

CHATTISHAM & HINTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Meeting Room of the Community Hall
On Thursday 8th February 2024 at 7.30pm

PRESENT:

Ian Bryce (Vice Chair)	Caroline Bates	Jamie Bostock
Stephanie Coupland	Ben Cox	Trevor Martin
Diane Chase	Peter Eaton	John Whyman
Debbie Archer	Jim Hammond	

APOLOGIES:

Les Cole (Chair)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Liga Sendall (Parish Clerk)

2 members of the public were present

The Vice Chairman welcomed everyone. Cllr Debbie Archer agreed to submit the report for the Village Link this month.

CHPC681/24– APOLOGIES FOR ABSENSE

Apologies were received from the Chair Les Cole prior to the meeting.

CHPC682/24– TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING DATED 14TH DECEMBER

The minutes from the January 11th 2024 meeting had previously been circulated to all Parish Councillors via email. The Vice Chairman asked if everyone present was happy with the minutes. Cllr Chase proposed minutes and Cllr Cox seconded them. The minutes were signed by the Vice Chairman at the end of the meeting.

CHPC683/24– DECLARATION OF INTEREST ON ANY ITEMS ON AGENDA

The Vice Chair asked if there were any declarations of interest for any items on the agenda. Cllr Ian Bryce and Cllr Jamie Bostock signed the interest book regarding NG pylons.

CHPC684/24– MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES DATED 11TH JANUARY 2024

The Vice Chair asked council members if they had any matters arising from the minutes. Cllr Bryce confirms that previously agreed precept has been accepted and confirmation received.

CHPC685/24– ADJOURNMENT FOR REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

Councillor John Whyman circulated his report prior to the meeting and it had been distributed to all Council members together with the agenda.

Chattisham & Hintlesham Parish Council - District Councillor Report (February 2024)

“Dear Councillors,

I hope everyone’s enjoying the respite from the recent ‘rainy season’ of weather we’ve had? From a gardener’s perspective, a time to start to get a bit excited that you can get a few seasonal jobs done! I keep looking at a large apple tree I have that needs almost a day of pruning to be done! Snowdrops and Aconites showing their faces – spring must surely be on its way...!!

On other matters a few notes below on C&H community action themes as follows

- Timperley Residents – Dealing with and completing on fence repairs for resident.
- Chattisham Road Drainage – Following up with residents on latest position from SCC response.

- Planning Application Interventions – Followed up with BDC planning on items discussed at January PC.

Babergh Notes

Since my last note at the end of January. I'm writing now following the government offering a little more financial support to local authorities (County & Districts) – Although the 'headline' numbers announced in the national media sound quite large, the reality for Babergh is around an additional £100k, the vast majority of these extra funds will go to SCC. We still face significant financial challenges moving into the next 24/36 months (assuming there isn't a change in the way central government funding to local authorities doesn't change). I'm hopeful we will see the recognition that 'rural' authorities are desperately under-funded as opposed to their 'urban' cousins...!

I alluded to the issue of parking cars in Babergh car parks in my January report. BDC cabinet have now made recommendations, moving this matter forward, to consult, analyse and attempt to understand the value of our parking facilities to residents across the community in Sudbury, Lavenham, Hadleigh and parish's. Once this consultation is complete, the paper and recommendations will be put to Babergh Overview & Scrutiny committee for consideration, then back to cabinet and full council. These are difficult choices; particularly as subsidised car parking has been available in these towns for some time. My understanding from the residents I've spoken with the primary issues seem to be ease of use (parking machines) and convenience. I'd be interested to hear members views on this matter.

Babergh planning committee hasn't met this month, so nothing to report. This is indicative of the general downturn in development and major planning applications currently being put forward. There are several pipeline applications which will be going to committee in the next few months. Both Babergh & Mid-Suffolk planning committee members have been undergoing training and development sessions on the new JLP. We are now starting to discuss and consider the additional Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD) for Housing & Biodiversity including Trees along with the new approach to affordable housing.

The BDC Overview and Scrutiny committee met on the 22nd January. We considered and reviewed the General Fund & Housing Revenue Accounts along with an update from BDC Public Realm on BDC Car Parking prior to our fully considering this subject in February. I remain open to any residents who would like to be briefed on specific anonymised examples of the council's work, in this area, please let me know. Equally, and it's worth remembering, these meetings are open to members of the public wishing to attend either in person or online.

Full Council meets on 20th February. Again, it's open to councillors and members of the public wishing to attend.

District Councillor Resident Surgeries

My regular meeting opportunity for residents in Capel library. The next meet up will be Tuesday 12th March 10-12. No appointment is necessary, but if residents need more of a confidential chat, please let them know beforehand so I can arrange some privacy.

John (Whyman) Cllr - Babergh Council Member – Capel St. Mary

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Main points – district budget. Car parking is still ongoing, audit set out numbers of the deficit, this will be discussed again in due course. No added planning meeting has taken place. Extra training being provided within council. James Pickering update – Council have availability for rights of way projects SIL application, possibility to get some funding for significant rights of way – footpaths.

Members of public.

Vice Chair invited members of the public to express their points. Public had no comments to add. Public meeting closed.

CHPC686/24-PLANNING

All planning applications had been sent to parish councillors with the agenda prior to the meeting. The Cllr Eaton introduced this section.

GRANTED DC/23/04826

Householder Application - Erection of extension to outbuilding to create carport and storage, construction of timber cladding to walls, raise and replace the roof to match existing house. - Walnut Tree Barn Duke Street Hintlesham Ipswich Suffolk IP8 3PW
Confirmed no further comments to note.

Withdrawn DC/23/05701

Application under S73 for Removal or Variation of a Condition following grant of Planning Permission DC/21/03710 dated 19/08/2021 Town and Country Planning Act 1990 To vary Condition 2 (Approved Plans and Documents) as per revised plans. - Side Garden Of The Cottage Duke Street Hintlesham Suffolk IP8 3PN

Cllr Eaton confirmed that objections were issued on this planning application previously. Application has been withdrawn and the plot has been put up for sale. Explains that had lengthy conversations with planning and our objection has been taken into consideration.

Appeal DC/22/05127 (AP/23/00077)

Application for Outline Planning Permission (Access Points to be considered, Appearance, Layout, Landscaping and Scale to be reserved) Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) - Erection of 5No. dwellings with associated cart lodges and parking (re-submission of withdrawn application DC/21/06539). Location: Land North Of , Clay Hill, Hintlesham, Suffolk

5 dwellings. We did object to it at the time, says it was outside of boundary. No housing need survey done. Don't need to put in appeal again.

Couple of things that are not in the agenda that have deadlines have been received from Planning. Additional planning meeting scheduled for 15 February to discuss these.

CHPC687/24– PPP UPDATE

Cllr Bates presented update on PPP regarding recent meeting.

Note to update H&C Parish Council on the People and Place Plan. (PPP)
Caroline Bates, Stephanie Coupland and Peter Eaton met with Jo Woods and her colleague from Babergh Council on 19th January. Also in attendance were Councillors Jamie Bostock, Diane Chase and John Whyman.

The PPP is intended to be part of the Levelling UP and Regeneration Act, once that becomes law. There is a risk that the Act is not passed before a general election, and then may never be! So it

seems sensible to progress with caution, rather than raising expectations/committing funds, so we propose this remains a scoping exercise at this stage.

The PPP is devised as a simple and accessible way for communities to set out priorities and preferences for their local area. Proposed methods of information gathering are workshops, on-line and hard copy questionnaires in order to access the views of community groups and individuals through as wide a range of opportunities as possible.

The local topics which can be included are:

Natural environment and biodiversity, the economy, public spaces and infrastructure, facilities, services, wellbeing of the community, design features of our spaces, education and housing. The content of the PPP will be the evidence base for the Neighbourhood Priorities Statement, to which all Councils will 'have regard to' when making decisions which affect the community. You will have seen copies of the Groton Housing Questionnaire and its results, as a survey example.

The skills required for the PPP subgroup will include :

Excellent communication, organisation , IT, surveys , information collation and assessment, local knowledge and administration. A group of about 5 local people is recommended. Costs are unknown at this stage, as is the level of support available from Babergh council staff. The PPP will have to be updated/maintained to ensure it remains relevant.

Next Steps:

Caroline, Stephanie and Peter are meeting a Chief Planning officer on 20th March to discuss the scope and scale of a PPP and how changes in National planning guidance and of land and community designations, are likely to affect our Parishes.

Jo Woods is introducing the group to the PPP lead in Groton so we can better understand the process/learning from them.

Scoping the likely costs/benefits of developing a PPP, to report back to the Parish Council with recommendations.

CHPC688/24– FINANCE

The Vice Chairman read out the items on the finance section of the agenda;

Clerks salary and expenses- £195.78

PCC Grass cutting outstanding from 2022/2023 budget £360

It was agreed on block that the finance items be paid Cllr Coupland proposed and Cllr Archer seconded. Agreed by all.

CHPC689/24– REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS

Cllr Eaton comments regarding correspondence received from Burstall Parish Council submitting a joint response on behalf of both our Parish Councils.

Citation of the correspondence: "You may be aware that a group of six parish councils in this area, who are directly affected by National Grid's Bramford to Twinstead 400kV line reinforcement proposals at the western end of the corridor, have come together to make joint submissions to the Examining Authority (ExA) that is currently considering NG's application for a Development Consent Order.

The group's previous submissions have largely addressed local impacts. However, the latest submission identifies what appears to the group to be omissions from the technical solutions advanced by NG. The group has identified alternative emerging technologies which, if correct, would appear to negate the need for the new 400kV pylon line between Bramford and Twinstead in its entirety.

The group's latest submission asks the ExA to require NG to address what appears to be a significant deficiency in the documents provided by NG in support of its application. I have been asked by Martin Nielsen, Stoke by Nayland parish councillor and our representative on the group, to seek your council's support for this submission. If your council is registered with ExA, you may indicate your support directly. However, we understand that ExA would prefer to avoid multiples of communications, so it may be more effective if you could indicate your support by return email, and the group will then communicate to ExA adding your council's name in support of our submission. The ExA's work is drawing to a close, so an urgent reply from you is requested. Please respond in time for us to hit the next submission deadline to the ExA (Deadline 8) on 9th February 2024.

It has been agreed by all that this will be signed with Parish approval.

Cllr Chase says has received a correspondence from resident regarding couple of noisy cars in the Parish. PCSO has been to see the car owner in question and it has been reported to police Councillors discuss if it is police issue and agree that Cllr Chase will write to police liaison contact as initial step. Cllr thanks Peter (MOP) for putting bark chippings down.

Cllr Whyman says extensive works on the pipe needed regarding flooded house. Has looked into local fire services pumping out the water but it is very costly. Still dealing with the issue and possible solutions.

Cllr Coupland mentions annual litter pick. This hasn't been done for some time but there are people doing regular litter picks. May have to organise this for 15th of March the weekend, this will be updated in the Link. Equipment and bags are already in hand.

Footpaths – footpath 23, behind the pub that goes along the golf course. There is an old combine harvester. A part of a tree has fallen on the path, has been reported to land owner.

Footpath 27, by the side of rectory – handrail is not sturdy and has been reported.

Footpath 13 in Chattisham, water has collected on the path, the sleepers are floating. Parish Council may have supply funding for repairs. Cllrs said will confirm costs.

No other reports from Councillors raised.

CHPC690/24- CORRESPONDENCE RECIEVED

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

CHPC691/24– ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- Playing field update
- Neighbourhood watch.
- Extra ordinary meeting for planning – 15th February 2024.

CHPC692/24- DATE OF NEXT MEETING

14th March 2024

The Vice Chairman closed the meeting at 20:15 pm.