

HINTLESHAM & CHATTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Meeting Room of the Community Hall
On Thursday 13th February 2025 at 7.30pm

PRESENT:

Les Cole	Jamie Bostock	Jim Hammond
Ian Bryce	Diane Chase	David Busby
Trevor Martin	John Whyman	Christopher Hudson
Ben Cox	Debbie Archer	Peter Eaton

APOLOGIES:

Cllrs Stephanie Coupland, Caroline Bates

IN ATTENDANCE:

Liga Sendall (Parish Clerk)
Two Members of the public present

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Cllr Bostock kindly agreed to submit the report for the Village Link this month.

CHPC840/25– APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Stephanie Coupland Caroline Bates prior to the meeting.

CHPC841/25– TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING DATED 9th January 2025

The minutes from the 9th January 2025 meeting had previously been circulated to all Parish Councillors via email. The Chairman asked if everyone present was happy with the minutes. Cllr Bryce proposed minutes and Cllr Cox seconded them. The minutes were signed by the Chairman at the end of the meeting.

CHPC842/25– DECLARATION OF INTEREST ON ANY ITEMS ON AGENDA

The Chair asked if there were any declarations of interest for any items on the agenda. Cllrs Bryce, Bostock signed the declarations of interest in relation to Pylons.

CHPC843/25– MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES DATED 9th January 2025

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

CHPC844/25– ADJOURNMENT FOR REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

Chair opened this part of the meeting and welcomed Cllr Hudson (joining remotely) to start. Conformed in case there are problems with connectivity, some topics have been sent prior to meeting.

- What is Cllr Hudson's thoughts about the Government plans for a Unitary Council for Suffolk/East Anglia, and also SCC's attempt to deny our democratic vote in May 2025

Cllr Hudson has reported in the papers why we don't have a vote in May. Briefly explains the ongoing devolution. Government has cancelled the forthcoming elections. Local aspect may not be at the front of the new structure - Unitary county council There could be saving if money of surplus civil servants can be dissolved.

Chair asks if Mayor will not be elected by us. Cllr Hudson explains the mayor will be elected by everyone in May 2026.

Cllr Hudson says the Mayor will not be member of Unitary. Will also get the vote for a councillor, if all reorganisation is completed by then.

Cllr comments that timelines seem ambitious. Does not believe in dictatorship and does not believe our vote should be taken away.

- Condition of the A1071 from Policeman's corner to Wolves Wood Hadleigh. Condition of surface and edges of the road which are crumbling away in places. Also College Farm bend surface, needs a non slip tarmac and also clearing back bushes to show chevrons clearer when approaching the bends, this is of particular concern due to the spate of recent accidents near College Farm. (NB a quieter road surface was going to be investigated prior to Covid)
- An update on the flooding issues outside Claremont Cottage Back Road.
- An update on SCC approval for the LED flashing signs outside Hintlesham Primary school.

Cllr Hudson comments that currently the situation is appalling and dangerous. Chair sent another photo yesterday. Says the road needs a lot of money spent to improve it. Says he is raising awareness as much as possible.

Chair says newest fix on the drain for the Pink Cottage is a lot less noisy. Ask if Chair has sent all the pictures to SCC already. The chair confirmed he has been communicating though Cllr Hudson.

Nothing has been done about school flashing lights yet. Chair explains we are fully funding the signs, the Council have now said they will not actively object to this proposal. All they need to do is provide us with licence to put up post. The Chair will send the last email to Cllr Hudson again.

On the topic of A1071, Mrs White is present at the meeting from Claremont Cottage. Cllr Hudson asks when they had the last visit. Mrs White confirmed that last visit was in August. They have agreed in writing saying they need to dig the road up. The chair reads out letter from Amanda Mays from Suffolk Highways, says unless they dig up the road there is no option to fix it. Access to the roadworks are due to commence shortly for the new pylons. Cllr Hudson says this needs to be pushed to act upon. Cllr asks if house holder is threatening legal action against the council. Cllr Ian Bryce joins in, says there has never been a pond and low ground area as described in the said letter. He says the information provided in the letter is factually inaccurate. Email in relation to this was sent to Cllr Hudson. 8th October 2024. Cllr Hudson confirms he will take it utmost urgently.

- What are Cllr Hudson's views on the current Government Consultation on land use in England which ends on April 25th 2025. What will be his intended response.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/land-use-in-england>

Cllr Hudson says he has been reading on compulsory purchase and it will potentially be treated same as HS2. Says due to population expansion the additional housing will be required. Is disturbed that government want to obtain the local land potentially from the farmers. Says prime minister won't even engage with the farmers. Thinks there may be as much as up to 5 new towns in East on England in the near future pipeline. This would be 10,000-20,000 new houses. Says will be difficult time to protect the farmers, does not like suggested land grabs.

Cllr David Busby joins the meeting.

Briefly explains the devolution and local government review. The government probably will not have more money to run the new government. Also suggests this large proposed organisation will need a lot of people to run, may be up to 200 people. Unitaries will need a plan, the government want a single unitary, this may involve boundary movements. Says this will not likely to save money. Currently there are 5 unitaries, there will be millions of pounds spent trying to bring all of these units together to get them match to each other, including systems, working practices etc. Says there is only so much we can do with officers we already have, there will be a work overload for next few years for the council. Mentions local plan. Also starting a new 20 year plan. Suggests to focus for next

5 years in order to protect local units. Cllr says he encourages neighbourhood plans, is all in favour and will support the neighbourhood plans. Some councils have decided prioritisation, with reasons why it could or could not be done. Suggests we need to be prepared.

Cllr Eaton, asks once the councils have been dissolved, what will happen with employees? Cllr Busby says that most will be taken on by the new organisation.

Cllr Busby explains a brief timeline, and suggests not much will happen for the next year, the Mayor may not be in place until 2027/2028.

Members of public.

The Chair opened the public meeting.

Mrs White mentions traffic on the main road near their property. The road is concaved, broken up, it is not fit for purpose, lorries are having to stop to let each other past.

Have already put in new front windows due to water damage and feels it will happen again. The residents feel they are not being listened to. Speed in this area is 40mph, but some drivers do not adhere to it at all.

The Chair says we can keep lobbying and see what happens. Seems that Council are waiting for National Grid coming in in the first instance. Currently is it National Grid issue, may need to bring it up to them.

Public meeting closed.

CHPC845/25-PLANNING

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

New planning

DC/24/05483 [Application under Section 73 of The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 - Removal of Condition 3 \(Agricultural Occupancy Restriction\) of planning permission B/0872/77/OUT Dated: 18/01/1978 - Erection of farm manager's dwelling, incorporating central farm office.](#)

Cllr Bostock leaves the meeting at this point.

Chair introduces the above application. Says we discussed Paddocks at Hill farm, two months ago, this application is unrelated but it is in same part of the land. This is the main building. Says that with current planning someone in the farm cannot be living in the property, and the application is to remove this restriction.

Cllr Whyman says the situation currently is different to what the house was used for before. Says his personal opinion is not to object. All we are doing is removing the agricultural tie for the property and it seems the obvious thing to do.

Cllr Whyman proposes, Cllr Eaton seconds. Agreed by all present.

Cllr Bostock rejoins the meeting,

DC/25/00295 [Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/24/04897 - Condition 3 \(Biodiversity Enhancement Measures\)](#)

The Chair introduces the planning. Cllr Eaton explains this is planning application to install a bee brick. Discharge is saying the applicant has done the work, however, there has been no evidence provided. Agreed by all to send this as a Council comment.

CHPC846/25– CIL UPDATE

Items for CIL projects:

- Village gates – gates have arrived, should have been installed tomorrow, but Suffolk highways have got another set of traffic lights on. Will keep posted at the moment. Policemen's corner and Pond hall lane will need traffic lights. Says it seems worthwhile install all together at the same time. This is likely to be end of February to beginning of March.

- No other current updates.

CHPC847/25- NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

Cllr Peater Eaton opens this part of the meeting. Has received correspondence from Ian Poole. Saying we are not able to apply for design statement until July. Most people on the questionnaire said they do not want to see any changes for the villages.

Discusses allocation for sites – there was nothing in questionnaire responses in this regards. Based on the small number of answers does not think it gives us mandate to allocate the sites.

Grant has been approved and the plan is progressing with assistance from Ian Poole.

CHPC848/25– WEBSITE UPDATE

The site has been built and a lot of information has been transferred already. Meeting is supposed to take place to discuss further. Haydon is looking to remain in charge of the Community Council side of the site. Still work in progress.

CHPC849/25– NEW EMAIL ADDRESS UPDATE

Cllrs discuss if they have been able to access the new email addresses. About half have succeeded in setting up emails.

The Chair asks if we need to get someone to come in to do set up.

CHPC850/25 - COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Chair says there has been a question raised why there no representative to liaise with Community Council. We have three people from the Community Council already. Suggests to maybe add a representative if someone is willing to take on the role. Cllr Archer suggests she will happily continue to be a representative.

Cllr Whyman says the Community Council is looking revamp the building. Says that there is a potential district CIL project, and it has been suggested to use it. They have been allocated an officer to assist with this - Julie Hammond. The Council are meeting with her on Monday. Explains here is no definitive build project as of yet, but believes it is important to apply for the funding now.

Cllr Hammond briefs the Council on the proposed initial idea for planning. Looking to get a skeleton project going, and before anything is finalised, the Council will go public with it so everyone is aware and can get involved. The plans would be governed by the shape of the building. Councillors discuss the potentials of the proposed ideas.

CHPC851/25 - LAND CONSULTATION

Cllr Eaton opens this part of the meeting. Suggests we as a Council should have an opinion for this. Proposed to add this to the next month’s meeting after everyone has had a look at the link that has been circulated.

CHPC852/25 MITIGATION PLANTING

Cllr Whyman opens this part of the meeting. Suggests that some previous funding was projected for the mitigation planting and if anyone wants to be considered for the grant for funding for hedgerows. The area included is 3km radius from the Bamford substation. Cllr Bryce says Nation Grid have plans to do a lot of planting.

Cllr Whyman says if anyone is interested he can take landowners names for the project. Encourages to email him if would like to be considered on John.Whyman@babergh.gov.uk

The grant is rather substantial, however, have only spent about £500 of it at the moment.

CHPC853/25– FINANCE

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

CC grant for the grass cutting	£1290.00
Clerks Salary & Expenses	£195.78
Keith Avis Printers Ltd	£48.00
Suffolk Cloud	£600.00

Jacks Village gates invoice

£4,749.60

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

CHPC854/25– REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS

The Chair opened this part of the meeting by inviting councillors to contribute.

Cllr Bryce asks how we can get BT to get his pole back up. Councillors discuss, this should have been put back in a day. The Chair will contact Openreach. Cllr confirms that Suffolk Highways have put the lights up.

Cllr Chase says she had to do a clear up in the telephone box, as someone had put a large collection of books. Suggests if it is worth putting up a notice to make people aware.

Cllr Archer confirms has got the log for traffic incidents, but can't access the email yet for 1071. Will escalate it and see if can get it working.

Cllr Bostock, says there is a large pothole half way up the hill on 1071 near the drain hole. Chair will report it.

Cllr Martin says that one item he raised in respect of repairs requires, there is a pin added and appears that works have been ordered.

Cllr Whyman raises that grass cutting was reminded about the grant, however, they did not ask for it before the budget being agreed upon.

Chair confirms that Cllr Coupland has completed revisions for new village directory.

Village gates should be installed towards the end of the month.

Six residents have asked for thermal imaging for their houses.

Shares the information received from National Grid in relation to Norwich to Gray's with councillors. Mentions parking charges that came in already in Hadleigh. There will be terminal at GP surgery, there will be no charge if visiting doctors as well as leisure centre and swimming pool. Visitors to these are able to get free 3 hours slot.

Information from Cllr Coupland - Light at top of Timperley, at junction to A1071 has been reported.

CHPC856/25 - CORRESPONDENCE RECIEVED

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

CHPC857/25– ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- Neighbourhood Plan update – outstanding
- Land consultation
- CIL – outstanding
- Website / emails update

CHPC858/25- DATE OF NEXT MEETING

13th March 2025

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21:00 PM.