

# CHENIES PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 9 September 2009

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

**In attendance:** Mrs K Le Neve Foster *Clerk*

**Members of the public:** Mr A Homewood

### 1 Apologies

### 2 Democratic Quarter Hour

- It was noted that Carousel Buses had recently re-routed the 336 service which now runs along the A404 past Chenies and therefore no longer enters the village. Mr Ashby had spoken to the Managing Director of Carousel who cited traffic congestion as the main reason for this change. The Clerk will write to Carousel asking them to reconsider this decision, with the possible exception of the services that run at school times when it was accepted that there could be difficulties caused by parked cars.
- Mr Homewood reported that the young oak tree donated by him and planted this year on the green sward had been seriously damaged by a strimmer during routine grasscutting. The Clerk will contact ISS Waterers and ask for a replacement.
- Mr Homewood advised the Council that for some time he, his family and neighbours had been suffering from excessive noise disturbance from events at The Bedford Arms. Despite complaining on a number of occasions things had not improved so he had referred the matter to Chiltern DC. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the owner of the Bedford Arms expressing concern on behalf of the residents.

### 3 Minutes of the Meeting held on 1 July 2009

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 July, having been approved, were signed by the Chairman.

### 4 Matters Arising from Minutes

- It was noted that the footpath on the northern side of the A404 near the Garden Centre needs clearing – the Clerk will report this to Bucks CC.
- Walkers' bench: Mr Ashby has purchased a bench from Van Hage, and has arranged with the Area Technician that it will be installed by the Bucks CC community gang at minimal cost (approx £60).

- Best Kept Village competition: Chenies had been unsuccessful this year. The judging sheet had been received, and it was noted where marks had been lost.
- The Clerk has spoken to the owner of Barley Croft, who had agreed to plant suitable screening around the stable block and the manege which is now to be sited near the stables.

## 5 Any Change of Interests

None

## 7 Finance

Balance at 1.7.09		£5,578.48
Receipts: None		
Outgoings: P Loring (paint for sign on Green)	33.54	
D J Hall (hedgcutting)	69.00	
Veolia (tap on Green)	14.98	
Van Hage (bench)	<u>300.00</u>	
	<u>417.52</u>	- 417.52
Balance at 9.9.09		<u>£5,160.96</u>

Audit: the accounts had now been submitted to the external auditor. Thanks were expressed to Mr John Rimer, the internal auditor.

## 8 Planning

### New applications since last meeting:

CH/2009/0925/FA	12 Bedford Close	Change of use of land	Pending
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### Decided:

CH/2009/0673/FA	The Lodge	Conversion of outbuildings	Granted
CH/2009/0534/FA	Fairfield Farm	Replacement stables	Granted
CH/2009/0564/FA	44 Chenies	Timber outbuilding	Granted
CH/2009/0440/FA	Bullscroft Farm	Erection of phone mast	Refused

### Appeals:

Vodafone/O2	Bullscroft Farm	Erection of phone mast
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## 9 Footpaths

- The Clerk will report nettle growth on FP25 (near Claypits) and FP42 (above the Long Field).

## 10 Traffic/Highway Matters

- It was noted that the road by Mill Farm had been marked up for repair by the planing and patching team.
- Other areas needing attention were the bottom of Stony Lane, near the junction, and the slip road down the side of the Village Green.

## 11 Reports

**Local Area Forum representative:** Mr Betts reported on the first meeting of the LAF. Draft minutes can be found online at:

<http://www.bucksc.gov.uk/moderngov/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=641&MId=3910&Ver=4>

**Tree Warden:** Mr Ashby reported that the first phase of work in Place House Copse was now complete, and work had been halted so as not to go over the quarterly felling limit. Tree work included the removal of some pines, Douglas firs and larch, and the coppicing of goat willow.

## 12 Place House Copse

See previous item.

## 13 Correspondence

## 14 Any Other Relevant Business

- It was noted that the oak trees on the green sward were in need of crown lifting. As they are in the Conservation Area this will require planning permission. The Clerk will ask Ridgeway Woodlands for a quotation.
- The Clerk will discuss with the Bedford Estates the possibility of further work (crown lifting) to the trees on the Village Green.
- Telephone box: BT had invited the Parish Council to “adopt” the red telephone kiosk on the Village Green. This would mean removal of the public telephone service. It was agreed that the PC would object strongly to the discontinuation of this service, in view of the significant number of calls recorded as well as the poor mobile phone coverage in the area.

## 15 Date of Next Meeting

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

The meeting closed at 9.35pm.