

CHENIES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 4 July 2007

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: Cllr G Sussum, Chiltern DC
Mr K Platt, Latimer PC

1 Apologies

None

2 Democratic Quarter Hour

Mr Keith Platt, representing Latimer Parish Council, raised the question of Latimer cross-roads which is geographically in Chenies Parish. There was a discussion about the problems of road safety as well as the general appearance of the area. It was agreed that the Chairman would meet with Mr Platt on site to take this further, and that discussions should be had with BCC Highways, the police and relevant landowners to see what could be done to improve matters.

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5 Matters Arising from Minutes

- The Clerk will talk to the area technician about the installation of a seat for walkers on the green sward.
- Village Green lease – the Clerk had spoken to the Steward of the Bedford Estates in their London office. He was aware of the situation and hoped to be able to rectify it soon.
- Village sign – this has been approved by the Chenies Community Fund. Planning permission (advertisement control) is required which should be applied for by the PC but will be paid for by the Community Fund.
- Website – this has also been approved by the Community Fund, and it was agreed to ask Mr Homewood to start the process. It was noted that an appropriate name would have to be chosen.

- The Clerk has spoken to the Cricket Club about the plastic advertising banner, and was informed that it would be removed at the end of the season, if not sooner. It was suggested that the Club should be asked to restrict its use next year from April to June, and the Clerk will pass this on.

6 Any Change of Interests

None

7 Finance

The account balances on 3 May 2006 were as follows:

Current	£	0.00
Deposit	£3,575.12	
High Interest Deposit	£	907.00

Receipts: None

Outgoings: Chiltern Society (sub) £ 25.00

The two deposit accounts are currently receiving the same rate of interest, and as there is no longer a need to keep separate the grant money from the Forestry Commission, it was agreed to amalgamate the two accounts.

Audit: the system of internal control was reviewed and the practices currently in place were found to be adequate. The internal audit had now been completed. It was agreed that this had been conducted satisfactorily, and it was decided to reappoint Mr John Rimer as internal auditor for a further year.

8 Planning

New applications since last meeting:

CH/2007/0712/FA	Barley Croft, stable block etc	Refused permission
CH/2007/0916/FA	Latimer Park House – minor changes	No objections
CH/2007/1042/1043	Red Lion - single storey extension	Supported by PC

Pending:

CH/2007/0717/FA	Barley Croft, manege	Permission granted
CH/2007/0131/OA	Fairfield Farm	pending
CH/2007/0472/EU	The Cottage, Chenies Place	Appeal lodged

Enforcement matters:

- No application had yet been received for development on the Long Field. The Clerk was asked to contact the Enforcement Officer.
- It was noted that there exists an Article 4 directive dating from 1963 on the land of Mill Farm, preventing normal agricultural permitted development.

There followed a general discussion on planning matters. Cllr Sussum was invited to speak to the Council and gave some advice on dealing with planning applications.

9 Footpaths

The Clerk has spoken to Rachel Ward again about the gate agreed on FP25, and was advised that this may take a little longer than anticipated as Bucks CC was behind schedule.

10 Traffic Matters

- The Chairman has spoken to Mr Chris Schwier about the possibility of installing pinch points down White Hill.
- The Clerk reported that she had had a conversation with Mr Ken Moloughney about the overabundance of road signs in the village, and he had suggested a review. It was agreed that this should be followed up.

11 Highway Matters

Holloway Lane gate: the Clerk had met with Mr Ken Moloughney of Bucks CC Transportation to discuss details of the precise positioning of the gate, type of gate, required signage etc. He hopes to have it in place by end August/early September. It has been agreed to have a traditional five-bar wooden gate, with a combination lock, and access for horses and pedestrians to one side.

12 Best Kept Village Competition

A second tidy-up had been held which had been poorly attended, although litter collection was ongoing. The judging was now over and the results were expected soon. The poor quality of the grasscutting recently was commented upon, and the Clerk was asked to get an alternative quote for next year for the Council to consider.

13 Place House Copse

A meeting had been arranged on site with Mr John Morris of the Chiltern Woodlands Project for Friday 13 July. He will discuss with representatives of the Council the best way to maintain the woodland with a view to its preservation. It was agreed that he should submit an invoice for expenses of £40.00 per hour.

14 Correspondence

15 Any Other Relevant Business

Councillors discussed taking on individual responsibility for monitoring specified sections of the footpath network, as well as areas of the village. Some initial suggestions were volunteered.

16 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 5 September 2007 at 8pm.

The meeting closed at 9.55pm.