

## CHATTISHAM & HINTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Meeting Room of the Community Hall

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 7.30pm

### PRESENT:

Les Cole (Chair)	Diane Chase
Ben Cox	Stephanie Coupland
Peter Eaton	Chris Leney
Jamie Bostock	
Ian Bryce	

### APOLOGIES:

John Whyman	Jim Hammond
Debbie Archer	Cllr Hudson
Jim Murphy	

### IN ATTENDANCE:

2 members of the public	Tamsin Pearce (Parish Clerk)
Cllr David Busby	

**The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and said that the meeting was being recorded. Ben Cox agreed to take notes for the village LINK.**

#### **CHPC508/23 – TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9 FEBRUARY 2023**

Minutes from the previous Parish Council meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023 had been circulated to all parish councillors prior to the meeting. They were proposed as a true record by Stephanie Coupland and seconded by Diane Chase. The minutes were then signed off by the Chairman.

#### **CHPC509/23 – DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

The Chair asked if there were any declarations of interest for any items on the agenda. Jamie Bostock, Peter Eaton and Ian Bryce signed the register in relation to the Pylons under the National Grid section of the meeting agenda.

#### **CHPC510/23 – MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES DATED 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2023**

The chairman asked if there were any matters arising from the previous meeting, no items recorded.

#### **CHPC511/23 – COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

**Cllr Hudson** – County Councillor Hudson wasn't present at the meeting and no report had been received by the Parish Clerk. Les Cole, the Chairman asked Councillor Busby for his report.

**Cllr David Busby** – Cllr Busby gave the following update to the Parish Council;

Cllr Busby gave his report.

He has spoken to the planning officer in relation to the charity farm application, the planning officer is due to go out for a visit next week. Cllr Busby has not spoken to the planning office since. The Economy Team has given a report. In conjunction with Mid Suffolk, Babergh are set to build on the land gateway 14 which is a large parcel of land near the first turning to Stowmarket.

The mid Suffolk gateway development is set to have a skills centre built. They will then work with local firms and West Suffolk College so people are able to develop new skills. Within Babergh the employment levels are high but the wage is low. This will hopefully be improved if people can have access to the skills centre. University of Essex are also doing a similar initiative.

The chairman asked Councillor Busby for clarity on the planning for charity farm. The response provided by BDC Environmental Health on the Planning Portal failed to reference previous neighbour complaints relating to noise and odours at Charity Farm and did not object to the retrospective application, Councillor Busby confirmed he would speak to the officer.

Cllr Busby asked that if anybody had knowledge of ancient/historic trees within the parishes, they should contact him, so that TPO's could be placed on ancient trees to stop the threat from developers.

Peter Eaton asked Councillor Busby, if there were any updates on the Babergh property, Cllr Busby said there would be an update by the 31st of March.

The meeting then closed at 7:45 for the members of the public section

Richard Young said that he had spoken again to the speed check police officers he was told again that if he wanted information taken from the speed checks he would need to go down the freedom of information route.

Richard also mentioned the hole that had been dug during the road closer near his property a few months ago, since this hole was dug and then refilled there has been an increase in road noise from this poorly filled area.

Richard also went on to say that one of his neighbours had had a near miss when a van travelling down the A1071 heading towards Ipswich had a door that was not closed and it had swung open, missing his neighbour and hitting a tree stump located near the footpath. All parish councillors agreed that the footpath was not really wide enough but as no accident had occurred it was difficult to do anything other than minute the incident.

Richard said that he had been pleased to see that the council tax would not be going up as the parish Council had reduced the precept for 2023/2024. He also thanked Jamie Bostock for clearing and improving the area of land just after Hintlesham Hall driveway.

The Chairman asked the other member of the public, Peter Beal, if he had any comments Peter did not have anything to raise. The Chairman thanked the members of the public and moved onto the next item on the agenda.

#### **CHPC512/23 – PLANNING**

All planning applications had been sent to parish councillors on the agenda prior to the meeting.

DC/23/00690 | Full Planning Application - Erection of 5 No single storey dwellings (revised layout and extension of residential curtilage for dwellings approved under DC/21/05992) | Red House Farm Duke Street Hintlesham Ipswich Suffolk IP8 3PW

Following a discussion it was agreed that the same comment previously submitted would be re sent in relation to this application - No objection to the extension of the residential curtilage, but request the Permitted Development for the land are either removed or restricted to prevent future development.

DC/23/00652 | Full Application - Change of Use of land and erection of storage building (Class B8) (retention of) | Charity Farm The Street Chattisham Ipswich Suffolk IP8 3QG

The Chairman read out the planning application and a discussion followed. It was agreed that the Chairman would write a reply to this application stating that the Parish Council objected to this application and would list the reasons, it would then be circulate it to all members of the parish council prior to it being submitted to the planning team at Babergh.

The agreed text submitted to BDC Planning Green was:-

Chattisham & Hintlesham Parish Council, comment as follows.

- During the last 35 years the parish council has objected to numerous application at this development and raised concerns where imposed conditions have been ignored without success.
- We find it incredulous that the applicant was unaware that planning was required for a new building to be constructed, especially given there has been 15 planning applications over the years including previous retrospective application.
- The applicant states the new building was to replace a pre-existing building, we dispute there was ever a building at this location and historical aerial photographs do not show any building, in addition the applicant was unable to provide the BDC enforcement officer evidence a building had previously existed.
- Great emphasis is made that this site is a farm, it is not, there is no farming activities taking place and the sheep in the adjacent fields are nothing to do with Charity Farm.
- The BDC EHO has previously visited the site due to complaints over noise & odour affecting the neighbouring properties also activities occurring outside of the imposed operating hours, however these incidents still occur frequently.
- It is our believe the building was erected to again manipulate the planning system to the applicants advantage in the full knowledge that BDC will not impose any sanction to remove the unauthorised building.

The Chairman then went on to read out the granted planning applications.

DC/23/00489 | Application for a Non-Material Amendment relating to B/17/00097 - Removal of extended facing brick extensions of existing walls at entrance. Realigned frontage fence. Minor alterations to approved hedging (Retention of existing conifer hedge) | Norman House Back Road Hintlesham Ipswich Suffolk IP8 3PA

DC/23/00197 | Application under S73a for Removal or Variation of a Condition following grant of Planning Permission DC/22/02510 dated 13/06/2022 Erection of Farm Shop. Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) - To vary Condition Number 4 (Operating Hours) to extend opening hours to include Friday as per Design & Access Statement. | Birch Farm Silver Hill Hintlesham Ipswich Suffolk IP8 3NJ

#### **CHPC513/23 – NATIONAL GRID**

Chris Leney said that the Bramford to Twinstead application will be submitted in April, it would then be 12-18 months before a decision was made. Construction is likely to take place in 2024/2025.

The Green Line is very unlikely to be off shore and National Grid are pushing forward with the process. They are now in talks with landowners to discuss the land surveys and purchase. Planning for this will be in the Spring and is about 2 years behind the Bramford to Twinstead.

**CHPC514/23 – FINANCE**

The Chairman read out the two items on the finance section of the agenda;  
Clerk Salary & Expenses - £195.78  
Screwfix invoice which was paid by the Chairman - £664.76

Both items on the finance section of the agenda were agreed on block, proposed by Ian Bryce and seconded by Chris Leney.

**CHPC515/23 – CHATTISHAM PLAYING FIELD**

The Chairman said that he was in the process of organising a meeting between himself and the Community Council to discuss the playing field and the option of having a Bare Trust. There was a discussion around the legalities of transferring the playing field title over to the Community Council. It was agreed that a solicitor needed to be appointed so as to obtain accurate legal information. Birketts solicitors are to be contacted.

**CHPC516/23 – NS & I ACCOUNT**

Chattisham and Hintlesham Parish Council have a sum of money in an NS&I account - £1,299.43, a discussion was had about whether to transfer the funds to the bank account or leave it in the NS&I account. The parish councillors agreed that the funds should remain in the current account as there was no reason to move them at this time.

**CHPC517/23 – NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The Chairman, Les Cole said that he had since the last meeting had a conversation with Barry Gasper, Chairman of Burstal PC and Alan Newman Elmset PC Chairman about Neighbourhood Plans. Alan had offered to come to the next parish council meeting to discuss with Chattisham and Hintlesham parish council how they as a parish council created their neighbourhood plan. The Chairman asked if everyone wished to invite Alan, everyone agreed this was a great idea.

**CHPC518/23 – SOLAR FARM JUDICIAL REVIEW**

In response to refusal by Mid Suffolk for the Solar Farm at Burstall (DC/2100060 & DC/20/05895), C&HPC were asked if they would be willing to be signatories on the letter compiled by Burstall PC and sent to Arthur Charvonia the CEO of Babergh & Mid Suffolk District Council, in order to meet the deadline for sending the letter this request was agreed by the majority of the councillors in advance of the meeting. The letter questions both the integrity and validity of the planning decisions.

It is expected that the Solar Farm applicant will appeal the decision from Mid-Suffolk to refuse consent.

**CHPC519/23 – AGM AND ANNUAL PARISH MEETINGS**

2023 is an election year and the Chairman said that each member of the parish council that wished to stand again would need to complete the forms for re-election. A discussion surrounding dates for the AGM and the annual parishes meetings was held. It was agreed that the Chattisham Annual meeting would be held first at 6pm at the church in Chattisham, Diane said she would confirm this was ok with the Church Warden, with Hintlesham Annual meeting being held at 7pm at the Community Centre. Following both these meetings the AGM would be held at 7:30pm at the Community Centre. It was minuted that these meetings could take place on the 13<sup>th</sup> April, however, the Clerk would check to see if this fitted in with the rules surrounding elections.

Post meeting note. It is now confirmed Chattisham Annual meeting, Hintlesham Annual meeting and the AGM will all take place on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May to follow the elections on the 4<sup>th</sup> May

**CHPC520/23 – PARISH COUNCIL EMAIL ADDRESSES**

The parish council has 13 email addresses and the annual invoice is due for payment in April. The parish clerk had reported issues with the parish clerk email address as emails could not be sent, having spoken to Community Action Suffolk (provider of email addresses/accounts) no real solution had been achieved. It was also noted that Jim Murphy has not been able to access his parish council email address and Peter Eaton could receive emails but was not able to send them. It was agreed that the invoice would have to be paid in order to keep the email addresses but a solution needed to be provided for the current issues. During this discussion the issue of the Clerks laptop was raised. The Clerk uses her own laptop and after the email issues and having firewalls turned off it was agreed that a parish council laptop need to be purchased, this would be used by the parish clerk and could then be transferred should the Clerk step down.

**CHPC521/23 - REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS**

The chairman updated everyone that there would be no Community Speed Watch or VAS sign in Duke Street whilst SCC Highways complete a traffic speed survey expected to last until 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023.

**CHPC522/23 – CORRESPONDENCE RECIEVED**

All correspondence had been circulated prior to the meeting.

**CHPC523/23 – ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

Laptop

**CHPC507/23 - DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

13<sup>th</sup> April 2023 – Community Hall Meeting Room 7.30pm

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 9:26pm