

CHATTISHAM & HINTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Meeting Room of the Community Hall
On Thursday 14th March 2024 at 7.30pm

PRESENT:

Ben Cox	Ian Bryce	Les Cole
Caroline Bates	Peter Eaton	David Busby
Diane Chase	Jim Hammond	Choose an item.
Stephanie Coupland	John Whyman	Choose an item.

APOLOGIES:

Trevor Martin, Jamie Bostock, Debbie Archer

IN ATTENDANCE:

Liga Sendall (Parish Clerk)
2 members of the public were present,
including Malcolm Rogerson

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Cllr Diane Chase kindly agreed to submit the report for the Village Link this month. Pleasure to see Cllr Busby back in the meeting room.

CHPC697/24– APOLOGIES FOR ABSENSE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Martin, Bostock and Archer prior to the meeting.

CHPC698/24– TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING DATED 8th AND 15th FEBRUARY 2024

The minutes from the February 8th and 15th 2024 meetings had previously been circulated to all Parish Councillors via email. The Chairman asked if everyone present was happy with the minutes. Cllr Coupland proposed minutes and Cllr Hammond seconded them. The minutes were signed by the Chairman at the end of the meeting.

CHPC699/24– DECLARATION OF INTEREST ON ANY ITEMS ON AGENDA

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

CHPC700/24– MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES DATED 8th and 15th February 2024

The Chair asked council members if they had any matters arising from the minutes. No matters raised.

CHPC701/24– 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.



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Main points – water issues, bins, breaks in roads, finance and budget setting, Budget has been set with £1,4 mil revenue gap. Cutting less essential spending and charges on carparking / consultation are current solutions. Looking for evidence based recommendations. Other means of transport are being encouraged, to avoid parking.

Cllr Busby says the council is facing shortfall and we need a plan to recuperate the fees. Explains that carpark maintenance is a large cost that needs to be recuperated so we either need to charge or potentially lose the carparks. If surplus funds are made, there is potential to introduce a greener method of transport.

Ongoing discussion about the impacts of not being able to meet the budget and how car parking charges could be an answer to this issue.

Cllr Bryce asks about electric charging. Cllr Busby says some have been installed using available grants.

Cllr Wyman says no planning meeting this month.

Cllr Busby says Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils were named UK Council of the Year at the iESE Public Sector Transformation Awards in London on Wednesday, 6 March 2024. The judges praised the councils for their joint vision and innovation – achieving a number of UK firsts – and noted how, by working in collaboration with each other, with partners, and their communities, they continue to raise the bar for public services. They were the first rural councils in the UK to start the switch from diesel to hydrotreated vegetable oil (HVO) to fuel its fleet of bin lorries. Hundreds of solar panels have also been installed. The award reflected not just success of the last year, but the impact of the councils’ transformation since becoming a dual authority in 2011.

Members of public.

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

CHPC702/24-PLANNING

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

Withdrawn DC/23/05271

[Land Adjacent To Vine Cottage, Duke Street, Hintlesham, Ipswich Suffolk IP8 3PL](#)

Cllr Eaton introduced this section. Mentioned that PC had a previous update from planning officer suggesting this application would likely not pass. Cllrs discussed the planning item. Since it has been withdrawn, no further comments to add.

CHPC703/24– PLAYING FIELD UPDATE

Chair has been giving updates in this regards, but Malcolm Rogerson has been organising meetings. An update, below, has been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting.

“Conclusions following an introductory meeting with Louisa Saunders , Legal Director Charity Property , Birketts LLP

on 11th January 2024

1. The original deeds were reviewed and Louisa was asked to advise how the first registration of the land should be effected
2. In 1977 Douglas Bostock wished to gift a playing field to the village of Chattisham and so that the Hintlesham and Chattisham Community Council would use the land as a playing field

3. As HCCC was an unincorporated charity it was advised that to avoid title problems in the future the Parish Council were asked to hold the legal title in its name but on behalf of the HCCC . The PC declared a trust in favour of HCCC leaving HCCC to manage and deal with the playing field in such manner as the HCCC might think fit

4. Effectively from November 1977 to date HCCC have been and remain the “ true owner “ of the playing field. Save for the problems caused by ownership by an unincorporated charity ,the registration of the land at Land Registry should be in the “name” of HCCC

5. However , following the Charities Act 1993 , where an unincorporated charity holds property , rather than put it in the names of nominated individuals (which creates problems both for succession and the individuals themselves) the charity can vest the land into the name of the “Official Custodian for Charities “.The vesting allows a statutory body to hold titular ownership while the charity retains all its powers and responsibilities of ownership.

6. As the decision has been made to effect registration of the land at Land Registry this would be a suitable time also to apply to the Charities Commission to vest the land in the name of the Official Custodian.

7. The applicant for first registration of title at Land Registry should be HCCC and HCCC would also apply for that new title to be vested in the Official Custodian.

8. From an engagement perspective of Birketts HCCC should be the client and nominate a member to be their client contact .

9. From a costs standpoint the total legal fees , value added tax and disbursements would be for the work as scoped above between £2000 to £3000 .

MR

21st February 2024”

Malcolm explains that visiting Burketts was worthwhile and he obtained some useful guidance and advice. Suggests they would be able to assist with registering the land and possibly advise on other assets. Councillors discussed the meeting item in-depth and came to the conclusion that it is required to organise a meeting with HCCC to discuss further. The Chair to organise a meeting with HCC. Malcolm Rogerson and Cllr Eaton agreed to also attend the meeting.

The chair thanked Malcolm Rogerson for his input and expertise.

CHPC704/24– THE VILLAGE LINK UPDATE

Cllr Coupland introduced this section. Village Link is losing the current editor. April Link is the last one to set to come out and at the moment nobody has come forwards to step into the role.

The role is not a hard, but it is a voluntary role. Computer literacy is required. Setting up of the Link is done mostly by the printers. Once it is printed it needs local distribution. Current committee has 4 members and it needs another volunteer involvement.

Adverts for the role are up in local media and also will be printed in the next Link , but there will no longer be a Link for now until the position gets filled.

CHPC705/24– FINANCE

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

Clerks salary and expenses- £195.78

IT Services at CAS Limited – Email update- £ 390.00

SALC training 2 x councillors - £ 153.60

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

CHPC706/24– REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS

Cllr Bryce mentions ongoing water issues due to the recent weather. Couple of incidents have been observed recently – two vehicles in the ditch alongside A1071.

Cllr Chase speaks of an update on the noisy car. Has received few more complaints about this from the public. Says she got in touch with local police contact and the police had been round to see the owners of the vehicle. The owner appears to have sold the car.

Also mentions potholes – has got pictures, down the Chattisham lane, will attempt to get better pictures in dryer weather and submit to the council.

Cllr Coupland mentions it is Litter Pick this weekend and some volunteers have applied already. Mentions it is also the local Garden Show on the same day.

Provides an update on noticeboards – Hintlesham one will be back soon, the quote for repairs is around £300-£400. Duke street one will be treated and will have new doors fitted. Cllr suggests the notice boards need to be looked after better. Will need to allocate funds for the next budget for ongoing maintenance.

Suggests that the village sign needs a clean when the weather turns better. Cllr Bryce proposes he can provide assistance with equipment if required, but will need volunteer labour.

Footpaths; footpath 27 rail has now been mended. Many footpaths in the parish still under water and inaccessible.

Cllr Cole confirms that week after next ANPR camera is expected to be placed on Duke street.

Local speed watch will resume in the village as soon as possible.

The Chair thanked the Vice Chair for chairing last few meetings in his absence.

Mentions has price list for village gates that were discussed a couple of months ago. Cllr Bryce says he will be able to assist with measuring for the gates required.

Cllrs Eaton raises question about road signs and many of them being deteriorated. Questions who's responsibility it is and that they are getting hazardous to road users. Chair suggests he will write to Cllr Hudson, saying we are prepared to provide labour if they can provide materials. Suggestions to use CIL money for this purpose if required.

No other reports from Councillors raised.

CHPC707/24- CORRESPONDENCE RECIEVED

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

CHPC708/24– ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- Neighbourhood watch. Got someone willing to take on neighbourhood watch. Signs need a planning permission.
- SIL expenditure
- Update on PPP

CHPC709/24- DATE OF NEXT MEETING

11th April 2024

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:45 pm. – **Apologies from Cllr Coupland in advance for April and May meetings.**