

CHUTE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5th JSEPTEMBER 2019

Present: Cllr D Hughes, Cllr Taylor, Cllr D Merritt, Cllr M Hopton & Cllr Dawson.

In attendance: Mrs H Bourner – Clerk
Wiltshire Councillor Ian Blair-Pilling
15 members of the public

1) Apologies for Absence

Cllr J Parr & Cllr Foxen.

2) Declarations of Interest

Cllr Hopton declared an interest in a planning application at her property and took no part in discussions regarding the application.

3) Public Participation

All public participation was regarding planning and is recorded in that section.

4) Minutes

Resolved: Cllr Hughes proposed the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd July were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Hopton.

5) Matters Arising

i) Edges of Chute Cadley Village Green

The Clerk reported that she had approached two contractors for quotes to install simple wooden posts around the edges of Chute Cadley Village Green, similar to those around the green at St Nicholas Church, and also to remove the posts and kerb stones dotted around the site. She said this work was really a job for the autumn when the ground was softer. One quote had been received, the second was awaited. To be reviewed at the next meeting

ii) Parish Council website

Cllr Hughes confirmed he had discussed the website with the Chairman of Chute Forest parish Council. He has confirmed the domain name of the site will be transferred to the ownership of Chute Forest Parish Council. They have no desire to create a new site so The Clerk was asked to proceed and put all necessary documents on the current site now she has access. Cllr Hopton said she was still unable to see the website on a tablet. The Clerk will have further discussions with Chute Forest Parish Council Clerk about this and all councillors having dedicated e-mail addresses.

iii) Move defibrillator from Cross Keys

Cllr Dawson confirmed he had spoken to a local electrician who is willing to move the machine. He will now seek permission from the Moores to access the property.

iv) KGPF Constitution

Cllr Hughes had explained to the Chairman of Chute Forest Parish Council why the constitution needed to be updated. This will be discussed at the next Chute Forest Parish Council meeting and if agreed adopted by both Parish Councils. The Chairman of CFPC will also discuss the changes with Cllr Parr.

vi) Parking issues in village

Inappropriate parking around the village and in particular on Parish Council owned Village greens has been subject to much discussion. The Clerk has researched and circulated information from the Open Spaces Society. It was agreed when vehicles were seen parked in this manner the owners would be identified, including companies in the case of commercial vehicles, and contacted to ask them to refrain from doing so. The local PCSO and DVLA would be contacted if necessary. It still remained an option for the Parish Council to install posts around the green spaces to prevent such parking.

6) Specific Reports

Highways- It was noted that some roads had received a treatment of top dressing however not roads which were considered to be in a poor state of repair.

Footpaths- Cllr Foxen was not present.

King George playing Fields – Cllr Dawson - nothing to report

Village Hall- Cllr Hopton confirmed the hall has been decorated and that the various fundraising initiatives continued.

Allotments- Cllr Taylor confirmed the new fence and gates had been fitted. An issue had arisen at the time of fitting when a nearby resident complained the fence was being fitted on land not owned by the Parish Council. Cllr Taylor confirmed the new fence and gates had simply been installed in the same place as the old fencing. The Clerk confirmed the allotments land was legally owned by the Parish Council and that she would write to the resident reassuring them there had been no encroachment on land owned by others. The Clerk was also asked to write to the contractor thanking him for the work carried out.

Parish Steward Visits

The Clerk said she has now made contact with the parish steward and established that areas of concern should be reported online. Monthly visits will see general strimming of verges around road signs and clearing of gullies etc.

7) Set up working group re new VDS

Cllr Hughes said he had discussed upgrading the Village Design Statement with the Chairman of Chute Forest Parish Council. The initiative will be discussed at their next meeting and a representative appointed. Cllr Hopton will be the representative from Chute Parish Council and she has already been giving some thought to which members of the Parish might be asked to help with the project. She will circulate the information she has gathered so far.

8) Review Allotment Agreement

Cllr Taylor and the Clerk will work on a new agreement to present to the Parish Council at the next meeting.

9) GDPR

The Clerk confirmed she had researched this matter and established that the Parish Council should have a data protection policy, subscribe to the Information Commissioners, publish a privacy notice and all councillors must complete consent notices regarding the publication of their personal information. A policy document had been prepared and circulated and all agreed this should be adopted and posted to the website. It was also agreed that the Parish Council should register with the Information Commissioner. The Clerk will action. All Councillors were given consent notices to complete and bring to the next meeting.

10 Finance

The bank balance as 28/08/19 was as follows:
Lloyds £8964.43

The financial statement to 28/08/19 was reviewed. Cllr Hughes proposed this be accepted which was seconded by Cllr Taylor. All agreed.

Payments

Resolved: that the following payments be approved and cheques signed:

H Bourner salary	£225.33
H Bourner exp.	£74.45
HMRC	£56.33
S Withers	£800.00

The Clerk provided forms to set up standing orders for regular payments. These were signed by Cllr Hughes.

11) County Councillors Report.

Wiltshire Councillor Ian Blair-Pilling reported that the gritting program has been decided and the request for gritting to happen to Conholt Hill which crosses county borders is not part of the program. He explained all routes are circular and anything that is not will only be carried out on priority routes and this is not considered as such. A grit bin could be installed at the bottom and top of the hill, and the Parish Council could also ask for extra bags which could be distributed locally possibly by a farmer. Routes will be reviewed but Cllr Blair-Pilling felt it was unlikely to make a difference to Chute however if there is a prolonged icy or snowy spell the hill would be gritted. Cllr Hughes therefore asked for the two additional grit bins to be installed and extra grit made available.

Cllr Blair- Pilling also confirmed that work to the new Wiltshire Council website was progressing. This will become a very easy to use site to report issues arising. It is hoped it will be live by the end of October.

12) Police Report

The Clerk confirmed the police had been invited to attend but had not received a response or a report to share

12) Planning

The following decisions by Wiltshire Council were noted: None

Resolved: that the Parish Council decisions on the following applications were endorsed:

Thicket Cottage 19/06565/FUL- objection sent, now formally refused

19/07019/FUL 3 Tolley Cottage, Chute Cadley – no objection

19/07261/TCA tree works. The Old Dovecote, Upper Chute – no objection

19/07595/LBC 3 Courtyard Cottage, Conholt – no objection

19/07844/TCA- fell holly tree Shepherds Cottage, Upper Chute – no objection

19/07856/TCA Tree works Sycamore, Upper Chute - no objection

19/00644/FUL conversion of farm buildings to holiday accommodation (repeat application) – no objection

19/07788/TCA tree works Quince Cottage – no objection

19/07460/FUL- Lower House Farm-

Cllr Hughes outlined the history of previous applications at Lower House Farm the most recent of which was refused in accordance with CP 58 & 59 regarding Heritage Development. The architect acting believed all the items that formed part of the refusal had now been dealt with in the current application. Cllr Hughes said he was aware that many residents were against the development and that any objection raised needs to contain good evidence which relates directly to planning legislation. He felt that CP58 was still a valid reason to object but invited the public to put forward their views.

Objections included:-

The application contained untruths, the buildings were not demolished they collapsed as they were not kept in a good state of repair, but surveys had not been correctly carried out, and there had been offers to purchase the land.

The proposal contradicts the guidance of Wiltshire Council which states small villages development will be limited to infill within the existing built area.

The application is in direct conflict with the Village Design Statement.

Amenities in the village cannot support further development, there is no benefit to the community IE no employment opportunities will arise

The increase in housing will significantly consolidate what is a loose knit area.

This development will significantly increase road use and increase the possibility of accidents.

Cllr Hughes said that he accepted feelings were high and that the residents did not want the application to succeed however emotional arguments would stand no weight with a planning committee. Cllr Blair-Pilling confirmed a planning committee has to make a decision based on policies. Appeals against a committee decision could go to a planning inspector and a committee needs to be mindful of costs that could be incurred. In the previous refusal there were many reasons presented to the committee which were discussed but the actual reasons used were because of the impact and legal standing they held. Both Cllr Hughes and Cllr Blair-Pilling advised objectors to stick to the facts and to planning law, rather than making emotional appeals.

Further discussions, some heated, then followed and attempts to make personal comments were rejected by the Chairman.

Cllr Hughes suggested the Parish Council submit an objection to the application sighting S16 national planning framework, CP57 & CP58 regrading heritage assets and CP2 in respect of infill in a loose knit area. Cllr Hopton formally proposed this course of action which was seconded by Cllr Dawson. All were in favour. The Clerk was asked to submit the objection to Wiltshire Council without delay.

13) Attendance at events

None

14) Correspondence

None other than that reported regarding allotments.

15) Items for next meeting

Allotments agreements

Cross Keys presentation on 7th Sep- PCs will try to attend-public meeting will follow

Road safety signs

Road safety upper Chute, safety rail at bottom of track from Tibbs to Butts Hill

AOB

11) Date of next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 7.30 pm on Thursday 10th October 2019.