

CHENIES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 5 November 2008

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

In attendance: Mrs K Le Neve Foster *Clerk*

Members of the public: None

1 Apologies

Received from Mr D Betts.

2 Democratic Quarter Hour

3 Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 September 2008

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3 September 2008, having been approved, were signed by the Chairman.

4 Matters Arising from Minutes

- Mr Ashby had met with the new manager of Van Hage Garden Centre and it was hoped that they would be able to help with the maintenance of the area around the footpath on the northern side of the A404.
- The Clerk had ascertained that the telephone kiosk on the Village Green was not under threat of removal, and the scheme for adoption was specifically designed for such kiosks. However it had been suggested that the Council should apply to have the present kiosk listed by English Heritage to forestall any problems in the future. The Clerk will prepare and submit the application.
- Walkers' bench – Mr Ashby now has a list of authorized contractors and is investigating possible suppliers of benches.
- The Chilterns Conservation Board has approved the Council's application 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 – this has now been replaced.

5 Any Change of Interests

None

6 Finance

Balance at 3.9.08			£4,904.69
Receipts:	2 nd instalment precept	2,200.00	<u>2,200.00</u>
			7,104.69
Outgoings:	Maroon for Remembrance Day Service	20.00	
	ISS Waterers (grasscutting)	748.48	
	BCC (works at Latimer crossroads)	600.00	
	Mazars LLP (audit fee)	164.50	<u>1,432.98</u>
Balance at 5.11.08			<u>£5,671.71</u>

The accounts have now been approved by the auditors and are available for inspection on application to the Clerk.

Precept for 2009/2010: The Chairman had considered the likely expenditure for the coming year and proposed that the precept be increased to £5,000.00. This was agreed by those present.

7 Planning

New applications since last meeting:

CH/2008/1446/FA	Latimer Park (extension to cottages)	Refused
CH/2008/1447/CA	Latimer Park (demolition of store)	Granted
CH/2008/1602/FA	Land adjoining 2 Chenies (relocation of access)	No objections
CH/2008/1578/DE	Fairfield Farm (residential dwelling)	No objections

Pending/Decided:

CH/2008/1114/DE	Fairfield Farm (residential dwelling)	Refused
CH/2008/1205/FA	Latimer Park House (landscaping etc)	Refused
CH/2008/1264/CA	Chenies House (demolition of existing outbuilding)	Granted
CH/2008/1262/FA	Chenies House (conversion & extension of outbuilding)	Refused
CH/2008/0495/FA	Fairfield Farm (relocation of stables)	Deferred – minded to approve

7 Footpaths

Nothing to report.

9 Traffic/Highway Matters

- Holloway Lane gate – this is now locked.
- Stony Lane crossroads – posts have now been positioned to prevent parking on the north-east corner.
- Potholes and blocked drains – there continued to be problems. The Clerk is continuing to chase.
- It was noted that the triangle at the corner of the Chesham road and the lane to Flaunden was in need of attention and was becoming a safety issue.

10 Reports from:

Chiltern Area Committee representative: Ms Newton had been unable to attend the last meeting.

Tree Warden: see item 11.

11 Place House Copse

Mr Ashby and Sir John Quinton had met Peter Whipp of Ridgeway Woodlands on Monday 8 September to discuss the management of Place House Copse. Mr Ashby submitted a report to the meeting, together with his recommendations for a maintenance programme to be carried out during the winter of 2008/9. It was agreed that a second quotation should be obtained.

12 Freedom of Information Act – new Publication Scheme

In line with section 20 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 the Information Commissioner has now developed and approved a new model publication scheme which will be operational from 1 January 2009 until further notice. It was agreed that Chenies Parish Council would formally adopt this scheme, and that the Council will ensure that the public know what information is covered by the scheme and how it can be obtained, by providing the information on the village website and by other means.

13 Correspondence

- BOATs in Chesham – An appeal is currently under way against the implementation of these orders; Mrs Leaper agreed to study the information on behalf of the Council.

14 Any Other Relevant Business

- Remembrance Day – Tuesday 11th November: a short service will be held in the school playground, commencing at 10.55am.
- Mr Homewood had reported that the website was being well-used, and that there had even been a contribution from a previous resident of Chenies now living in Australia.
- The milestone on the A404 had been knocked over and damaged.
- Flooding – the bridge within Mill Farm House had become blocked with weed and had caused considerable flooding. This had been sorted out with the help of the Environment Agency emergency team.
- The oak tree donated by Mr and Mrs Homewood had now been planted, and it was suggested that there was scope for further planting on the green sward.

15 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Chenies Parish Council will be held on **Wednesday 7 January 2009**, at Chenies School.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm.