

# CHENIES PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Wednesday 7 May 2008

**Present:** Sir John Quinton *Chairman*  
Ms M Newton *Vice-Chairman*  
Mr P Ashby  
Mr D Betts  
Ms M Newton

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

**Members of the public:** Mrs T Betts

### **1 Apologies**

None

### **2 Election of Chairman of the Council**

Ms Newton took the Chair. Mr Betts proposed that Sir John Quinton should continue as Chairman for the coming year, seconded by Mr Ashby. There were no other nominations and Sir John Quinton was duly declared Chairman.

### **2 Declaration of Acceptance of Office by Chairman**

Sir John Quinton signed the Declaration and took the Chair.

### **3 Election of Vice-Chairman of the Council**

Sir John Quinton proposed Ms Newton for the position of Vice-Chairman, seconded by Mr Ashby. There being no other nominations, Ms Newton was duly declared Vice-Chairman.

### **5 Democratic Quarter Hour**

Mrs Betts, as Community Governor of Chenies School, thanked Sir John for all his hard work in initiating the proposed new path to keep the schoolchildren off the road. She asked to be involved in any further developments. It was agreed that Sir John and Mrs Betts would liaise on any further action. There was a general discussion about responsibilities – maintenance of the path and road verges, liability of the Parish Council and/or Bucks CC, insurance etc. It was considered that a risk assessment should be undertaken.

### **6 Any Change of Interests**

None

### **7 Matters arising by Statute**

None

**8 Appoint Standing Committees if necessary**

No action necessary

**9 Appoint a Representative to the Local Area Committee**

Ms Newton was duly appointed.

**10 Countess of Warwick Charity**

No action required this year.

**11 Consider payment of any Subscriptions to be paid annually**

The Clerk confirmed that a subscription of £38.07 had been paid to the BALC, and that the subscription to the Chiltern Society would be due in June.

**12 Note Deeds and Trust Instruments in the Custody of the Council**

The Clerk confirmed being in possession of the new lease and the old leases of the Village Green, the Management Scheme and Bye-laws made by Chiltern District Council and the Allianz Cornhill insurance policy AC/5275905.

**13 Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 5 March 2008**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 5 March 2008, having been approved, were signed by the Chairman.

**14 Matters arising from Minutes**

- Litter collection on A404 – the Clerk had arranged for a litter collection as soon as the roadworks are completed. She had recently been visited by two CDC Enforcement and Contract Monitoring Officers, Eve Chason and Gary Honour, who had been most helpful.
- It was noted that the hedge of the Long Field needs cutting back. The Clerk will advise the owner of a suitable contractor.

**15 Finance**

Balance at 5.3.08			£5,089.04
Receipts:			
	First instalment precept	2,200.00	
	BCC (for verge mowing)	240.00	
	BBC (filming fee)	900.00	
	HMRC (VAT refund)	660.00	
	Chenies Village Society (donation)	<u>20.00</u>	<u>4,020.00</u>
			9,109.04
Outgoings:			
	ISS Waterers (grasscutting)	2,115.00	
	K Le Neve Foster (salary & expenses)	1,250.00	
	Allianz Cornhill (insurance)	761.02	
	Flowers	<u>45.00</u>	<u>4,171.02</u>
Balance at 7.5.08			<u>£4,938.02</u>

- Three Valleys Water has recently read the water meter to the tap on the Village Green, and the account is now in credit by £18.57.
- A verbal quotation had been received from Bucks CC of £706 for works to Stony Lane crossroads. This was approved by the Council.
- Mr Ashby, Tree Warden, will prepare a quotation for tree planting and thinning in Place House Copse.

## 16 Planning

### New applications since last meeting:

CH/2008/0495/FA	Fairfield Farm (relocation of stables)	No objections
CH/2008/0604/FA	52 Chenies – replacement garage	No objections
CH/2008/0616/DE	Fairfield Farm – full application following outline permission (0131)	No objections

### Decided:

CH/2008/0283/FA	Fairfield Farm (replacement buildings)	Permission granted
CH/2008/0142/HB	Baptist Chapel	Permission granted
CH/2008/0141/FA	7 Bedford Close	Permission granted
CH/2007/0131/OA	Fairfield Farm (house)	Permission granted

### Appeals:

APP/X0415/X/07/2046970	The Cottage, Chenies House	Refused
APP/X0415/A/07/2058808/NWF	“ “ “ “	Refused

### Enforcement matters:

The Clerk had written to the occupant of Chenies House advising him that the sign displayed at the gateway was contrary to planning controls on advertising in this area. The sign has been removed.

## 17 Footpaths

- Mill Farm signage – the Clerk will contact the RoW Officer at BCC.

## 18/19 Traffic/Highway Matters

- Holloway Lane gate – the new gate is too narrow for a combine harvester. The Clerk has advised BCC and it is hoped that this will be sorted out soon.
- Stony Lane crossroads – work should start soon on the verge restoration.
- BCC had advised that there was extra funding this year for highways maintenance – it was hoped that this would make a difference.
- There were still problems with blocked drains on the A404, at Chenies Bottom and at the south-east entrance to village. The Clerk will report these again.

## 20 Chenies Community Fund

The Trustees of the Fund are Mr R Grundy, Mr D Cottingham, Mr P Loring, Sir John Quinton and the Rev D Allsop. Sir John, as the Parish Council representative, reported that there was some £24,850 in the Fund. Projects under way or under consideration include the Village Sign, the Baptist Chapel extension, the village website (actual start-up cost £219.16), and walkers' benches.

## **21 Chenies Village website**

This has now been launched – [www.chenies.org](http://www.chenies.org). Andy Homewood was thanked for all his hard work in setting up and running the website.

## **22 Best Kept Village Competition**

Chenies has been entered for this competition. Judging will take place during May and June. There had been a clear-up of the Village Green on 27 April and thanks were expressed to those who helped. A tidy-up/litter collection has been planned for 17 May.

## **23 Correspondence**

- The Clerk reminded Councillors about the planning seminar being held by the Chilterns Conservation Board specifically for Parish Councils.
- The Chilterns Conservation Board is again launching a small grants fund for Chilterns parishes. It was suggested that a suitable project would be safety fencing at the northern entrance to Place House Copse. The Clerk will follow this up.

## **24 Any Other Relevant Business**

- A grant of £600 is anticipated from the County Leadership Fund via County Councillor Hugh Wilson. This is earmarked for a walkers' bench. It was proposed that this should be located opposite the Glebeland. The Clerk will speak to affected residents.
- Path for schoolchildren across Manor field – the access points do not need planning permission. The Clerk has consulted Chris Schwier and Julie Pickard of BCC Highways whose main concern was maintenance of the verge.
- Tree Warden: Mr Ashby is preparing an action plan for tree planting and thinning in Place House Copse.
- It was noted that no work should be done to ponds until the autumn and that the Chiltern Society would be able to give advice.

## **25 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of Chenies Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 2 July 2008, at Chenies School.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.