

CHENIES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 9 January 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: None

1 **Apologies**

2 **Democratic Quarter Hour**

3 **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7 November 2007**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 7 November 2007, having been approved, were signed by the Chairman.

4 **Matters Arising from Minutes**

None

5 **Code of Conduct**

The Council has been advised that if it wishes the provision in paragraph 12(2) of the Model Code of Conduct to apply it is necessary to pass a resolution to this effect.

Accordingly, it was resolved that Chenies Parish Council would adopt the Model Code for Parish and Town Councils, including paragraph 12(2).

This can be accessed from the website of the Standards Board for England at:
www.standardsboard.gov.uk/TheCodeofConduct/ReviewingtheCode/

6 **Any Change of Interests**

None

7 Finance

The account balances on 9 January 2008 were as follows:

	Current	£ 384.97
	Deposit	£4,730.58
Receipts:	BCC (grasscutting)	£ 240.00
	Interest	£ 1.88
	Interest	£ 56.14
Outgoings:	3 Valleys Water (tap on Green)	£ 15.53

8 Planning

New applications since last meeting:

CH/2007/2133/FA	Latimer Park House	No objections
CH/2007/2134/CA	Latimer Park House	No objections
Ch/2007/2242/CA	Latimer Park)	Mr Ashby will make a site visit on behalf
CH/2007/2235/FA	Latimer Park)	of the PC
CH/2007/1972/FA	The Long Field, manege	Objections to be submitted

Pending/decided:

CH/2007/1665/FA	Barley Croft, stable block etc: permission granted.
CH/2007/1456/FA	Mill Farm Barns, swimming pool: permission granted.
CH/2007/1835/KA	Latimer Park Farm, tree surgery: no TPO made.
CH/2007/0131/OA	Fairfield Farm: pending
CH/2007/0472/EU	The Cottage, Chenies House: appeal pending

Appeals:

APP/X0415/H/07/1202371	Village sign
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9 Footpaths

The gate long awaited on FP25 has finally been installed.

10 Traffic Matters

Stony Lane crossroads: following two recent road accidents it was agreed that there was a serious road safety issue at this site. The Clerk will talk to the Police and try to establish the causes and circumstances of these accidents in order to see what measures might be taken to reduce the risk of further incidents.

Accident on A404 near St Clement Danes School: there had been a serious accident outside St Clement Danes School. It was understood that Councillor Ann Shaw, Leader of Three Rivers DC, was due to visit the site shortly and it was agreed that the Chairman would write to her offering full support from Chenies Parish Council for some action to improve road safety at this site.

11 Highway Matters

- Holloway Lane gate: this is due to be installed in early January.

- The Clerk has contacted the owner of the field along the bottom road and he has arranged for the hedge to be cut in the very near future.
- The Clerk had spoken to Mr Macleod Matthews about the trees on White Hill. He had suggested that he should be advised of any individual trees that might cause concern, but thought that BCC Highways would not be happy about him working on the trees right on the edge of the road. It was suggested that Mr Ashby, as Tree Warden, might make a risk assessment.
- Road drains: the improvements to the drains on the A404 near Claypits were satisfactory. The Clerk was asked to report problems with the drains near the eastern entrance to the village.
- Potholes near Dodds Mill: the Clerk will report these again.

12 Place House Copse

13 Village website

Mr Homewood was awaiting input from the Chenies Village Society.

14 Tree Warden

Mr Ashby reported that he had attended a one-day course at the University of Buckingham on special trees which had been very interesting. He also talked about some projects which he thought might be worth considering in the parish.

15 Correspondence

The Clerk reminded Councillors of various conferences and seminars which were due to be held in the near future.

16 Any Other Relevant Business

- The Clerk has still been unable to get an alternative grasscutting quote for the Village Green and green sward.

17 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 5 March 2008** at 8pm.

The meeting closed at 9.37pm.