Parcel 2814 Opposite Tiles Farm, Asheridge Road, Asheridge). The Chairman permitted open floor for questions and comments, and the following points were made:

- The application appeared to transgress a number of policies relating to use of an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and Green Belt land.
- The land was agricultural and was being used for a purpose not permitted. The applicant would need to make a case for special circumstances to change the use of the land to residential.
- The applicant had erected a tall fence which was blocking residents' views.

- The site was brightly floodlit at night which disturbed residents.
- The site of the gate used to enter and exit the site was considered by some to be dangerous to other highway users.
- Some residents felt intimidated and did not wish to put their name to an objection. Councillor Rose advised that anonymous comments did not carry as much weight, but he was happy to collate and put forward any comments residents wished to send directly to him.
- Residents would be able to attend the CDC Planning Meeting where the application was determined. Usually one spokesperson would be nominated to represent all residents with the same view.
- The Parish Council would be submitting its views and would be able to speak at the meeting.
- There were other traveller sites in the CDC area and occupancy of those was quite high. In this case, the applicant owned the land they wished to reside on.
- If the retrospective planning application was refused, enforcement action could begin. This could be a lengthy process as the applicant would have a right to appeal.

6. Update from County and District Councillors

County Councillor Patricia Birchley gave an overview of her recent engagements, and her priorities for her term of office as Chair of Buckinghamshire County Council. She expressed concern regarding the events which had led to the submission of the retrospective planning application ref: CH/2017/1648/FA (OS Parcel 2814 Opposite Tiles Farm, Asheridge Road, Asheridge).

District Councillor Nick Rose advised that the planning application would be considered by Chiltern District Council's Planning Committee, of which he and Councillor Peter Jones were members. Councillor Rose advised that members of the Planning Committee could not express a view on whether they supported or objected to the application as it would be contrary to the Code of Conduct. Residents were encouraged to put their views in writing directly to CDC, to be taken into consideration when the application was determined.

7. Update from the Chair of the Parish Council

There was nothing to report.

8. Matters arising

(a) PC website

Details of a potential developer for the Council's website had been circulated with examples of previous work. Councillors liked the quality of the portfolio and requested the Clerk to find out cost of updating the site to enable regular easy updating.

(c) LAT update

Bellingdon and Pednor verges had been cut by Tfb.

(d) Local Area Forum

Councillor Lherbier, the LAF representative, was not present.

(e) Franklin Fields Playground: repairs/refurbishment

The Clerk had contacted the Chartridge Village Hall Chair and was awaiting a reply.

(f) Sentinel camera

The Clerk for Latimer and Ley Hill Parish Council had asked if local parish councils would be interested in sharing a Sentinel Community Speedwatch camera. The camera would be purchased by one council and the others would pay each time they used it and/or share maintenance costs. Each council would need to identify volunteers to set up the camera.

Councillors supported any measures to deter speeding but participation in this scheme would require volunteers. Previous attempts to generate interest had not been successful. An article would be put in the Bellingdon Newsletter to gauge parishioners' interest.

9. Planning

Decisions for noting

0280PNO	Unit 2, Saxeway, Chartridge	Change to residential	Withdrawn
0552 FA	Chartridge End Farm	21 metre lattice tower, etc	Conditional permission
0815 FA	Lime Tree Farm, Chartridge	Various extensions and outbuilding	Conditional permission
0816 HB	Lime Tree Farm, Chartridge	HBC for above	Conditional consent
0817 FA	Land SE of Huge Farm, Bellingdon	Four horse stable block, manege	Refused (Green Belt)
0885 FA	Homestead Farm Cottage, Chartridge	Two storey side / rear extension	Conditional permission
0956 FA	Bank Cottage, Bank Green	Single storey side extension and chimney stack	Conditional permission
0963 FA	28 The Warren, Chartridge	Side & rear extensions, side dormers, garage conversion	Conditional permission
0964 FA	395 Chartridge Lane	Rear extension (amendment to 17/0512)	Conditional permission
0970 FA	346 Chartridge Lane	Party single part two-storey side extensions	Conditional permission
0972 FA	Cogdells Farm, Chartridge	Landscape garden, inc new wall and gates, greenhouse	Conditional permission
0973 HB	Cogdells Farm, Chartridge	Insert ground floor windows in barn	Conditional consent
1204 RM	Capps Lane, Chartridge	New electricity substation	No objections
1261 FA	Pednor Vale Farm	Home office	Conditional permission

New applications considered

The following comments were agreed for submission to CDC:

1361 FA	The Bull PH, Bellingdon	Extension and new day nursery building, etc	Support this application which would provide a pub for the local community.
1434 FA	The Bull, Bellingdon	Change of use to day nursery and upstairs apartment	Object to the change of use from a pub to a day nursery. The community wishes to retain the use of its pub.
1552 FA	274 & 274A Chartridge Lane	Redevelopment of site, extension to existing dwellings and four new dwellings	Concerned that there will be over-development of the land. A previous application for four houses on the site was turned down, and this application is for a total of six houses on the site.
1648 FA	Opposite Tiles Farm, Asheridge	(Retrospective) Change of use of land to a mixed use as a residential caravan site for two gypsy families with a total of up to 3 caravans (including no more than one static caravan), laying of hardstanding and provision of means of foul drainage.	Strongly object: (a) The land is not for residential use and should remain that way. (b) The area is within the Green Belt. (c) The area is one of Outstanding Natural Beauty. (d) The floodlight-type lights used on the site are a nuisance to local residents. If the application is refused, the Parish Council requests that enforcement action commences immediately.

Appeals

None

10. Annual return 2016/17

The Annual Return for 2016/17 had been submitted late by the former clerk and the Parish Council would be charged a penalty of £25. Councillors noted this had occurred during the handover from the previous to the current clerk, and were satisfied it was an unfortunate error and not a cause for concern.

11. Budget monitoring

The accounts to 31 August 2017 were noted.

12. Payments

The following payments were agreed and cheques signed:

(a) Donation to Councillor Birchley's charity

- Payment of £100 (cheque number 782)

(b) Chesham Cricket Club - grass cutting

- Payment of £1,440 (cheque number 783)

(c) SWARCO

- Payment of £2,690.94 (cheque number 784)

(d) DCK Accounting

- Payment of £48 (cheque number 785)

(e) Clerk's salary 1 August - 30 September 2017

- Payment of £792.74 to K. Boulter (cheque number 786)
- Payment of £198 to HMRC (cheque number 787)

12. Any other business

HGVs on Asheridge Hill

Councillor Keen reported that HGVs were using an unsuitable road and getting stuck. Clerk to ask TfB if 'Unsuitable for HGV' signs could be erected. Councillor Keen to provide full details to the Clerk.

Village Hall Hire

Bellingdon & Asheridge Village Hall had advised that the Parish Council was booked into the annex and could not use the main hall as it had another regular booking on a Wednesday. Tonight's meeting, due to take place in B&A, had been moved to Chartridge as the high public turnout could not be accommodated in the B&A annex. Councillors expressed disappointment that the Parish Council was not given priority in the B&A main hall.

13. Date of next meeting

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 18 October 2017 at 8pm in Chartridge Village Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.36pm

Signed

Date