

CHENIES PARISH COUNCIL

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

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: Mr N Ince

1 Apologies

None

2 Democratic Quarter Hour

- Mr Ince asked about the birdfeeders and nesting boxes in Placehouse Copse. The Chairman confirmed that the Chenies Community Fund had paid for the feeding stations and for fourteen nest boxes.
- The dragon's tooth on the corner of the Village Green needs repositioning.
- Enquiries were made about the progress of the village website. It was agreed that Mr Homewood should be asked to get this running – any missing information could be added later.
- Mr Ince confirmed that the Village Sign was now going ahead as the Appeal had been upheld. The Chairman thanked Mr Ince for all his efforts in this matter.

3 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9 January 2008

The Minutes of the meeting held on 9 January 2008, having been approved, were signed by the Chairman.

4 Matters Arising from Minutes

None

5 Any Change of Interests

None

6 Finance

Account balances:	<u>9 Jan 2008</u>	<u>5 Mar 2008</u>
Current	£ 384.97	£ 358.46
Deposit	£4,730.58	£4,730.58

Receipts:	None		
Outgoings:	Bedford Estates (rent for Green)	£	1.00
	BALC (annual sub)	£	38.07
	BALC (BKV competition)	£	8.00

- A quotation of £1910.95 + VAT had been received from ISS Waterers for grasscutting for the 2008 season. It was agreed that this should be accepted.
- The Clerk advised that new external auditors, Mazars LLP, had been appointed for a five year period.
- The Clerk was investigating the possibility of setting up internet banking for account management purposes only.

7 Planning

New applications since last meeting:

CH/2007/2241/FA	6 Latimer Park Farm	Permission granted
CH/2007/2242/CA	“ “ “	Permission granted
CH/2007/2235/FA	12 Latimer Park Farm	Refused permission
CH/2008/0141/FA	7 Bedford Close	
	Ms Newton declared an interest (she was a near neighbour). It was agreed that although no formal objections would be made the Council would give support to concerns voiced by local residents.	
CH/2008/0142/HB	Baptist Chapel	
	Mr Ashby declared an interest (he attended the Baptist Chapel). The Council had no objections.	

Pending:

CH/2007/0131/OA	Fairfield Farm
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Decided:

CH/2008/0041/KA	St Michael's, tree surgery	No TPO made
CH/2007/2133/FA	Latimer Park House	Permission granted
CH/2007/2134/CA	“ “ “	Permission granted
CH/2007/1972/FA	The Long Field, manege	Conditional permission

Appeals:

APP/X0415/H/07/1202371	Village sign	Granted
APP/X0415/X/07/2046970	The Cottage, Chenies House	
APP/X0415/A/07/2058808/NWF	“ “ “ “	

8 Footpaths

It was suggested that the signing of the footpaths around Mill Farm was inadequate – the Clerk will pursue this.

9 Traffic Matters

- Stony Lane crossroads: Mr Betts, Mr John Upton of Latimer PC and the Clerk had had a site meeting with Darren Humphries of the Thames Valley Police to discuss possible ways of improving road safety at this junction. A copy of the report from the Police to Bucks CC was awaited. The cost of restoring the verges will be paid by the Chairman personally.
- Accident on A404 near St Clement Danes School: The Chairman had written to Councillor Ann Shaw of Three Rivers DC and had had a reply indicating that Three Rivers DC and Herts CC were working together to try to improve the road safety situation near St Clement Danes School.

10 Highway Matters

- Holloway Lane gate: The official order for the prohibition of vehicles in Holloway Lane has now been made. The installation of a padlock and the alteration to the road signing should follow shortly.
- The Clerk had contacted the owner of the field along the bottom road and the hedge has now been cut.
- Road drains: the drains near the eastern entrance to the village are still blocked.

11 Village website

See item 2.

12 Correspondence

Already circulated

13 Any Other Relevant Business

- Ms Newton reported on a meeting she had attended in January of the Chiltern Local Committee. Three items were of particular interest:
 - a. Cutbacks in concessionary travel
 - b. Minerals and waste core strategy – future location of sites
 - c. Traffic calming
- The Clerk advised that the BBC would be filming in Placehouse Copse in mid-April.
- NATS: the proposed changes in airspace would not significantly affect Chenies.
- Litter: it was noted that the area near Keeper's Cottage was bad. The Clerk will ascertain the timetable for litter collections on the A404.
- Tree Warden: Mr Ashby reported that there were some trees on White Hill which looked unsafe. He also expressed concern about the ivy on the beech trees in Placehouse Copse.
- Mr Ashby suggested a survey of carbon emissions in the village.

14 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting, to be held at Chenies School on **Wednesday 7 May 2008** at 8.00pm, followed by the Annual Meeting of Chenies Parish Council.

The meeting closed at 9.55pm.