

## CHATTISHAM & HINTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Meeting Room of the Community Hall  
On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023 7.30pm The Meeting Room, Community Hall.

### PRESENT:

Les Cole (Chair)

Diane Chase

Ben Cox

Stephanie Coupland

Ian Bryce

Debbie Archer

### APOLOGIES:

Jamie Bostock

John Whyman

Jim Hammond

### IN ATTENDANCE:

6 members of the public

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Diane Chase volunteered to do the Report for the Village Link this month.

Stephanie Coupland to take Minutes for the meeting, due to no Clerk having been appointed.

#### **CHPC610/23 – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENSE**

Apologies were received by Jamie Bostock, Jim Hammond, Peter Eaton and John Whyman. Cllr Hudson sent no apologies to the Clerk prior to the meeting.

#### **CHPC611/23 – TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2023**

The minutes from the September meeting had previously been circulated to all Parish Councillors via email. The Chairman asked if everyone present was happy with the minutes, Ian Bryce, proposed the minutes and Ben Cox seconded them. The minutes were signed by the Chairman following the meeting.

#### **CHPC612/23 – DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Ian Bryce signed the register in relation to the Pylons.

#### **CHPC613/23 – MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES DATED 14<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023**

Stephanie Coupland confirmed that she had spoken to Mr Frank Wilkin and he will be repairing the Notice Boards as soon as possible.

#### **CHPC614/23 – COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

County Councillor Christopher Hudson had sent a report prior to the meeting, this had been forwarded to all Parish Councillor.

In the absence of District Councillor Dave Busby, District Councillor John Whyman (in his absence) had sent a full report to the Chairman. Copy below. The Chairman read out to the meeting.

## District Councillor Report to Chattisham & Hintlesham Parish Council – October 2023

Dear Councillors,

I'm privileged to be standing in for Dave and really looking forward to him being back into his role as our District Councillor and Council Leader. I've made a few notes below to give a small 'flavour' of what's happening, but I'm quite content to hear from H&C residents on 'domestic' BDC issues along with giving support to the PC on a more generic basis.

The Council districts (B&MS) activity is moving up a gear as both the council cabinets are starting to feel their feet following the May elections. As you can imagine we are starting to recognise a political dimension influencing approaches and attitudes to the consideration of decisions being made. I'd like to think Babergh is impacted less so by the more equitable political balance that exists between the governing alliance. This manifests itself in a need for making more collaborative decisions that avoid radical changes in strategy. The potential for the government to call an earlier than expected general election, combined with the selections of PPC's, is the catalyst for some of this posturing. One of the key issues that we need to take a view on will be the increasing pressure on the planning system to find space for green/renewable energy projects that will be 'congested' around key locations within our communities. The party-political conferences are considering, potentially, significant changes to the planning system which we need to be mindful of particularly around shaping 'neighbourhood' planning with the imminent launch of the JLP (part 1). The planning inspector's decision to allow the solar farm project in and around Flowton/Burstall may be a key determinant for the pace that this arrives at. I'll keep you updated and am happy to discuss and take views on this from councillors.

### **Babergh Notes**

My colleague and fellow District Councillor, Dave Busby remains, currently, unwell. David's home now after his initial treatment. We have agreed, Cllr Helen Davies and myself will temporarily cover and support David's parish constituent's, with any local issues. I'll be covering Burstall, Hintlesham/Chattisham along with Copdock and Washbrook. Cllr Davies will be covering Dave's other parish's along with stepping into a role as Cabinet member without portfolio. Hopefully, this shouldn't affect my role with Chattisham & Hintlesham PC.

During the last month I've attended Audit and Standards committee (on behalf of Cllr Hurren) considering some of the draft proposals following the report on the parish and district council elections in May and the lessons that we learnt from the Association of Electoral Administrators post-election. They put forward 38 points where improvements should be made across a range of areas. The report concluded 'that there were no inherent failings in the delivery of elections (parish, town & district wards) in Babergh & Mid-Suffolk'.

We also considered the potential impact of a shift towards Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) investments upon the BMSDC's portfolio. A good part of the meeting was not in 'public session' so the details are confidential.

Planning committee (Babergh) has been fairly quiet and only one meeting in early September looking at a 43-home development in Shotley.

The BMSDC Overview and Scrutiny committee has met once when the council invited Anglian Water, The Environment Agency and Natural England to discuss the impact of water pollution on our rivers and estuaries. There are some really interesting 'resident led' initiatives coming forward, in East Suffolk, such as the 'Deben Samplers' (Deben catchment from Debenham to Melton)

looking and scrutinising river outfalls and using top level science to understand where phosphates and other pollutants are being discharged from. Genome analysis is one of their leading-edge technologies which, undoubtedly, will make AW look very closely at their processes. The science exists to understand, through genome technology, the potential pollution source.

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

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This concluded the report and the Chairman moved onto members of the public. The main meeting was closed to allow members of the public to have their 3 minute section each.

Mr. Peter Beal reported that he had been Strimming the Footpaths also along the Footpath on Silver Hill, where Nettles were encroaching on the footpath making it difficult for school children to walk along the path near the road. He had also cut on Wilderness Hill and edge of the Pony Paddock (now Ladbrook's Meadow which is having a similar problem.

Mr Beal requested that he would like a High Vis Jacket to wear. The Councillors agreed he should purchase one and we would fund this.

Mr. David Marsh commented about the problem of the Drain Cover in George Street. He was very concerned about this as the residents living on top of the problem were getting very frustrated with the problem. SCC Highways just do not seem to want to know about the problem. Therefore Mr Marsh had contacted BBC Look East and Radio Suffolk to see if they could put any pressure on the authority's to get this sorted. The problem has been sent to their Producers.

Mr. Richard Young reported that there had not been any Police checks outside his property since the last meeting. He spoke about the 'humps in the road' on Silver Hill. The covers effected belong to Anglia Water and Open Reach. The Chairman to pass the problems onto these companies. He also reported that the Water main pipe near Silver Hill had been damaged causing low water pressure in that area, it was repaired within a few hours.

Mr. David Warner asked about the comment in the last months Link report regarding the 'donkey paddock'. He was not sure where this was. The Chairman explained it was a 'tongue in cheek' comment made by the person who made the report, should be Pony Paddock which is now Ladbrook's Meadow.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their comments

This concluded the public section of the meeting, the Chairman reopened the meeting.

#### **CHPC615/23 – PLANNING**

All planning applications had been sent to parish councillors on the agenda prior to the meeting. The Chairman lead this section of the meeting in the absence of Peter Eaton, the Planning Lead.

#### **DC/23/04442**

Application for Advertisement Consent. Erection of 2no 135 cm wide x 85 cm high signs, standing 50cm from ground level. - Woodlands Farm Shop Silver Hill Hintlesham IP8 3NJ – **NO OBJECTIONS** to the signs, however the parish council would prefer the location of both signs to be set further back from the edge of the A1071 and if possibly directly below the existing advertising signs.

## Granted

### DC/21/02671

Outline planning permission (some matters reserved, access to be considered) Town and Country Planning Act 1990 - Erection of up to 750 No dwellings, and up to 3ha of primary education land, public open space, Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS), landscaping and highway improvements (accompanied by EIA Statement). - Land North Of The A1071, Ipswich **GRANTED**

### DC/22/03944

Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/21/05992- Condition 6 (Landscaping Scheme), Condition 8 (Landscape Management Plan), Condition 12 (Surface Water Details), Condition 13 (Refuse Bins), Condition 15 (Cycle Storage) and Condition 16 (Construction Management Plan) - Red House Farm Duke Street Hintlesham Ipswich Suffolk IP8 3PW **Part Granted/Part Refused**

**DC/23/03157:** Householder Application - Erection of a single storey extension with roof terrace Hall Farm, Mill Lane, Chattisham, Ipswich Suffolk IP8 3PX **GRANTED**

**APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/22/00858** Proposal: Full Planning Application - Erection of outbuilding for installation of a composting toilet of the churchyard with a walkway. Location: All Saints And St Margarets Church, Lower Barn Road, Chattisham, Suffolk – **APPLICATION WITHDRAWN**

**Hybrid Planning Application DC/23/06309-** Full Application for Bury St Edmunds to Colchester 69k Pipeline Scheme and associated above ground infrastructure at Raydon Water and Rushbrooke Water Treatment Works and Wherstead Water Reservoir. Outline Application for above ground infrastructure at Little Saxham Water Reservoir, Little Whelnetham, Nedging Tye Water Reservoir, Hadleigh Water Reservoir and Great Horkesley with all matters reserved except for Access. (Accompanied by EIA Statement) **GRANT**

## CHPC616/23 – NATIONAL GRID

The Chairman said he had nothing further to report on this subject.

Ian Bryce said that there was to be an Inspectorate meeting at the Ipswich Town Conference room very soon.

## CHPC617/23 – FINANCE

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

PKF Littlejohn LLP £252.00 (Auditors Fee)  
Community Action Suffolk £60.00 (One Suffolk hosting)  
St. Johns Ambulance £71.60 (Door - Chattisham Defib Case)  
Clerks Expenses £103.48

It was agreed on block that the finance items be paid. Ian Bryce proposed and Debbie Archer seconded.

#### **CHPC618/23 – CHATTISHAM PLAYING FIELD**

The Chairman gave the meeting an update regarding the 'Purchase' of the Footpath leading to the Playing Field, he had had a meeting with the Chair of the HCCC Robert Smith, to discuss this, it appears they agreed, neither the PC or the HCCC wishes to purchase this path.

The next step forward is to get the Land registered with the Land Registry asap, to then arrange a Lease between the PC and HCCC similar to the lease for Hintlesham Playing Field. The meeting felt this was an important step forward.

Diane Chase commented on the Hedges on Chattisham Playing Field, saying they really needed cutting back.

#### **CHPC619/23 – VACANCIES FOR PARISH COUNCILLORS**

The Chairman welcomed 3 Residents who had put their names forward for Parish Council.

Trevor Martin – Chattisham

Caroline Bates – Hintlesham

David Warner – Hintlesham

Each Resident said a few words about themselves and why they would like to be a Parish Councillor.

The Chairman thank them, also saying that due to the low numbers of Parish Councillor's at this months meeting he felt we should go forward with co-option at the next meeting if the applicants wished to go ahead, everyone agreed.

#### **CHPC620/23 – VANCANCY FOR PARISH CLERK**

The Chairman had received two applicants for the Clerks position. Both applicants lived out of the village, both had good qualifications, neither had been Parish Clerks before.

He felt we should interview these applicants. It was agreed that Debbie Archer, Stephanie Coupland and Les Cole should be on the interview panel. The Chairman to arrange a date.

#### **CHPC621/23 – SPEED SIGNS FOR WHEELIE BINS**

There was some discussion as to should we be informing Babergh on this matter? The Chairman is to look into this. The Chairman had found some costings for speed signs for wheelie bins.

There is an official site for these, costs 100 – A4 -30mph -£120.00, also on eBay cost is 10 - £6.00

The Chair will continue to get costings.

#### **CHPC622/23 – HIGHWAYS SAFETY & SPEED MANAGEMENT FEASIBILITY STUDY – DUKE STREET**

The Chairman had received had received this 82 page document. It had been forwarded to all Councillors to look at prior to the meeting. Main points coming from the report are options to have larger 30mph markings on the roads, white gates with SLOW signs at entrance to Village near Clay Hill. This was thought maybe slow traffic down.

It was agreed that The Chairman would get this report put on the village website for residents to read and maybe comment on.

#### **CHPC623/23 – REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS**

Ian Bryce commented on Anglia Water pipeline leaks on his land. He felt residents should contact Anglia Water if they had problem with low water pressure etc.

Diane Chase had attended the Police Forum and gave the following report: -

Here are some notes from the Police Forum meeting at Flowton Church on Wednesday 22nd September.

There were 4 officials and 17 members of the public present. There is a new inspector who was not present and the police were represented by PC Katie Jarrett who is our local engagement officer.

For the area (Ipswich West and Hadleigh) over the last 12 months burglaries were down – 87 compared to 138 last year. Possibly because arrests were made.

Theft from cars has gone up to 232 and theft of cars has also risen

Unsociable behaviour has gone down slightly with 1,296 cases reported.

Actual bodily harm has also gone down by 28%

Robberies have gone up.

The priorities for the police at the moment are: violence in Ipswich

County Lines drug issues

Organised crime.

Speeding is always an issue in most places and boy racing around Morrison's carpark is still ongoing

It would appear that nothing will be done to catch the speeding motor cycles that race along the A1071 through Hintlesham on a Sunday as this happens too early in the morning!

If there is something to report to the police it is better to contact them on line although always call 999 if there is a threat to life.

The Chairman thank Di for a very full and comprehensive report.

#### **CHPC624/23 - CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

The Chairman had received an phone call regarding a Nurse Ethel Mary Tate, who was in the First World War, the letter was a request asking for her name to be put on the War Memorial. She is buried in St Nicholas Churchyard with a Stone with her details inscribed. Following quite a lengthy discussion

the Councillors voted not to put on the Memorial.

#### **CHPC625/23 – ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

Co-option of New Parish Councillors

Update on Parish Clerk Interviews if taken place.

#### **CHPC626/23 - DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

9<sup>th</sup> November 2023

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50 pm.**