

CHATTISHAM & HINTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Hintlesham Community Centre
On 9th September 2021 at 7.30pm

PRESENT:

Ian Bryce (Vice Chair) John Whyman
Stephanie Coupland Jim Hammond
Ben Cox
Diane Chase
Chris Leney
Debbie Archer

APOLOGIES:

Les Cole (Chairman)
Jim Murphy
Jamie Bostock
Peter Eaton

IN ATTENDANCE:

David Busby
County Cllr Christopher Hudson
Tamsin Pearce (Clerk)
1 members of the public

The Vice Chairman announced that the meeting was being recorded and welcomed everyone. He reminded the members of the public they can only speak in the Public Section of the meeting.

CHPC244/20 - TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD 8th JULY, 22nd JULY AND 12TH AUGUST 2021

All three sets of minutes had been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting. The minutes from the 8th July were proposed as a true record by Stephanie Coupland and seconded by Ben Cox. The minutes from the additional meeting held on the 22nd July were proposed as a true record by John Whyman and seconded by Stephanie Coupland, the minutes from the second additional meeting held on the 12th August were proposed as a true record by Jim Hammond and seconded by John Whyman. The minutes were signed at the meeting by Ian Bryce, Vice Chairman.

CHPC245/20 – DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Chris Leney declared an interested in the renewable energy community project as cables are running across a clients land. Chris signed the book.

CHPC246/20 – MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES DATED 8th July 2021

The Vice Chairman asked the council members if they had any matters arising, none were noted.

CHPC247/20 – COUNTY COUNCILLOR & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S REPORTS

County Cllr Christopher Hudson gave the following update;

Cllr Hudson had received a letter from a new resident in the village living on Priory Road, she had written to him with concerns over the speed in which vehicles travel along Priory Road, stating she had nearly been hit by a passing car that did not slow down. Cllr Hudson proposed that a slow sign be added to the road in the hope this would encourage motorists to drive with more care. Chris Leney commented that although this was a welcome idea Priory Road was in fact a 60mph and felt that a slow sign would not do much to slow down vehicles.

Cllr Hudson stated that he was involved with a number of parishes in discussions over the Pylons with National Grid. Chris Leney asked Cllr Hudson exactly what is was that he was doing to encourage National Grid to underground and undersea the pylons. Cllr Hudson replied he was doing everything he could to encourage National Grid along with James Cartlidge MP, Dr Dan Poulter MP and Lord Deben to consider undergrounding where possible especially in areas of AONB land and also look to have the cabling undersea.

Cllr Busby gave the council the following update;

Babergh council came 3rd place in the Council of the year awards, they also won a gold award for their virtual Highstreet and a bronze place for the Planning Enforcement Team.

The women’s Queen of the Mountains cycle race is due to take place in Suffolk. The world's top cyclists will return to Suffolk as the county hosts the final stage of the Women's Tour between Haverhill and Felixstowe on Saturday 9 October. It will be the first time that Suffolk, which aims to be England's most active county, has hosted the final stage of race since 2014.

Cllr Busby updated council on the forthcoming Police Forum meeting, council had received via email from the Clerk details and dates of the meeting prior to the council meeting. Diane Chase said she would check the date and if possible attend the forum on behalf of the parish council.

This concluded Cllr Busby’s report. Stephanie Coupland then asked Cllr Busby about the granted planning application Fen View in Washbrook, although out of the Chattisham and Hintlesham Parish Councils area Stephanie wanted to know how the planning department had granted such an application given the close proximity to other homes. Cllr Busby commented that Copdock Parish Council had already raised concerns and had lodged a complaint.

CHPC248/20 – COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

It was raised by a member of public that a police speed check had not been carried out in sometime in the main part of Hintlesham. Stephanie Coupland commented that a police check had been done but on Duke Street.

Concern was raised over some pavements overgrown with plants/weeds from properties on the main road through Hintlesham. The overgrowth makes walking on the paths safely very difficult with some areas requiring pedestrians to move onto the road to avoid plants. Following a discussion between Cllr Busby and members of the parish council it was agreed that the issue

should be raised using the SCC highways tool portal.

Following recent roadworks along the Street in Hintlesham going out to the Beagle roundabout the question of road markings was raised. Although some road markings have been repainted not all have been completed. It was agreed that Babergh should be contacted regarding this.

CHPC249/20 – PLANNING

DC/21/04585 | Full Planning Application - Erection of 1 No detached dwelling (revised scheme, re-submission of DC/20/04008). | Ashdown The Street Chattisham Suffolk IP8 3QE

The parish council previously objected to this application and after discussion it was agreed that the objection was still valid and therefore they objected to this planning application. The previous objection was - Chattisham is classed as Countryside and no new dwellings are to be built. There is also a long standing issue with drainage and flooding by this property.

DC/21/00060 | Full Planning Application - Installation of renewable led energy generating station comprising ground-mounted photovoltaic solar arrays and battery-based electricity storage containers together with substation, inverter/transformer stations, site accesses, internal access tracks, security measures, access gates, other ancillary infrastructure, landscaping and biodiversity enhancements including Nature Areas | Land To The East Of The Channel, Burstall Hill

Further to Chattisham and Hintlesham Parish Councils previous comments on this application they object again based on the same reasons stated previously. In summary, the application is deficient on the following matters: National Policy (NPPF) identifies the best and most versatile land (BMV) as normally unsuitable for solar generation. Over 80% of the site comprises BMV land, much of it further improved by environmental stewardship. The land is characterized by soft undulating hills. This type of land is generally regarded as inappropriate for large solar farms which are better sited in large, flat open landscapes. The solar farm would cause harm to the setting of a large number of important heritage assets including three Grade I Listed churches for which the setting is significant to their heritage value. The area has high landscape value and saved policy lists it as a Special Landscape Area.

DC/21/04818 Householder Application. Part re-build of single storey rear extension. The Orchards Chattisham Road Copdock And Washbrook Suffolk IP8 3HD

Following a discussion it was agreed that the council had no objection to this application.

DC/21/04819 | Application for Listed Building Consent. Part re-build of single storey rear extension | The Orchards Chattisham Road Copdock And Washbrook Suffolk IP8 3HD

Following a discussion it was agreed that the council had no objection to this application.

CHPC250/20 – Babergh Licensing Team

The parish Clerk had received two letters from the licensing team regarding the Gambling Act 2005 and Hackney Carriage, Private Hire Operator Vehicle and Driver Policy Consultations. After reading

both documents it was agreed that the parish council had no comments on either document.

CHPC251/20 – National Grid – Bramford to Twinstead

Chris Leney provided an update on the Bramford to Twinstead on behalf of Peter Eaton. There is a lot going on, National Grid are moving along at a pace, however, they were due to start the statutory consultation in November 2021 but this has now been moved to January 2022. Also in January National Grid will 'soft' launch of a third line; Norwich - Bramford – Tilbury.

A lot going on politically with several meetings taking place with MP's as well as meetings with OFGEM. Surveys are being carried out with local farmers and local land. National Grid are pushing forward but the group are doing their best to delay things. It's unlikely that the undergrounding will happen in time for this line or indeed the undersea options.

CHPC251/20 – Update on village telephone boxes and new signage

Stephanie Coupland updated the council on the Hintlesham phone box which has been fully restored and painted by Dennis Plenty. New shelving has been installed and other than new signage being needed are ready to have the books put back. Robert Smith a resident on Duke Street as kindly agreed to look after the phone box books.

The Parish Council wish to thank Dennis Plenty for all his hard work in restoring the phone box. Stephanie gave council the quotes for the new signs; three signs are needed to complete the phone box. The cost of the new signs will be £67.88 plus £7.50 postage. It was proposed unanimously by council to purchase the signs.

CHPC252/20 – FINANCE

Smith of Derby – Hintlesham Church Clock - £225.60

PFP Ltd – Village Directory printing - £ 189.85

Community Centre Hire for Parish Meetings - £68.00

Clerk Salary & Expenses 4 hours per week - August £191.01 & September - £191.01 = £382.02

The following payments were proposed by Chris Leney and seconded by Debbie Archer.

8:23pm - At this point the meeting was closed so a member of the public could ask about updates on the defibrillators. It was noted that they have all been checked and that the community centre machine may look to be updated to include the use for both adults and children as the MUGA is located so close to the community centre.

8:26pm – Cllr Hudson left the meeting and the meeting reopened.

CHPC253/20 – REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS

Chris Leney reported a number of accidents; 23rd July outside Hintlesham Hall, 31st July an accident near Policeman's Corner and another accident on the 1st August near College Farm.

Diane Chase has received another letter from a local resident about Charity Farm, he had previously written to Babergh in July but to date has had no reply. Cllr Busby asked that he be cc'd into any emails so that he can monitor this and chase if needed.

Ben Cox gave an update on the bus timetables and a new service will start on the 20th September from Duke Street to the High School in Hadleigh.

Jim Hammond updated the council about the livery on Duke Street, there are still pigs and goats being housed on the land. When Jim had contacted Enforcement on this matter he had been told that the matter was closed. Cllr Busby asked Jim to forward him a copy of the emails. Stephanie Coupland also commented that a member of the public had found a pony loose on the footpath very near to the road. It was suggested that a sign needs to be in place with a contact number for the person responsible for the livery should things like this happen in future.

Stephanie Coupland updated council on several footpaths (49,50 and 51) all having rotten wood on the bridges. Stephanie has taken photos and reported this.

It was also noted that the footpath near the new houses on Duke Street being built on the pony paddock needs attention. Clarification was needed as to who was responsible for this footpath.

CHPC254/20 – CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

All correspondence has been circulated via email

CHPC255/20 –ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

NS&I Account
Policies

CHPC256/20 –DATE OF NEXT MEETING -

Thursday 14th October 2021 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 8.50pm