

CHENIES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 4 November 2009

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

In attendance: Mrs K Le Neve Foster *Clerk*

Members of the public: None

1 Apologies

2 Democratic Quarter Hour

3 Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 September 2009

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 September, having been approved, were signed by the Chairman.

4 Matters Arising from Minutes

- Bus service through Chenies: The Parish Council had written twice to Carousel Buses, but had received a very negative response. Help had been sought from Cheryl Gillan MP and Cllr Noel Brown (BCC) and their response was awaited. Other issues will be the need to improve pedestrian access to the bus stop on the A404 towards Chorleywood and the desirability of a second stop near the other entrance to the village.
- The Clerk had reported the damage to the young oak tree to ISS Waterers. A watch would be kept on the tree to see if a replacement would be necessary.
- Noise disturbance at the Bedford Arms: a reply had been received from Mr Rickett, the owner, promising to make effort to improve matters. Mr Homewood had experienced another incident, and was now keeping a diary of these occurrences.
- Walkers' bench: this has now been installed.
- It was agreed that the quotation from Ridgeway Woodlands of £325 + VAT for crown lifting the oak trees on the green sward would be accepted. As the trees are on land owned by Bucks CC Highways agreement will be needed with them before any work commences or before any planning application is submitted.
- The tree near the school has been trimmed. It was agreed that the remainder of the trees on the Village Green did not need any work at present.

- Telephone box: the Parish Council had written to Chiltern DC objecting strongly to the discontinuation of this service, and these comments had been forwarded to BT with a recommendation that the service should be retained.

5 Any Change of Interests

None

7 Finance

Balance at 9.9.09			£5,160.96
Receipts:	2 nd instalment Precept	2,500.00	<u>2,500.00</u>
			7,660.96
Outgoings:	Bedford Estates (Village Green rent)	1.00	
	ISS Waterers (Grasscutting)	754.53	
	N Ince (Maroons for 11 Nov)	<u>40.00</u>	
		795.53	- <u>795.53</u>
	Balance at 9.9.09		<u>£6,865.43</u>

Precept for 2010-2011: It was agreed that the parish precept should remain at its present level of £5,000.

8 Planning

New applications since last meeting:

CH/2009/1234/HB	The Lodge	Listed building consent	Granted
CH/2009/1278/KA	Chenies House	Tree surgery	Withdrawn
CH/2009/1408/FA	Chenies House	Extension of outbuilding	Objections sent
CH/2009/1435/KA	Latimer Park Farm	Tree surgery	
CH/2009/1448/KA	The Rectory	Tree surgery	
CH/2009/1259/FA	52 Chenies	Single garage	No objections

Decided:

CH/2009/0980/FA	Latimer Park House	Side extension	Granted
CH/2009/0925/FA	12 Bedford Close	Change of use of land	Granted

Appeals:

Vodafone/O2	Bullscroft Farm	Erection of phone mast	In progress
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9 Footpaths

- It had been established that the rule banning motorized vehicles (including quad bikes) extended to bridleways as well as footpaths.
- Mr Ashby reported a flytipping incident on BW35 near Stony Lane. It was noted that the barrier at this location had not yet been replaced.

10 Traffic/Highway Matters

- The Clerk has arranged to meet the Area Technician on 5 November to discuss necessary road surfacing repairs.

11 Reports

Local Area Forum representative: Mr Betts reported that the LAF met on 21 October. Draft minutes can be found online at:

<http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/moderngov/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=641&MId=4060&Ver=4>

Mr Betts volunteered to study the new Transport Plan 3 and report his findings and recommendations to the Council.

12 Place House Copse

Mr Ashby reported that he is in contact with Peter Whipp, who will return and complete the work when he can.

13 Correspondence

14 Any Other Relevant Business

- The Clerk reminded those present about the service on Remembrance Day at the School.
- The Clerk advised Councillors that they (and the general public) could access maps online using "BucksMaps", links to which can be found on both the Bucks CC (www.bucks.gov.uk) and the Chiltern DC (www.chiltern.gov.uk) websites.
- It was noted that the Baptist Chapel had offered a meeting room as a possible alternative venue for Council meetings.
- There had been an increase in crimes locally – residents were urged to be vigilant.

15 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Chenies Parish Council will be held on **Wednesday 6 January 2010**, at Chenies School.

The meeting closed at 9.24pm.