

CHENIES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 7 November 2007

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

In attendance: Mrs K Le Neve Foster *Clerk*

Members of the public: Mr A Homewood
Mr N Ince

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Ms M Newton.

2 Democratic Quarter Hour

- Mr Ince gave an update on the Village Sign. As the planning application had been refused by Chiltern District Council an appeal was being prepared, and this would be accompanied by a petition which was being circulated around all residents around the Village Green.
- Mr Homewood reported on progress on the new village website. He will circulate sample reports to the Parish Council, and hoped to have the site functioning by the end of November. The start-up costs would be in the region of £500-600, which would be met by the Chenies Community Fund.

3 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5 September 2007

The Minutes of the meeting held on 5 September 2007, having been approved, were signed by the Chairman.

4 Matters Arising from Minutes

- The Clerk reported that a rough estimate for the installation of a seat for walkers on the green sward would be about £600, not including the cost of the seat. This costing was for installation by Bucks County Council contractors as the green sward is part of the highway. It could possibly be installed by the Parish Council privately provided that the contractor had "streetworks certification". It was agreed that the likely cost was too great and the idea was put aside for the time being.
- Village sign – see item 2
- Best Kept Village sign – The Chairman had agreed that a payment of £500 to the BALC would be made in order to purchase the sign in perpetuity for the village. Maintenance would now be the responsibility of the Parish Council.

5 Any Change of Interests

None

6 Finance

The account balances on 7 November 2007 were as follows:

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| | Current | £ 561.47 |
| | Deposit | £5,672.56 |
| Receipts: | Precept (2 nd instalment) | £2,100.00 |
| Outgoings: | BALC (BKV sign) | £ 500.00 |
| | Ridgeway Woodlands | £ 916.50 |
| | K Le Neve Foster (archive boxes) | £ 9.98 |

Precept for 2008/2009: The Chairman had prepared an analysis of the estimated expenditure for the coming year. It was agreed that the precept should be raised by £200 to £4,400. It was also agreed that the Clerk's expenses for use of home as office should be increased to £500 in line with the BALC guidelines.

7 Planning

New applications since last meeting:

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| CH/2007/1665/FA | Barley Croft, stable block etc: letter of objection sent: to go to full Planning Committee on 15 November. The Chairman declared a personal interest. It was agreed to ask the Vice-Chairman to represent the PC at the Planning meeting. |
| CH/2007/1456/FA | Mill Farm Barns, swimming pool: letter sent to CDC advising no objections. |
| CH/2007/1835/KA | Latimer Park Farm, tree surgery: CDC advised no objections. |

Pending:

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| CH/2007/1366/FA | The Cottage, Chenies House: refused at Planning Committee. |
| CH/2007/1373/AV | Village sign: refused, appeal to be submitted. |
| CH/2007/1495/KA | Place House Copse treeworks: no TPO made. |
| CH/2007/0786/FA | The Long Field, manege etc: permission refused. |
| CH/2007/0131/OA | Fairfield Farm: pending |
| CH/2007/0472/EU | The Cottage, Chenies House: appeal pending |

Enforcement matters:

Glebeland wall: Chiltern DC had decided to take no further action.

There was a discussion on planning policy in general, and how best matters can be dealt with now that all planning applications were online.

8 Footpaths

- The Clerk has spoken to the new Rights of Way Officer about the gate agreed on FP25, and is still awaiting an update.
- The two Donate-a-Gate kissing gates near Mountwood Farm had now been installed by the Chiltern Society volunteers. The Clerk will write to Stuart Gulliman of the Chiltern Society to express thanks.
- Flooding near Mill Farm – the Environment Agency weedcutting team had been and flooding was no longer a problem on the path.

- The posts on Bridleway 3 had now been replaced, and were now padlocked. Keys had been sent to Charles Macleod Matthews and to the Clerk. A key would also be held by the Rights of Way department at BCC.
- The formal order for the extinguishment of bridleway 56 has now been made.

9 Traffic Matters

Suggestions for submission to the Local Area Committee for inclusion in the 2008/9 budget included road resurfacing and line painting.

10 Highway Matters

- Holloway Lane gate: the Clerk had no further news about an installation date.
- The Clerk had reported the overgrown state of the triangle by the turn to Mill Farm after receiving complaints from local residents about poor visibility. The Area Technician has now inspected this and agreed to arrange a one-off clearance.
- It was reported that the hedge along the bottom road was overgrown and making access difficult for the residents of Chenies Bottom. The Clerk will write to the owner of the field to ask him to remedy the situation.
- There had been problems with flooding on the near side of the A404 near Claypits Cottage which had been caused by a blocked soakaway.
- It was suggested that some of the trees on White Hill looked unsafe and might fall on to the highway – the Clerk will inform Mr Macleod Matthews.

11 Place House Copse

Chiltern DC had given the go-ahead to the planned works, and the team from Ridgeway Woodlands had recently spent two days carrying out the work as planned.

12 Village website

Covered in item 2.

13 Correspondence

14 Any Other Relevant Business

- The Clerk has so far been unable to get an alternative grasscutting quote for the Village Green and green sward – she will investigate further.
- Ms Newton and Mr Ashby had attended a Councillor training day. There had been 70-80 attendees, and it was felt that the event was worthwhile.

15 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 9 January 2008** at 8pm. *Please note change of date to accommodate the New Year holiday.*

The meeting closed at 10.20pm.