

HINTLESHAM & CHATTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Meeting Room of the Community Hall
On Thursday 9th January 2025 at 7.30pm

PRESENT:

Les Cole	Stephanie Coupland	Diane Chase
Ben Cox	Jim Hammond	Ian Bryce
Caroline Bates	Jamie Bostock	Peter Eaton
Debbie Archer	John Whyman	Trevor Martin

APOLOGIES:

Cllr David Busby

IN ATTENDANCE:

Liga Sendall (Parish Clerk)
one 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.

CHPC826/25– APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs David Busby prior to the meeting.

CHPC827/25– TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING DATED 12th December 2024

The minutes from the 12th December 2024 meeting had previously been circulated to all Parish Councillors via email. The Chairman asked if everyone present was happy with the minutes. Cllr Peter Eaton proposed minutes and Cllr Ben Cox seconded them. The minutes were signed by the Chairman at the end of the meeting.

CHPC828/25– 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 Bostock and Bryce signed the declarations of interest in relation to Pylons.

CHPC829/25– MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES DATED 12th December 2024

The Chair asked council members if they had any matters arising from the minutes. No matters raised by Councillors. The Chair raised defibrillators that were discussed during last meeting in relation to budget. To make Council aware that there will be expenditure in due course, as the replacement pads and batteries amount to a considerable sum. They all have expiry date so this will have to be anticipated within next budget or in 2 years’ time, and in accordance to current pricing would cost in region of £600-£700. All pads will need replacing at the end of 2 years. Batteries for hall have just been replaced and should be ok until October 2028.

CHPC830/25– ADJOURNMENT FOR REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

Cllr Eaton queries if we ought to write to County Councillor in regards to attending any meetings. **The Chair confirms he will write to the Councillor.**

Cllr Whyman opens this part of the meeting.
Cllr Whyman below report has been circulated before the meeting.

Brief summary:

Cllr Whyman explains the details in relation to devolution progress, would be less councillors and could be a better performing authority. County Council and District Council would be redundant. Some uncertainty about how the split would work yet.

The government seems to like the idea of larger areas combined. Government would like to see more input from Town and Parish Councils.

The budget for Babergh managed to reduce by various means. Including less discretionary expenditure such as for dog bins and parking.

The Council has been shortlisted for local building control award for the second year running.

Cllr Eaton mentions that in previous meeting Cllr Whyman spoke about 5 year housing supply rather than 5 year land supply. Cllr Whyman explains the key thing from district is the interlink with council requirements into local plans. Councillors discuss the Part 1. John says that's why the meeting has been open to everyone so collective decision can be made. Suggests there needs to be grading with available sites in the area.

'District Councillor Report (January 2025)

Dear Councillors,

Happy New Year - I wish everyone a healthy and peaceful 2025...!

Shortly before Christmas BDC leader, Deborah Saw and Chief Executive, Arthur Charvonia, issued a joint e mail to town and Parish Councils providing an update on the governments, recently published, Devolution White Paper, the new National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and our own budget setting process. Its worth a read if you have the time and inclination.

Firstly, on the Devolution White Paper, you may remember, in my December report, I alluded to the potential changes in local government structure and the UK Gov. desire for Unitary authorities and regional Mayor's. I'm generally positive towards structural change providing we create real efficiencies within the system, but not at the price of distancing ourselves from communities along with the loss of genuine 'local democracy' – this is, and remains, a very important 'right' for community residents. Take Capel St Mary as an example. We have one district councillor (me...!) I will stand or fall on the level of my performance as the communities elected 'local government' representative. I'm sure everyone will have a view but that remains, very much, a community driven choice. My concern, which is echoed by many, is that in our desire to create efficacy of elected members and reduce costs, we will lose our ability to make good and well-informed electoral choices. This was brought home to me, before Christmas, when listening to a briefing on the potential structures and being advised there will be no further district council elections. So, whatever the outcome of the debate, I will be the last district councillor Capel St Mary ever elects! Quite an impactful thought...! On the matter of the County Council elections due to be held in May this year. There is a 50% + expectation Suffolk County Council will defer/cancel them. I suspect we will know within the next 4/6 weeks. BDC will be proposing a date for a town & parish liaison meeting shortly to discuss 'devo' along with the changes to the NPPF with members to inform and obtain your views.

BDC budgeting for 25/26. Finance officers and our cabinet member for Finance & Assets, John Ward, have been working very hard since the release of the governments 'Local Government Funding Settlement'. We have reduced our budgetary gap to around £375,000 from £1.2m by a combination of savings on job roles by combining and deferring recruitments along with the reductions in discounts on discretionary activities.

Some good news – Our building control team had been shortlisted for the national Local Authority Building Control Team of the Year award by the LABC Building Excellence Council for the second

year running. We also hosted two events keeping local building industry business's up to date with the latest regulations and celebrating best building practice across the district.

Brockley Woods – We need to remain mindful that this application remains in the background, but must not be forgotten by us. I suspect the application will now be heard in February at the next meeting of SCC Development Committee. We must continue to push back hard against this potential imposition upon the local communities and our already overloaded road infrastructure. I continue to urge members to scrutinise the terms of the application and respond to the consultation if you can.

Babergh Notes

Babergh planning committee met on 11th December to consider an application for approval of Reserved Matters for phase 3 of the Chilton Woods development relating to the construction of 149 homes. The application sought to set out the appearance, scale and layout of the homes. The application was recommended for approval which was validated by committee members.

The BDC Overview and Scrutiny committee met on the 16th December where we scrutinised the councils 2025/26 Draft General Fund Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) along with the Review of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) 2025/26 Draft Budget and 30 Year Business Plan. The paper was presented by Cllr John Ward the Cabinet Member for Finance, Assets and Investments. The Council faces a challenging financial environment, but as I said earlier in my report much work has been done to reduce the budget gap on the general fund to create a balanced budget with minimal input from reserves. BDC revenue budget continues to benefit from significant positive investment yield input from our wholly owned property business, CIFCO Holdings Ltd.

As ever, I remain open to any members who would like to be briefed on specific anonymised examples of the council's work, in this area, please let me know. These meetings are also open to both parish councillors and members of the public wishing to attend either in person or online.

District Councillor Resident Surgeries

My regular meeting opportunity for residents in the library will be Tuesday 14th January 9.30 – 11.00am. The forward date for next month will be Tuesday 11th February 9.30 – 11.00am. No appointment is necessary, but if residents need more of a confidential chat, please let them know beforehand so I can arrange some privacy. I'm also available 'on demand' at the PC office in conjunction with Julie.

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

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Members of public.

The Chair opened the public meeting.

No comments from public.

Public meeting closed.

CHPC831/25-PLANNING

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

Granted

DC/24/04897

[Foxhaven \(Formerly Known As Pear Tree Cottage\), Silver Hill, Hintlesham, Ipswich Suffolk IP8 3NJ](#)

The Chair introduces the planning and confirms this has been granted.

CHPC832/25– CIL UPDATE

Items for CIL projects:

1. Village gates – the supplier is looking to be deliver next week. Gates will come flat packed. Cllr Bryce offers to help with assembling if required.
2. 2 additional VAS – no update on these as of yet.

CHPC833/25- PPP UPDATE

Cllr Bates opens this part of the meeting

Confirms have got boards for the , thanks everyone who has offered to volunteer.

Meeting is happening this Saturday – everyone

Need to apply for the grant for council. Clerk to get the login and apply online.

Confirms working party consists of 2 councillors and three members of public.

CHPC834/25– DRAFT PRECEPT BUDGET 2025/26

Cllrs discuss the budget circulated around.

Cllr Archer proposes and Cllr Coupland seconds.

All in agreement of the proposed budget.

CHPC835/25– CHANGE IF COUNCIL NAME

Chair suggests to use Hintlesham and Chattisham Parish Council as official name. All present in agreement.

CHPC836/25– FINANCE

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

Hall Lunch – hall hire	£150.00
Village Link	£777.00
Air Ambulance donation	£100.00
Clerks Salary & Expenses	£195.78
Jubilee Clips to mount the VAS signs	£15.99

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

CHPC837/25– REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS

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

Cllr Bryce states that at policeman’s corner, the roadway is getting worse and worse. Chair says sent one of the pictures to Cllr Hudson. Mentions flooding at the end of Elmsett road that used to flood regularly, it may have been sorted.

Cllr Cox confirms that hopefully will get new bus timetables sent soon. Beestons buses do not apply the price cap.

Cllr Whyman mentions another road traffic incident outside his house.

Cllrs discuss local road accidents and if anyone has any record of all accidents. Suggestion is put forward that if someone sees anything to email to Cllr Archer, to collate the data. There is an email address for it already.

Cllr Martin says some minor footpath issues have come up. Has reported one across the stream going past the rectory. Will monitor as not hazardous yet. Reported footpath 13, there is an area that gets flooded and gets dangerous. Reads out report in response to the issue. Seems there is no funding in place at the moment to rectify.

Mentions another concerning footpath behind the forge garage. The water gets collected there naturally.

Fallen tree was reported on footpath 50 – this goes onto RSPB wood, and this has been sorted now. Mentioned subsidence he raised in previous meetings. Has reported it again.

The Chair says he has sent everyone a note on thermal imaging. Parish Council have booked it for 2 weeks in March to use it. Will put notice out to public that will have Chairs contact details Explains the basics of the test, it is about 20 minutes per house and shows different temperature gradients.

Discussion about uploading items on the website. And how it will work with the new website.

CHPC837/25 - CORRESPONDENCE RECIEVED

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

CHPC838/25– ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- Neighbourhood Plan update – outstanding
- New website
- CIL - outstanding

CHPC825/24- DATE OF NEXT MEETING

13th February 2025

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20:42 PM.