

CHENIES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 1 July 2009

Present: Sir John Quinton *Chairman*
Mr D Betts
Mrs G Leaper

In attendance: Mrs K Le Neve Foster *Clerk*

Members of the public: None

1 Apologies

Received from Ms Newton and Mr Ashby.

2 Democratic Quarter Hour

3 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 6 May 2009

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5 Matters Arising from Minutes

- Works to bus shelter and pump building: the Chairman had met Mr Paul Williams, Property Manager of the Bedford Estates, to discuss the Council's plans for repair and maintenance of the pump building. Approval for the work was given, but no funding will be available from the Bedford Estates. The work has now been completed, and it was noted that Mr Woodbridge had done a satisfactory job.
- It was agreed that the area between the footpath and the road on the northern side of the A404 near Van Hage should be left unmanaged as a nature reserve.
- Walkers' bench: Mr Ashby and the Clerk had both been in contact with the Area Technician who had indicated that if the Council were to acquire a suitable bench he would be able to arrange for its installation at reasonable cost. In Mr Ashby's absence Mr Betts was asked to further investigate the choice and purchase of a bench. The Clerk will discuss the precise cost with the Area Technician.
- The two new kissing gates had been installed by the Chiltern Society Volunteers. Unfortunately one of them will have to be re-aligned in order to allow access for the combine harvester.

- Planting in front of sign at entrance to village: the Clerk had discussed this matter with the Chairman of the Village Society who had decided to ask Van Hage to take over management of this planting. However, before this arrangement could be finalised an unknown person had cut down and weedkilled the existing plants. Volunteers had cleared the debris on the tidy-up day, and removed all the dead vegetation at the time.
- The litter bin at the bottom of Holloway Lane has now been removed.
- Best Kept Village Competition: Two litter clearance and tidy-up days had been held. The judging was now completed, and the results awaited.

6 Any Change of Interests

None

7 Finance

Balance at 6.5.09		£7,108.01
Receipts:	None	
Outgoings:	Chiltern Society (annual sub)	25.00
	J Woodbridge (works to bus shelter and pump building)	750.00
	ISS Waterers (grasscutting)	<u>754.53</u>
		<u>1,529.53</u>
Balance at 1.7.09		<u>£5,578.48</u>

The accounts for the year ended 31 March 2009 had been completed and signed, and would be available for inspection, on application to the Clerk, from 20 July to 14 August 2009.

8 Planning

New applications since last meeting:

CH/2009/0673/FA	The Lodge	Conversion of outbuildings	Pending
CH/2009/0478/FA	23 Chenies	Extension	Granted
CH/2009/0479/HB	23 Chenies	Listed building consent	Granted
CH/2009/0534/FA	Fairfield Farm	Replacement stables	Pending
CH/2009/0564/FA	44 Chenies	Timber outbuilding	Pending
CH/2009/0440/FA	Bullscroft Farm	Erection of phone mast	No objections

Decided:

CH/2009/0140/FA	Barley Croft	Resiting of manege	Granted
CH/2009/0214/FA	The Lodge	Conversion of outbuildings	Withdrawn

Enforcement matters:

Keeper's Cottage (tree felling without permission): the Clerk had received a letter from the Enforcement Officer investigating this matter. He was unable to prove that there had been unauthorised works to trees at Keeper's Cottage, and had declared the file closed. The owner of Keeper's Cottage had been advised of his responsibilities for the future.

9 Footpaths

The Clerk will report to BCC where footpaths need to be cleared of nettles.

10 Traffic/Highway Matters

The BCC Highways Local Community Gang would be visiting areas in rotation to deal with small works as submitted by parishes. Suggestions for inclusion in this programme should be submitted to the Clerk who will forward these to BCC.

11 Reports

Local Area Forum representative: the first meeting would be on 22 July 2009.

Tree Warden: not present.

12 Place House Copse

This work has been delayed to avoid causing disturbance to nesting birds.

13 Correspondence

BCC Community Resilience (formerly Emergency Planning): the Clerk and the Chairman agreed to be the named contacts for emergency information and warnings.

14 Any Other Relevant Business

- Golf course on Green Street: the Chairman had visited and been reassured that no spoil was being brought on to the site.
- The Chairman had attended a function in Amersham to celebrate the inauguration of Armed Forces Day.

15 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Chenies Parish Council will be held on **Wednesday 9 September 2009**, at Chenies School.

*Please note that this is the **second** Wednesday of the month.*

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.