

CHEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7th SEPTEMBER 2011
AT 7:45pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL SIDE ROOM

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

174/11 ATENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Attendance:

Cllr Grant (Chairman)

Cllr Poll (Late arrival)

Cllr C Fee

Cllr Ayling

Cllr Hall

Cllr Jenkins

Cllr Bevan

S Purnell (Clerk)

DCllr Cashman (Late arrival)

4 members of the public.

Apologies

Cllr T Richards

PUBLIC FORUM

A resident reported on the Development Control Committee meeting held on Friday 2nd September to review the application from Cheddington Manor. Cllr Poll had attended on behalf of the Parish Council. The Committee deferred the decision pending a site visit which had taken place earlier in the week. A further Committee meeting would take place in a few weeks time to give a final decision. DCllr Cashman had attended the site visit.

175/11 REPORTS OF DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

This report was deferred until the arrival of DCllr Cashman.

176/11 REPORT FROM EMMA HUXLEY – SECRETARY OF FRIENDS OF IVINGHOE LIBRARY

This report was deferred due to late arrival.

177/11 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None.

178/11 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 3rd August 2011

It was then RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meetings and to authorise the Chairman to sign as a correct record.

179/11 CLERK'S REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING

170/11 St Giles Church had confirmed that they had no capital expenditure plans which might lead them to approach the Council in the next 12 months.

163/11 The comments from the Footpath Warden regarding the state of footpath 1 were forwarded to CCllr Avril Davies who acknowledged the comments but stated that there were still problems at the Pitstone end that would need addressing.

143/11 12) A suitable place had been chosen for the memorial bench for The Green and the Handyman would be fitting this shortly.

151/11 iii) The new bins for The Green had been delivered and the Handyman would be installing these shortly.

151/11 i) The safety surface at The Green had been repaired by Wicksteed.

160/11 6) The allotment holder of plot 22C had been served a notice to quit which would terminate the tenancy on 14 September. So far 18 tenants had renewed, 2 had given up their plots which meant that the waiting list had been extinguished.

160/11 The Clerk had received a response from TfB regarding the electric fence on Church Path. TfB representatives did not think this posed a threat but had recommended the relocation of the barbed wire fencing to the landowner. The barbed wire was now inside the fence.

180/11 CORRESPONDENCE, CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS AND NOTIFICATION OF MEETINGS:

1) Letter from John Bercow re Cheddington Ticket Office – The Clerk to send a reply requesting London Midland's intentions regarding the withdrawal of their proposals to close the ticket office

2) Letter from AVDC to confirm £200 funding for community engagement re Vale of Aylesbury Plan-noted

3) Consultation – National Planning Policy Framework simplification – comments by 5th October-circulate

4) Email forwarded from Pitstone Parish Council concerning Pitstone 3/Cheddington 1 Footpath-contact AVDC re dog bin at Cooks Wharf car park

5) Consultation – localizing support for Council Tax in England – comments by 5th October-circulate

6) Request from Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council for support in empowering parish and town councils to seek

- new planning guidance to apply to large planning application-circulate
- 7) Letter from AVDC requesting interest levels in a toolkit for Parishes wishing to organize sporting events to celebrate the Olympics – The Clerk to include in the newsletter
 - 8) Invitation from AVALC – ‘Obtaining Grants and Loans’ event – 22nd September, Winslow, 8pm-circulate
 - 9) Letter from AVDC – Review of Polling Districts and Places – circulate
 - 10) Email from Allotment Warden to request permission to apply to the Open Gardens Scheme for 24th June 2012-granted
 - 11) Minerals and Waste Core Strategy-circulate
 - 12) Letter from AVDC re Winter Maintenance/Salt bins-circulate
 - 13) Crime grant funding-noted

181/11 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

182/11 REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS

Housing for the Rural Elderly – Cllr Grant reported on the meeting held on 19th August with Jean Fox of Community Impact Bucks and Alan Hindley of Hastoe. An affordable housing scheme had been suggested by Jean and Alan but it was not thought a suitable scheme by members of the Council. Jean had suggested that Cheddington residents form a working group to research other options and Cllr Grant offered to approach one resident to discuss the idea. The Clerk was asked to draft a notice for the newsletter asking for working group volunteers following Cllr Grant’s approval.

Lighting – Cllr Fee reported that there had been some delay in obtaining the lights for this year’s final stage of lighting improvements.

Cycletta – The organisers had delivered letters to Cheddington residents detailing the forthcoming event. There was nothing further to report.

Youth Council - Cllr Ayling explained that the Council had not met over the holidays and were due to meeting next in the coming week. Cllr Ayling would discuss the option of young people playing football at the old allotments. It was felt that the cost of new posts would need to be justified by a level of commitment from the Youth Council to encourage football away from The Green.

(Cllr Poll joined the meeting)

183/11 REPORT FROM EMMA HUXLEY – SECRETARY OF FRIENDS OF IVINGHOE LIBRARY

Emma Huxley reported on the future of Ivinghoe Library and the service they wish to offer local residents since becoming a community library. The name will be changed to the Beacon Villages Community Library as investigations show that neighbouring villages do use the facility. Friends of Ivinghoe Library intend to approach Parish Councils for funding in the next financial year and annually from then on. The figure initially stated was £725 per annum per Parish Council. The Friends also wish to adapt the service to take into account the differing needs of the community and would welcome feedback. Full details can be found on their website www.ivinghoelibrary.worldpress.com or at the library.

(DCllr Cashman joined the meeting)

184/11 REPORTS OF DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

DCllr Cashman reported on early stage discussions to make £2.6m worth of savings (approximately 10%) through District Council staff and services etc.

With reference to the closure of Cheddington Station ticket office, DCllr Cashman had spoken to John Bercow’s secretary who had confirmed that there was no further news. The site visit to Cheddington Manor had taken place although DCllr Cashman was not at liberty to discuss it prior to the report being published.

185/11 VILLAGE HALL CONCERNS

There was currently nothing to report. The Allotment Warden had confirmed that all had been quiet over the recent weeks.

186/11 FOOTBALL ON THE GREEN

The Council agreed to encourage football away from The Green by providing either posts or a kicking wall at the old allotments and providing lighting and seating at the site. The Youth Council would be involved in discussions to encourage young people to use the new facilities instead of playing football on The Green. The alternative would involve an amendment to the byelaws which was considered a last resort.

187/11 PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

The inspection report from Wicksteed had been received and it was resolved to commission the work recommended for immediate action. Some discussion was held regarding the maintenance of the playground equipment and the Clerk was asked to draft a maintenance schedule to include annual replacement of shackles on the Yo Yo swing. The Clerk would also investigate the possibility of in-house minor repairs, training required to carry these out and insurance implications. An alternative inspection authority was also discussed and DCllr Cashman offered to supply details of those used by AVDC.

188/11 COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

Cllr Poll reported that at the PDA had been sent for testing and should be back the following week.

189/11 DEEDS AND LAND REGISTERING

Cllr Grant had reviewed the list of Cheddington Land owned and registered by the Parish Council. It was thought that 4 pieces of land remained unregistered and the Clerk was asked to obtain a quote for this work from the Solicitor. One parcel of land, possibly a grass verge, was not identified clearly in the deeds and would need to be researched further. The Clerk was asked to contact the History Society to see if they could identify it from the description.

190/11 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – INFILL HOUSING

In-fill housing in Cheddington was thought to be an inevitable part of its future growth. Any development of this kind would need to be assessed for suitability.

The Parish Council had been awarded £200 from Aylesbury Vale District Council to be spent towards engaging the community in decisions to be taken when considering Neighbourhood Planning. The Council resolved to hold a community event in the village hall on the 26th November (the Clerk to check availability) and to advertise this in the Cheddington Newsletter including the questions that need to be answered by the Parish Council. The Clerk was asked to bring this item to the October meeting.

191/11 REVIEW CASUAL LABOURER SCHEDULE OF TASKS

The extra duties previously carried out by Cllr Banister were added to the Casual Labourer's schedule of tasks. The Clerk was asked to review this with the Handyman.

192/11 VILLAGE WALK SUMMARY (APPENDIX 2)

The Clerk gave an update on the progress made so far on issues raised during the Village Walk. Items still outstanding included play bark weeding and top-up, ruts in verges at Barkham Close and Manor Road and repairs to footpath leading from Hillside to Goose Acre.

193/11 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) To consider the cost of wheelie bin stickers – The Clerk presented costs from Rush and Warwick - £82.00 for 100 and £146 for 200. This would be reviewed at the Finance meeting.
- b) Agree payments in accordance with financial report (Appendix 1) – approved

194/11 Planning Matters

a) To note planning applications

11/01637/AGN – Elsage Farm, erection of agricultural building for storage including hay, straw and silage (no objections)

11/01666/APP – 1 Church Hill, retention of garden shed (retrospective) (no objections) – Since registering a decision of 'no objection' the Parish Council had received a copy of a letter written by a resident objecting to this application. It stated that the building in question was much larger than a garden shed. After discussion, it was resolved to write to Development Control again to lodge an objection.

11/01682/AAD - Cheddington Combined School, installation of a 6m high pole with 1.2m x 1.9m flag

11/01732/APP – 25 Station Road, single storey rear extension

and decisions:

11/01163/APP - 13 New Street, demolition of attached garage and erection of part two storey, part first floor side extension - Permit

11/01637/AGN – Elsage Farm, erection of agricultural building for storage including hay, straw and silage – decision received since agenda posted of no objection.

Development Control Committee meeting held on 2nd September re **Cheddington Manor**-noted

195/11 REPORT ON URGENT MATTERS

A resident had reported 3 'pot holes' in the newly resurfaced High Street at the junction between Mentmore Road and Church Lane. The Clerk offered to report these to Transport for Bucks.

196/11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will take place on 5th October in the Village Hall side room. There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.00pm. Cllrs Fee and Hall gave their apologies for the October meeting.

Signed: Rob Grant
Chairman

Date: