

CHENIES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 7 January 2009

Present: Sir John Quinton *Chairman*
Ms M Newton *Vice-Chairman*
Mr P Ashby
Mr D Betts
Mrs G Leaper

In attendance: Mrs K Le Neve Foster *Clerk*

Members of the public: Mr N Ince

1 Apologies

2 Democratic Quarter Hour

- New fingerpost outside Church: Mr Ince commented about the new fingerpost that had been installed at the top of FP37, positioned between the Manor and the Church. He felt its appearance inappropriate in view of its location between two Grade 1 listed buildings, and also advised that permission had not been sought or granted from the owner or tenant of the land on which it had been placed. The Clerk was asked to contact the RoW Officer at Bucks CC to object to the style and location of the post, and to liaise with Mrs Macleod Matthews. It was noted that there was no public footpath up the Manor drive, only a right of access as far as the Church.
- Entrance to Chenies from A404: Mr Ince was concerned about the condition of the verge opposite Claypits Cottages as it made the entrance to the village very untidy. This damage was being caused by parked cars.

3 Minutes of the Meeting held on 5 November 2008

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5 November 2008, having been approved, were signed by the Chairman.

4 Matters Arising from Minutes

- BOATs in Chesham – The appeal against the implementation of these orders has been upheld, so the affected lanes will not become byways open to all traffic.
- Mr Ashby will follow up with the manager of Van Hage about the maintenance of the area around the footpath on the northern side of the A404.
- The application to have the telephone kiosk listed is in progress.
- Walkers' bench – Mr Ashby had been advised that the cost of installation of a bench on the green sward (land belonging to Bucks CC Highways) will be around £700.00, not including the cost of the bench. He will obtain a proper quotation.

- New kissing gates – the location of the two new kissing gates is to be agreed with BCC and the Chiltern Society.
- Milestone – this has been removed for safe keeping. The Clerk is awaiting a reply from Bucks CC as to whether they will pay for the repairs as it is situated on Highways land.

5 Any Change of Interests

None

6 Finance

Reported Balance at 5.11.08 (not correct)			£5,671.71
Receipts: Deposit a/c interest ½ year	31.44	<u>31.44</u>	
Outgoings ISS Waterers (grasscutting)	732.55		
Chiltern Society (donate-a-gate)		<u>250.00</u>	
		982.55	<u>982.55</u>
Balance at 7.01.09			<u>£5,337.08</u>

7 Planning

New applications since last meeting: None

Pending/Decided:

CH/2008/1602/FA Land adjoining 2 Chenies (relocation of access)
Granted

CH/2008/1578/DE Fairfield Farm (residential dwelling) Granted

8 Footpaths

- It was noted that there was a quantity of debris at the eastern end of Walk Wood as a result of a burnt out car. This will have to be cleared by a volunteer as it is on private land so will not be cleared by CDC.

9 Traffic/Highway Matters

- Potholes and blocked drains – there continued to be problems. Ms Newton and Mr Ashby will get together to tackle this problem.

10 Reports from:

Chiltern Area Committee representative: The next meeting is due to be held in February. As Ms Newton was finding it difficult to attend these meetings because of the 6.30 start it was agreed that Mr Betts would take her place.

Tree Warden: no further action on possible planting of oaks on the green sward. Mr Betts reported that there was a large dead beech tree close to Whitehill footpath

which might prove dangerous, and it was agreed that this would be reported to the landowner.

11 Place House Copse

Mr Ashby had met with two further contractors and had received one written and one verbal quotation. It was agreed that the Council would ask Peter Whipp of Ridgeway Woodlands to submit a formal quotation based on previous discussions and that this would be accepted by the Council. Subject to obtaining the necessary planning permission it was hoped that the work could be done this winter/spring.

An offer had been received of £1,000 to be put towards the maintenance programme in 2009. The Council expressed its grateful thanks to the anonymous donor.

12 Correspondence

13 Any Other Relevant Business

- The Clerk had been introduced to the new PCSO assigned to this area, James Rocks, and had had a useful meeting.
- Village website: it was noted that Andy Homewood had done a lot of work on this project with excellent results.

14 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Chenies Parish Council will be held on **Wednesday 4 March 2009**, at Chenies School.

Advance notice is given that the date of the September meeting will be **Wednesday 9 September 2009** (the second Wednesday in the month) because of holiday commitments.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.