

CHENIES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 7 September 2016

Present: Mr D Le Neve Foster *Chairman*
Mr C Macleod Matthews
Mr D Martin
Mr M Walker

Cllr Noel Brown, BCC

In attendance: Mrs K Le Neve Foster *Clerk*

Members of the public: None

1 Apologies

Received from Mrs G Leaper, Cllr A Garth, and Mr P Waite.

2 Democratic Quarter Hour

No members of public present.

3 Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 July 2016

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 July 2016 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4 Matters arising from Minutes

- 30mph de-restriction signs at SE end of Village Road: this has been submitted to the LAF as a funding proposal, under the heading of road safety.
- Trees on Village Green: DF and MW inspected the relevant trees. It was thought there was no pressing need for major tree surgery, although one or two lower branches might be trimmed which could be done by volunteers. **Action DF/MW**
- Bus shelter: work currently in progress.
- Broadband: nothing new to report.
- Milestone: work now completed. DF to inspect before payment. Cost to be recovered from BCC as agreed. It will be delivered by Gommès Forge and a working party will be needed to re-install it. **Action DF**

5 Finance

Balance at 06.07.16				6,840.83
Receipts:	Nil			
Outgoings:	Affinity Water	Tap on Green	16.28	
	Chiltern Society	Annual sub	30.00	
	Bedford Estates	Village Green rent	1.00	
	Gommès Forge	Milestone repair	<u>624.00</u>	
			671.28	
Balance at 07.09.16				<u>6,169.55</u>

Audit

The Clerk said there had been a small error on the audit submission which has now been corrected. The audited return form was still awaited.

Charity giving

Another request had been received from Dial-a-Ride. It was agreed to write saying that the PC had made a donation earlier in the year and would not consider another at the present time. In the meantime it was hoped they would promote their service more actively around the parish.

Action Clerk

6 Planning

New applications since last meeting:

CH/2016/0825/FA	The Old Farmhouse, Farm Rd, C'wood Hydrotherapy pool and sun room	No objs provided approved by Hist Bldgs Officer
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Pending:

CH/2016/1095/FA	Gt Green St Farm	Conversion of cartshed etc
CH/2016/0672/OA	Land W of Stony Lane – development of 201 dwellings (access only).	

Decided:

CH/2016/1046/TP	Chenies Place	Removal of cypresses	No TPO made
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Appeals:

CH/2016/0399/FA	3 The Barns, Gt Green St Farm – single garage	Allowed
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Local Plan

It was noted that the Green Belt Review No 2 would shortly be available online. Cllr Andrew Garth will be asked for an update. It is believed there is to be a meeting for Parish Councillors in Amersham in October.

7 Footpaths

- BW57 (towards Baldwin's Wood): the Clerk has left messages but has had no response so far. To be followed up. **Action Clerk**

- Various signs need attention **Action DF/Clerk**

8 Traffic/Highway Matters

Matters raised at last meeting which have been reported (again) to TfB and will be monitored:

- The eroded road surface on the lane to Flaunden
- Chevron at top of village Green: still missing
- White lining
- Flooding: on Village Road near SE exit to A404
- The VAS at Latimer crossroads is not working.
- Cyclists: DF has written to various cycling organizations about cyclists speeding and leaving litter.
- DF is to meet Rosie Taylor, the new Customer and Compliance Officer for this area at TfB on 15 September to discuss moving 30mph signs, parking on the Greensward and all outstanding Highways matters. **Action DF**
- Cllr Brown suggested getting together with other parishes to share the cost of a vehicle activated sign.

9 Reports

Local Area Forum: GL not present at the PC meeting. Minutes of the LAF meetings are available at <https://democracy.buckscc.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeeld=641>

10 Best Kept Village Competition

The Clerk advised that Chenies had gained 80/100 points and had been awarded a Certificate of Merit. The judges' comments were very complimentary and these and the scores will be circulated to the village by email. **Action Clerk**

11 Any Other Relevant Business

- Unitary authorities: representatives from BCC have asked to attend the PC meeting in November to talk to Chenies PC – this might be extended to include representatives from one or two other local small PCs with similar issues.
- Ragwort in field adjacent to Village Road/A404: this has now been sprayed.
- Affinity Water: a new water main is to be installed in Chenies towards the end of this year. The Clerk will obtain full details and timing and advise the village. **Action Clerk**
- Litter bin on Village Green: a new larger bin has been requested. The Clerk to chase. **Action Clerk**
- DF advised that the Village Green was officially registered as common land and is therefore covered by a management scheme administered by CDC. He also suggested that some new No Parking signs be placed on the Green. There are also Byelaws dating from 1985 which might be placed in the bus shelter. **Action DF**
- Greensward: many years ago when the PC took over the grasscutting of this area a financial contribution was made by CDC. This has not happened for many years. **Action Clerk**
- It was suggested that the noticeboard in the bus shelter should be replaced. The Clerk will research possibilities. **Action Clerk**
- Emergency Plan: this has not been reviewed for many years and needs updating. **Action Clerk**
- It was noted that Peter Waite would be taking over as Clerk shortly. Thanks were expressed to Kathryn for her work over the last twelve years.

12 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Chenies Parish Council will be on **Wednesday 2 November 2016**, in the Sun Room at the Chenies Baptist Chapel.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm.