

CHALGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear Councillor,
THE NEXT MEETING OF CHALGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON
TUESDAY, JANUARY 20th, 2015 at 7.30pm AT CHALGRAVE MEMORIAL HALL.

Lesley Smith, Clerk to the Council

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
2. SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
3. OPEN FORUM
4. TO AMEND AND SIGN MINUTES OF DECEMBER 16th, 2014 MEETING
5. REPORT FROM ALL SAINTS CHURCH, CHALGRAVE
6. POLICE MATTERS
7. REPORT from WARD COUNCILLOR MARK VERSALLION
8. MATTERS ARISING FROM DECEMBER 16th, 2014 MINUTES
9. POINTS RAISED from NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2014 CORRESPONDENCE
10. DECEMBER 2014/JANUARY 2015 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED
11. ACCOUNTS-a) Cheques for Signature
12. TO DISCUSS CLERK'S SALARY
13. TO DISCUSS HIGHWAYS ISSUES
14. TO DISCUSS COMPUTER RECYCLING by TECH RECYCLE
15. COMMITTEE REPORTS
16. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA
17. TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

MINUTES of the Meeting of Chalgrave Parish Council held on Tuesday, December 16th, 2014 at Chalgrave Memorial Hall, Tebworth at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr. K. Green; Cllr. D. Hampson; Cllr D. Osborn; Cllr. R. Mence; Cllr P. Parry (Chairman); Cllr. M. Wells; Cllr. P. Whitton; Mrs. L. Smith-Clerk.

Also present: Ward Cllr. M. Versallion; Mr. S. Calder; PCSO C. Young; PCSO D Dodkins.

Public present: 0

Committees

Planning	Cllr Hampson-Chair 877149	Cllr Osborn 0776862150	
Footpaths	Cllr Green-Chair 874107		
Website	Cllr Green 874107	Cllr Wells 877098	Mr S Gatward
Traffic Calming	Cllr Wells 877098		

Responsibilities

Cllr Mence	Parish Plan	Street lights	Buses	874516
Cllr Osborn	Highways liaison	Grass cutting	Police Liaison	07768621850
Cllr Parry	Highways liaison			07831605600
Cllr Whitton	Fly tipping			07808174843

1. APOLOGIES

None.

2. SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the November 18th, 2014 meeting were approved by the council and signed as correct by the chairman.

4. REPORT FROM ALL SAINTS CHURCH, CHALGRAVE-Mr S. Calder

- a) **Accounts.** Projected income for this year is expected to be £28,693. Expected expenditure for the year is £28,345, providing a surplus of £348.
- b) **Pollarded Trees.** 20 chestnut trees were pollarded in April to protect the church building from damage. The church also wants to trim all the trees around the graves before budding begins.
- c) **Vestry.** There are plans to move the vestry to above where it is now. The current vestry will become a disabled toilet. Building work should have minimal disruption to the building.
- d) **Events.**
 - i. Bedfordshire Police Choir: 30 people attended. £200 was raised for the church
 - ii. Cheese and Wine Evening: 24 people attended. £160 was raised.

Upcoming events include the Crib Service on Christmas Eve, Carols by Candlelight on December 20th. In January representatives of the church meet with a specialist from the St Albans team to discuss how to increase income. It also offers the opportunity to increase St Albans awareness of the efforts being made to keep the church a living church.

5. POLICE MATTERS

Crime figures: October 1st-December 1st, 2014

Crime Type	No:	Date & Time	Location	Details
Criminal damage	1	20/10/14- 21/10/14	Tebworth Rd, Wingfield	Offenders smashed through a metal gate, chased and hit 5 sheep causing

				broken legs and ultimately death. No witnesses. No scope for SOCO
Criminal damage	1	18/11/14; between 17.10 & 17.18	Field on Hockliffe Rd, Tebworth	Offenders smashed field gates, hit and killed a cow. Offender entered a 2 nd vehicle after abandoning his and made off through the smashed gates
Domestic burglary	1	13/10/14 between 00.00 & 06.45	Tebworth Rd, Wingfield	Offender forced electric gates of property and searched a vehicle in garage. \$200+ were taken from a room in the house. No CCTV, no witnesses. SOCO actioned.
Other theft	1	Between 3/11/14 & 7/11/14	Chalgrave Rd.	Bird scarer removed. No witnesses. No scope for SOCO

With reference to the Hockliffe Road incident Cllr Parry commented that it took the police 30 minutes to arrive at the scene and the officers were actually motorway police. PCSO Young said she would pass the comments on. It was **agreed** that Cllr Parry writes to the Police and Crime Commissioner regarding this incident
PP

6. REPORT FROM CLLR VERSALLION

Chalgrave Manor Solar Farm Planning Application will be determined by CBC Planning Committee on December 17th, 2014. Cllr Versallion said he was 'relaxed' about the application but would put forward the views of the PC. Cllr Parry reiterated the PC's concerns about loss of Green Belt, visibility and open land. The PC is also doubtful that the land will still be Green Belt in 25 years' time. He expressed the PC's disappointment with CBC for allowing Bedfordshire to be 'concreted over'. Cllr Versallion explained that LAs are obliged to find space for housing and CBC has to work within Government rules. Cllr Green mentioned CBC's recent 'Call for Sites' letter which included Green Belt land. This is on top of the 57% Green Belt that has been taken already and he personally does not feel that CBC is fighting to keep the Green Belt. Cllr Versallion commented that if CBC does not find room for housing speculative developers will. He feels it is wrong to use green field land when brown field and industrial roofs are available but this is not written in law and until such time CBC's hands are tied.

Cllr Parry asked if the Planning Committee could meet later in the day so that people who work could attend. Cllr Versallion replied that it was unlikely as the meetings sometimes last 6-7 hours.

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM NOVEMBER 18TH, 2014 MINUTES

- a) **Police Officer Numbers.** PCC Olly Martins has sent a letter of reply regarding police officer numbers. In correspondence.
- b) **800,000 Unreported Crimes.** The PC's letter to the PCC has been acknowledged. Ongoing.
- c) **Overgrown Trees; 23 Toddington Road, Tebworth.** CBC has given the owners 14 days from October 1st, 2014 to respond to the request for them to cut back the tree. Clerk to follow up with HW Technician. Ongoing.
Clerk
- d) **20mph through Flitton and Greenfield.** Cllr Wells will speak to one of his contacts on Flitton and Greenfield PC for information on how they achieved the limit.
MW
- e) **Tebworth Road, Wingfield.** Recent pipework has left the verge looking unsightly. HW is monitoring the situation. Cllr Wells will as well.
MW
- f) **Blind Summit; Toddington Road/Leighton Road.** The PC's request for Blind Summit signs has been passed on to the Transportation Team. Ongoing.

- g) **Defibrillator**. Cllr Mence has volunteered to be the main contact for the scheme. Cllr Mence will speak to the chairman of the Memorial Hall Committee about its siting. **RM**
- h) **Council Tax Support Grant (CTSG)**. Andrew Selous MP has forwarded a letter from CBC regarding CBC not passing down the CTSG to parish councils. In correspondence.
- i) **Dept. of Communities and Local Councils (DCLG)**. Cllr Parry has responded to the consultation on Planning and Travellers.
- j) **CBC; Land North of Luton & Sundon Rail Freight Interchange; Draft Framework Plan.** Due to unforeseen circumstances Cllr Green was unable to attend the public exhibition.
- k) **CBC; Salt Bag Scheme 2014/15.** A half tonne salt bag will be delivered this Thursday. Two bags are still in store.
- l) **Hockliffe Road.** The white lines have faded. The PC has learned that CBC has a policy of not replacing faded lines except where necessary e.g. on bends.
- m) **Gully Cleaning.** Gullies are only cleaned once every three years in line with CBC policy. The clerk will follow up with the HW Area Technician for additional cleaning. It was **agreed** to send the December 'Walkabout' spreadsheet to the residents of Parkview Lane. **Clerk**

8. POINTS RAISED on OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2014 CORRESPONDENCE

CBC; Local Transport Plan: Rural Match Funding Guidelines. Cllr Green commented that most money is spent on urban areas whilst issues in rural areas are not attended to. CBC has introduced a 'matched funding' scheme' whereby rural parishes contribute 50% towards repairs etc. which Cllr Green considers unfair. It was **agreed** to write to CBC accordingly. Cllr Green will draft the letter. **KG; Clerk**

9. NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2014 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- a) **CBC: Examination of Central Bedfordshire Development Strategy-Guidance Note December 2014.** Explanation of the Inspector's role and details and timetable of the examination hearings. First sessions begin on Tuesday February 3rd, 2015. In correspondence.
- b) **CBC: Allocations Local Plan-Call for Sites and Review of Designations.** CBC is inviting land owners including Town and Parish Councils, developers and other interested parties to put forward details of sites to be considered for residential development. This includes land within the Green Belt. Each site must be capable of delivering between 15-500 dwellings. In correspondence.
- c) **CBC: Green Infrastructure Funding.** Funding is available for green infrastructure projects. The projects must benefit new housing developments. In correspondence.
- d) **BCPC: MK Issues Consultation 2014.** BCPC has forwarded a letter to Milton Keynes Council from Richard Fox, Head of Development Planning and Housing Strategy CBC. Mr Fox expressed his concern that MK Council has plans to extend housing into Bedfordshire. Letter in correspondence.
- e) **Rural Services Network-Rural Services Manifesto.** The Manifesto focuses on 11 policy topics to be presented to the incoming government in May 2015. In correspondence.
- f) **BATPC:** Information evenings for Potential Parish Councillors are scheduled for early next year at various venues. In correspondence.
- g) **Voluntary and Community Action:** December 2014 issue with details of available funding. In correspondence.
- h) **Local Council Review:** Winter 2014 magazine in correspondence.

10. VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGNS

Cllr Whitton has received quotes from two companies for maintenance of the signs. He will try to obtain further quotes. Cllr Hampson will also investigate. Ongoing. **PW;**
DH

11. ACCOUNTS

Clerk's Salary. The PC approved the 2.2% pay rise recommended by NALC effective from January 1st, 2015.

12. PRECEPT

After discussion it was **agreed** to request a precept of £7,020. This will show as a 0.0% increase for Chalgrave Parish Council on the 2015/16 Council Tax Bill as the tax base has increased from 200 to 206.

Cler

13. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) **Traffic Calming.** No report this month.

b) **Planning**

- i. **Tebworth Pond.** Cllr Hampson has submitted the application for a grant from Biffa to refurbish the pond. Applications are currently oversubscribed so Cllr Hampson would like more letters from residents which might help the PC's application to be considered.

ii. **Planning Applications.**

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Proposal</u>	<u>CBC Decision</u>
CB/14/04051	Tilsworth Solar Farm	Construction of 20.3 MW solar farm.	Application withdrawn

c) **Highways**

No report this month.

d) **Website**

The new website address is www.chalgravepc.org.uk. The website should be operational by February 2015.

e) **Footpaths**

- i. At a recent Footpaths Committee meeting members were allocated a specific set of footpaths in order to report back to CBC and landowners about damage to stiles etc.
- ii. Strimmers will be handed back to CBC. Slashers will be requested instead.
- iii. In Spring the committee will discuss the idea of a Treasure Hunt in an effort to find younger volunteers.

14. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA

VAS servicing; Clerk's salary.

15. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, January 20th, 2015 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 20.44pm.

Signed by Chairman..... Dated.....