

CHATTISHAM & HINTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held via Zoom on
On 10th December at 7.30pm

PRESENT:

David Marsh (Chair)	Chris Leney
Les Cole	Ben Cox
Peter Eaton	Diane Chase
Stephanie Coupland	Debbie Archer
John Whyman	Jamie Bostock
Roy Carter	

APOLOGIES: None were received

IN ATTENDANCE:

District Councillor David Busby & County Cllr Christopher Hudson
Jo Brown (Clerk)
2 members of the public

The Chair Announced that the meeting is being recorded and welcomed everyone

CHPC99/20- TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD 12TH NOVEMBER 2020

The minutes of the meetings held on 12th November 2020 had been circulated to all councillors and were proposed as a true record by Diane Chase and seconded by Debbie Archer. The minutes will be signed by David Marsh at the next face to face meeting.

CHPC100/20 – DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None were declared

CHPC101/20 – MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES DATED 8TH OCTOBER 2020

CHPC93/20 – The replacement grit bin for Cherrygrounds has been delivered and it was agreed that Jamie Bostock will secure the bin with bolts – clerk to chase Suffolk Highways on the delivery of the grit

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CHPC102/20 – COUNTY COUNCILLOR & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

County Cllr Hudson sent his report via email which was circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Hudson said he would chase up the Winter Cycle team regarding the grit and will also follow up on the outstanding noisy drain cover in George Street. The main area of concern is the rising Covid 19 incidents in Suffolk and hoping the vaccine going forwards will help and that there are several centres being set up in Suffolk and rolling out very soon. This is a massive logistical operation and he is meeting with the Director of Public Health tomorrow. Suffolk One travel and parking issues are still a concern and is meeting with the local MP tomorrow to see if a solution can be found. The question was asked to both Cllr Hudson & Cllr Busby how many employees if any have been made redundant since March 20th and also how many have had their salaries reduced for working shorter hours – Cllr Hudson confirmed that £140m per year is the County Councils payroll cost and does need to be looked at very carefully. Cllr Hudson said he will check and confirm exact figures and will email the clerk.

District Cllr Busby does not know the exact figure for compulsory redundancies and there have been some people leave through management re-organisation. They are now recruiting for some positions due to work pressure as there is a lot of work in planning and grants. Most of staff have

continued working and some have increased their hours. Cllr Busby confirmed that the government have been a bit more generous than originally anticipated therefore BDC should finish the year with a surplus not a shortfall. He reported that our CIL request has been approved today. CIFCO have spent £70m of £100m so far and there are 4 other properties under offer at the moment which total £15m. There will be a restriction on the amount that can be borrowed from the public loans board as they will not offer any loans if buying commercial properties – Babergh do not use public loans board they use short term loans so should not impact. The rent collections to end of March was 72%, 89% to end of June and 90 % to end of September. There are procedures in place to collect the rest. For the first 6 months the net benefit is £445,000 (rent received less borrowing costs). The question was asked as to how much the rental yield reduction in March, April & May was? Cllr Busby is unable to confirm the amount at present but confirmed that for the first 6 months the budgeted income was £685m and the actual amount received was £592m, the £685m has been fully accrued and still leaves a considerable profit and the running yield is 5.8% which is a good return. On the matter of Charity Farm he confirmed the Enforcement Officer has visited the site and spoken to the tenant who was causing problems and that there is a new enforcement action on the new build. The question was asked where the short term borrowings come from – Cllr Busby confirmed that they are from various places and some are from other Councils and confirmed that they are re-financed every 12 months at lower rates. The question was asked if a planning application has been received regarding the Livery on Duke Street and the clerk confirmed that the Planning Enforcement officer visited the sight last week and reporting his findings to the Planning Officer, Cllr Busby said he has not seen anything yet and will chase up with Planning Enforcement. Cllr Busby was thanked by John Whyman for the community support Covid grants for the MUGA & Social Club.

District Cllr David Busby left the meeting

CHPC103/20 – COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There have been two police speed-checks recently in Hintlesham with 8 offenders on the first and 20 offenders on the second. The police officer decided to change the time of day after the first visit. The question was asked if these are followed up with prosecution and was confirmed that previously we have been told they are. A neighbour to Charity Farm, Chattisham reported that Planning Officers are checking that the building granted permission is being built to planning. Also concerns were raised about the amount of rubbish in the ditch opposite to Charity Farm. It was agreed to observe and hope that things improve.

County Councillor Christopher Hudson left the meeting.

CHPC104/20 – PLANNING

DC/20/05079 – Birch Farm, Silver Hill, Hintlesham – Change of Use of land and siting 4 No Holiday Lodges and creation of new vehicular access – a detailed discussion was held and concerns were raised regarding the traffic congestion already on Silver Hill at the Birch Farm entrance, the size of the proposed lodges as they are very large and positioned in the countryside, the lack of a management plan which could include a curfew and ensure short term lets only. Chris Leney proposed and Peter Eaton seconded to Object to this planning application on these grounds – a vote was held with 9 votes to object and 2 abstentions – clerk to respond

DC/20/05137 – Land at Cobbolds Farm, Ipswich Road, Hadleigh – Outline Planning Application (Access & Landscaping to be considered) Employment land for use as Class E Business buildings up to 1900m2 and Classes B2 & B8 buildings up to 4200m2 – a detailed discussion was held and the concerns raised were the amount of additional traffic on an already busy road A1071, the noise and light pollution, the increase in class of the sight from B1 to B2 and also to class E which is retail

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and is therefore industrialisation in the countryside – all were in favour to Object to this planning application on these grounds – clerk to respond

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DC/20/05300 – Church Farm, Lower Barn Road, Chattisham – Application under S73a to vary or Remove conditions relating to B/160/79 dated 03/04/1979 (Condition 3) – Alterations to fenestration Roofing material, insertion of flue for woodburning stove and construction of decking as per drawing ref 465 104 – a discussion was held and there were no objections – clerk to respond

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CHPC105/20 – RECORDINGS OF MEETINGS DRAFT PROTOCOL AND ASSOCIATED POLICIES UPDATE

Roy Carter has updated and re-drafted Filming of Parish Council meetings, Email Protocol and Retention of Documents policies which have been circulated. Roy has now condensed these policies into one document and the draft has now been softened to show what is best practice and what is required by local authorities to which the Parish Council has to comply with by law. A lengthy detailed discussion was held with various concerns raised. It was decided to hold a separate meeting in January 2021 to discuss this further – all were in favour- the clerk asked that all comments to be sent separately to the clerk prior to the meeting so that a list can be compiled to discuss at the meeting - the clerk to arrange

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CHPC106/20 – VAS SIGN UPDATE

No further update to report and thanks give to Les Cole for his monitoring and data

CHPC107/20 – SIZEWELL C UPDATE ON IMPACT TO OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

Peter Eaton reported that the National Grid regarding the new pylon line were supposed to come back to Suffolk County Council in the Autumn and Suffolk County Council have confirmed the are meeting with National Grid in Spring 2021. There is supposed to be a white paper on energy which has not yet been issued however there has been a ten point plan on energy from the government but Sizewell C is not mentioned.

CHPC108/20 – DRAFT BUDGET FOR 2021/2022

The clerk had circulated the draft budget for 2021/2022. This was discussed in detail and it was requested that the Hall Lunch Donation would not be required and to reallocate towards the cost if The Village Directory Printing, also to remove the BAPTC membership. It was also agreed to ask the HCCC for further information of the actual costs of the grass cutting before agreeing on an amount to be donated. The budget will be finalised at the January meeting.

The clerk was asked if 3 hours a week is enough to complete all Parish Council work, it was agreed for the clerk to monitor her hours over the next 3 months – clerk to monitor.

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CHPC109/20– FINANCE

The following payments were proposed by Chris Leney and seconded by Peter Eaton

Mrs. Jo Brown	Clerks Salary & Exps	£187.12	Cheque No 101091
Les Cole	re-siting of dog bin expenses	£ 22.26	Cheque No 101092
David Marsh	Chairs Allowance	£ 50.00	Cheque No 101093
Air Ambulance	Donation	£100.00	Cheque No 101094
H&C PCC	Grant	£360.00	Cheque No 101095

CHPC110/20 – REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS

David Marsh confirmed that the final amount received from Babergh for the Play area upgrade is £12,000.00 and that he is holding a meeting with the working party in the New Year to discuss this as the monies need to be used by end of March 2021. John Whyman reported that the social club

will open next week with table booking in advance. Thanks was given to Debbie Archer for arranging the licencing and hygiene certificates required. Stephanie Coupland reported some good news, part of the planning condition for the Pony Paddocks was that footpath 40/36 be re-instated to where it should be and that they had already done so and that at the far end the land owner had also done so, so that you can walk all the way to Chattisham. Unfortunately this had revealed a very boggy area. Stephanie contacted the Footpaths officer to ask if they could improve this with a boardwalk and was advised they had no money in their budget at present. Jamie as land owner contacted the footpath officer (Mr Verlander) and they had a site meeting and agreed to install a boardwalk over the boggy area. This work will be carried out in April/May at the start of the next financial year. Thanks given to Jamie & Stephanie. Diane Chase reported further fly-tipping along Lower Barn Road, Chattisham which has been reported to Babergh who did clear this but this does seem to be happening more frequently. Concerns were raised that this is becoming more frequent and it was agreed the clerk will contact Babergh for advice on to what we could do to help. Chris Loney reported a car left the road at Policemens Corner on 25th November and hit the sign. Les Cole reported that the Speedwatch has now restarted. Also reported some trees that are looking dead or dying behind the bus stop on Wilderness Hill. Thanks was given to Les for re-siting the dog bins in Hintlesham. It was agreed that in the future when we have any idea of the amount of CIL monies we will be receiving we need to involve the local community more on deciding how the money is spent.

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CHPC111/20 – CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

All correspondence has been circulated via email

CHPC112/20 –ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

2021/22 Budget

CHPC113/20 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 14th January 2021 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 9.25 pm