

CHATTISHAM & HINTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Meeting Room of the Community Hall
On Thursday 8th September 2022 at 7.30pm

PRESENT:

Les Cole (Chair)	Diane Chase
Chris Leney	Ben Cox
John Whyman	Peter Eaton
Jim Hammond	Debbie Archer
Stephanie Coupland	Ian Bryce

APOLOGIES:

Jamie Bostock	Jim Murph
Tamsin Pearce (Parish Clerk)	

IN ATTENDANCE:

Cllr David Busby
1 member of the public was present

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. He confirmed Cllr Whyman was taking notes in the absence of the Parish Clerk. He also reminded the members of the public they may only speak in the Public Section of the meeting.

The Chairman, following the passing of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, requested that the meeting hold a one minute silence to reflect on her reign of over 70 years.

CHPC414/22 – TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14th JULY 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14th July 2022, having been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting were proposed as a true record by Cllr Ian Bryce and seconded by Cllr Stephanie Coupland. The minutes were approved to be signed by Chair, Les Cole as a true record of proceedings.

CHPC415/22 – DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

The Chair asked if there were any declarations of interest for any items on the agenda. Cllrs Chris Leney, Cllr Ian Bryce & Peter Eaton signed recording their interest in the Bramford Twinstead agenda item.

CHPC416/22 – MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES DATED 14th JULY 2022

The Chair asked council members if they had any matters arising from the minutes. Cllr Di Chase raised the issue of the poor condition of the Chattisham playing field play equipment and play area base that remains in situ. Cllr Chase reminded members that the overall condition of equipment was unacceptable and required some degree of urgent attention. Members discussed some of the ongoing work required to achieve an acceptable condition. The Chair agreed to raise the Council's concern when he next meets HCCC representatives, Tym Moore & Linda Jones. Members suggested the Council should encourage HCCC to look more closely at grant funding capital that might be available for longer term improvements.

CHPC417/22 – COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S REPORTS

Cllr Busby summarised the, previously submitted, written report as follows:

- **Tree Survey** – BDC officers busy undertaking enquiries to locate new areas to create new native woodland to improve the districts bio-diversity and improve carbon catchment.
- **Innovation Awards** – BDC are looking for the final entrants for their innovation awards competition. Applications need to be submitted shortly.
- **Solar PV & Power Store Batteries** – Cllr Busby set out the new scheme for Suffolk residents to register their interest in the new buying group being set up in the county.
- **Residents Survey** – Cllr Busby reminded members of the ongoing residents survey and potential contacts from BDC staff.
- **Council Tax Energy Rebate** – Cllr Busby advised members concerning the process of receiving energy rebates for those paying CT by Direct Debit. Those not paying CT by Direct Debit may need to contact BDC for additional support.
- **Prospective Councillor Meeting** – Cllr Busby confirmed, those members who might be interested in becoming District Councillors have the opportunity to attend a forum meeting on the 29th September.
- **District Council Finance** – Cllr Busby advised members of a potential overspend of approx. £800,000 (Staffing, Energy & Contractor costs). Cllr Busby confirmed to members that the current financial environment was ‘challenging’ to say the least in trying to make ends meet within the district structure.
- Cllr Peter Eaton raised a reported issue where Conservative Councillor for Hadleigh North (Sian Dawson) had been suspended from the BDC planning committee for a breach in ‘irregular activity’. Cllr Busby confirmed this was the case, but couldn’t comment on the individual circumstances whilst an investigation was ongoing.
- Public member (Richard Youngs) asked Cllr Busby if BDC made full use of higher apprenticeships and the potential support for engaging staff via this route. Cllr Busby confirmed BDC do look at and consider all employment routes into the authority. Richard also related the results of the Police Speed check in George St between 8.50am & 9.50am. 7 offenders were identified. The Chair provided members with some additional context on Community Speed Watch and the variations on timings and check locations.
- Cllr Peter Eaton suggested the increasing levels of vehicle speed on the ‘40mph’ zone on the A1071 adjacent to Priory Road. Increased ‘control’ would benefit the high levels of RTA’s that are becoming increasingly common.

Cllr Hudson – No report was submitted. County Councillor Hudson wasn’t present at the meeting.

CHPC372/22 – COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The Chair closed the meeting and invited members of the public to speak to any items on the meeting agenda. There was 1 member of the public present.

The member of the public took this opportunity to speak. Details as follows:

- A parish resident (Richard) detailed the Police speed check presence and the number of vehicles travelling at speeds in excess of the 30mph limit. Richard also requested to know the reason for the presence of vehicle counting equipment in and around the village. It was confirmed that this data was being collected by SCC on behalf of National Grid. Richard asked if this data could be made available to the community? The chair agreed to look into this matter.

The Chair thanked the member of the Public for his full contribution to the meeting and closed the public session.

CHPC418/22 – PLANNING

DC/22/03776 | Full Planning Application – Change of use of agricultural land to residential amenity land to serve dwellings approved under DC/21/05992 | Red House Farm, Duke St, Hintlesham, Ipswich IP8 3PW.

The Chair summarised the application details and confirmed the locus to members. Cllr Ian Bryce questioned whether the description of ‘Good agricultural land’ was, indeed, an accurate statement. Cllrs Di Chase & Stephanie Coupland commented this may be an inroad to extending the ‘residential’ curtilage and opening the area to further building development. Cllr Ian Bryce commented, in his opinion, this couldn’t create a precedent and could be accepted at ‘face value’. Cllr Peter Eaton considered that the extension to the land area would create additional development opportunity. There followed a discussion with all councillors. After discussion, members confirmed they had **no objection** to the application, subject BDC removing further permitted development rights.

DC/22/03800 | Application under S73 for Removal of Variation of a Condition following the grant of Planning Permission DC/21/05992 dated 06/04/2022. Town & Country Planning Act 1990 – To Remove Condition No 9 Specific Restriction on Development (Garage Doors) as per covering letter | Red House Farm, Duke St, Hintlesham, Ipswich IP8 3PW.

The Chair summarised the application details and the issues along with the supporting documents. Members discussed the proposal and commented on the poor letter written substantiating the variation. Nevertheless, the matter seemed to have no real substance and members agreed there should be **no objection** to the application.

DC/20/05895 | Full Planning Application – Installation of renewable energy generating station, comprising ground-mounted PV solar arrays and battery-based electricity storage containers together with sub-station, inverter/transformer stations, site access, internal access tracks, security measures, access gates, other ancillary infrastructure, landscaping and biodiversity enhancements including Nature Areas. | Land to the South of Church Farm, Somersham IP8 4PN & Land To The East of the Channel, Burstall IP8 4JL

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DC/21/00060 | Full Planning Application – Installation of renewable led energy generating station, comprising ground-mounted PV solar arrays and battery-based electricity storage containers together with sub-station, inverter/transformer stations, site access, internal access tracks, security measures, access gates, other ancillary infrastructure, landscaping and biodiversity enhancements including Nature Areas. | Land to the South of Church Farm, Somersham IP8 4PN & Land To The East of the Channel, Burstall IP8 4JL

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Planning Decisions:

No decisions were reported

CHPC419/22 – PIIP (PARISH INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PLAN)

The Chair reminded members of the reason for this item and the work already undertaken by the PIIP Working Group. The Chair set out the areas for discussion and briefly summarised the following areas:

- **VAS Location Point (George St)** – Cllr Ian Bryce agreed to find a suitable location point so the VAS sign can be made operational in George St. The Chair agreed to provide Cllr Bryce with the contact for agreement.
- **HCCC** – Cllr Leney questioned the process of agreeing 'community priorities'. Cllr Leney suggested it would be helpful to have a representative from HCCC at meetings where such items are discussed to understand 'what the community wants'.
- **Link** – It was agreed, following various discussion threads, that the Chair, in conjunction with the PIIP sub group, would put together a simple note to go into the Link (separate pull out sheet) that Parish members could respond on and mail back, via a dedicated box on the community hall, their choices and comments such that the Council can establish first hand evidence of the communities priorities for CIL expenditure.

CHPC420/22 – FEASABILITY STUDY (DUKE ST TRAFFIC CALMING)

The Chair introduced this item and reminded members of the context of the agenda point. The Chair has written to Cllr Hudson to request that SCC move forward, with pace, on the survey and asking to fund work in Duke St. The Chair has also questioned SCC on the road surface structure in George St with emphasis on making it smoother and quieter. There have been several adverse comments concerning noise and how it might be mitigated.

CHPC421/22 – COMMUNITY COUNCIL ROOM HIRE CHARGES

The Chair introduced this item and reminded members of the context of the agenda point. Members had no objection to the proposed increase.

CHPC422/22 – PARISH COUNCIL INSURANCE RENEWAL (ZURICH)

The Chair introduced this item and asked Cllr. Whyman to briefly comment and scrutinise the renewal terms and conditions offered by Zurich Municipal for 22/23. Cllr. Whyman confirmed the Parish Council signed a 3 year long term undertaking last year, so it would be unlikely Zurich have made any changes. Cllr. Whyman agreed to report to the October meeting.

CHPC423/22 – NATIONAL GRID – BRAMFORD TO TWINSTEAD UPDATE

The Chair introduced this item and briefly and asked Cllr Eaton to update to bring members up to date with the latest position following the most recent meeting with National Grid. Cllr Eaton, who is leading on this subject, along with Cllr's Bryce and Leney brought to member's attention the main points of their meeting and the proposed routes both through and around Hintlesham Great Wood. Members thanked our councillors for their professional diligence in the matter.

CHPC424/22 – FINANCE

Clerk Salary & Expenses - £194.35 (August) + £194.35 (September) = £388.70

St John's Ambulance Defib. Cabinet - £540.00 inc. VAT

Zurich Municipal Insurance Renewal (Due 1st October 2022) - £468.77

The Chair took a proposal from Cllr Stephanie Coupland seconded by Cllr Chris Leney to accept the expenditure items, in all. Members were unanimously in favour of the motion.

CHPC425/22 – REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS

The Chair asked each councillor, in turn, if they wished to make a report to the council.

- Cllr Chase confirmed the Chattisham GPO box had been fully cleaned and replenished with a fresh stock of books.
- Cllr Bryce updated members concerning the pot holes around 'Policeman's Corner'.
- Cllr Coupland updated members on the village PROW's. Ladbrook Meadow, Priory Road adjacent to Clairmont Nurseries & the Chattisham play area footpath.
- Cllr Cox confirmed Beeston's were charging £2/journey now.
- Cllr Leney advised members of yet further accidents.
- Cllr Eaton raised his concern at the level of noise emanating from Hintlesham Hall over the last few weeks and particularly the owners own wedding that took place over several days. The Chair agreed to take the matter up with HH & undertake some scrutiny of the Licencing terms and conditions with emphasis on live and recorded music.
- Cllr Whyman raised his concern with members concerning the emerging and serious 'cost of living crisis' and its impact on the whole community. Cllr Whyman asked if the Chair would raise this with HCCC when he next meets with them with the view on action that they may be considering.
- The Chair updated members on progress of the pavement between Hintlesham Hall and Policeman's Corner, the Council reported this matter some time ago to SCC. SCC quickly positioned 'warning signed' the route. Sadly, the remediation work may take somewhat longer and is scheduled for 23/24.

CHPC426/22 – CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence received by the council had been circulated to members prior to this meeting. Nothing further was introduced for discussion.

CHPC427/22 – ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

No Requests were made.

CHPC428/22 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 13th October 2022 – Community Hall Meeting Room 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 9.25pm