

CHENIES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 3 September 2008

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

In attendance: Mrs K Le Neve Foster *Clerk*

Members of the public: Mr N Ince
Mr T Russell

1 Apologies

Received from Mr P Ashby.

2 Democratic Quarter Hour

- Mr Russell asked about the blocked drains by the eastern entrance to the village. He was advised that this problem had been reported a number of times and that action had been promised soon.
- Mr Ince asked whether the area around the footpath on northern side of the A404 would be strimmed this winter. It was agreed that this had been overlooked last year and efforts would be made to have this done without incurring too much cost.
- Telephone box on Green – Mr Ince advised that there was now a scheme whereby councils could adopt threatened telephone boxes. The Clerk will look into this.
- Ragwort – concern was expressed at the increased spread in the area of this weed, which can be fatal to livestock, especially horses. It was agreed to raise awareness of the problem, and what can be done to remedy it, through the Village Society newsletter and on the website.

3 Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 July 2008

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2 July 2008, having been approved, were signed by the Chairman.

4 Matters Arising from Minutes

- Sale of land in Bedford Close – Ms Newton had had discussion with Paradigm Housing about the proposed sale of the former play area in Bedford Close, and a solution had been agreed. The Deed of Release had duly been signed by the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman, representing Chenies Parish Council, and the sale of the land had been completed.
- Walkers' bench – Mr Ashby has contacted Bucks CC Highways to make a formal application for the siting of the bench.

- The Clerk has been advised that the Chilterns Conservation Board will not look favourably at an application for a grant for fencing in Place House Copse, as this should be funded by Bucks CC. It was therefore agreed that an application should be submitted for a grant of £250 to donate to the Chiltern Society's Donate-a-gate scheme to replace a stile with a kissing gate.
- Missing litter bin on the Village Green - the Clerk has been told that this should be replaced on or shortly after 8 September.
- Litter bin in Holloway Lane – it was agreed that this should be removed if it was found that there was no need for it once the gate had been locked.

5 Any Change of Interests

None

6 Finance

Balance at 2.7.08			£4,864.54
Receipts:	Deposit account interest	41.15	<u>41.15</u>
			4,905.69
Outgoings:	Bedford Estates (Village Green rent)	1.00	<u>1.00</u>
Balance at 3.9.08			<u>£4,904.69</u>

It was agreed to hold back the payment of £600.00 to Bucks CC until the work to Latimer crossroads had been completed satisfactorily.

The annual audit had been completed and submitted on time. Thanks were expressed to Mr John Rimer, the internal auditor, for his help with this. His report to the Council has yet to be made.

7 Planning

New applications since last meeting:

CH/2008/1114/DE	Fairfield Farm (residential dwelling)	No objections
CH/2008/1205/FA	Latimer Park House (landscaping etc)	No objections

CH/2008/1264/CA	Chenies House (demolition of existing outbuilding)	
CH/2008/1262/FA	Chenies House (conversion & extension of outbuilding)	
	The Council would object on the grounds that this was a change of use.	

Pending/Decided:

CH/2008/0865/FA	Baptist Chapel	Granted
CH/2008/0912/FA	12 Latimer Park Farm	Granted
CH/2008/0905/FA	Kingscote	Refused
CH/2008/0907/HB	Kingscote	Refused
CH/2008/1124/KA	Old Village Shop (tree surgery)	No TPO made
CH/2008/0916/FA	Mill Farm House (garage)	Withdrawn
CH/2008/0495/FA	Fairfield Farm (relocation of stables)	Pending

9 Footpaths

- It was reported that there had been two incidents of pedestrians being bitten by a horse on FP60 east of Mill Farm. The Clerk will advise the RoW officer.

10 Traffic/Highway Matters

- Holloway Lane gate – a lock and chain have now been supplied and the gate will be locked shortly when all relevant landowners had been advised.
- Stony Lane crossroads – it has been agreed with Bucks CC Highways that it will be necessary to put in some posts to complete the restoration of the north-east corner.
- Potholes and blocked drains – there continued to be problems. The Clerk will chase.

11 Reports from:

Chiltern Area Committee representative: Ms Newton was awaiting the minutes.

Tree Warden: Mr Ashby not present.

12 Place House Copse

Mr Ashby has agreed to meet Peter Whipp on Monday 8 September at 2pm to discuss a proposed programme of thinning/replanting. Other Councillors planning to attend are Sir John Quinton and Mr Betts.

13 Chenies Village website

Nothing to report.

14 Best Kept Village Competition

Chenies had been entered for the Tindall Cup (for 2007 cup winners), but had not been successful this year. The judges' comments will be posted on the website.

It was noted that comments had been made about the condition of the bus shelter and the pump building. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Mr Woodbridge to discuss repair work.

15 Correspondence

16 Any Other Relevant Business

- Remembrance Day – Tuesday 11th November: it was proposed to hold a short service in the school playground. All residents, school parents and friends are welcome. Details will be available on the website and a notice giving details will be delivered to all houses in the village.
- Mr and Mrs Homewood offered to plant an oak sapling they had grown in one of the gaps on the green sward. This offer was gratefully accepted.

17 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Chenies Parish Council will be held on **Wednesday 5 November 2008**, at Chenies School.

The meeting closed at 9.08 pm.