

## CHILHAM PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Council Meeting held at Chilham Village Hall on 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2007 at 19.30

**Present:** Cllrs D.Kennett, R.Marsh, A.Ralph, M.Sansom, E.Taylor(Chairman), R.Taylor(Vice Chairman), M.Barbrook, Y.White

**Apologies:** Cllr J.Adams

**In Attendance:** Mr P.F.Wead (Tempy Clerk), Borough Cllr J.Marriott, 5 members of the public

#### **8/1 Minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> July,2007.**

These Minutes were amended with regard to the Village Report for Old Wives Lees. "Cllr Marsh reported that he had received a request to move the Football Goal Posts on Latin Field. It was agreed that Cllrs Marsh and White investigate and report also on the proposal raised by a member of the public from Old Wives Lees to create space for an additional Basketball Net."

The Minutes were then signed as a true record.

#### **8/2 Matters arising from the Minutes.**

Pact Meeting

A special Parish Council Meeting has been arranged for 7pm 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2007 in the Small Village Hall. WPC Barney will explain the initiative.

Old Wives Lees Play Area – Repair to Wetpour Area

Playdale have completed their inspection and are contacting their Wetpour contractor regarding completing repairs under guarantee.

Donation to Ashford and Tenderden C.A.B.

£50 was voted to go to this initiative. Donation to go with proviso that explanation of how the money is spent is forthcoming.

Councillors Useful Information Sheet

A4 Sheet passed to all Councillors

Hedges

Clerk to pursue collection of information on Land Owners, some can be obtained by using local knowledge.

Verge Trimming

Still awaiting more details from ABC

Road Closures

Clerk to pursue for reply

Lorry damaging fence in Mountain Street/Hambrook Lane

Clerk to pursue for reply

Street Lighting in Felborough Close Car Park  
Kent Highways raising issue with ABC who are responsible for lighting.

Missmatched Tarmac at bottom of School Hill  
Chased by Clerk but no written information yet. However at the meeting it has been noticed that chalk/markings paint numbers has appeared on the mismatched tarmac.

### **8/3 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of Interest

### **8/4 Planning.**

#### **Decisions received from Ashford:-**

07/0808/AS 1, Shrimpton Close, Chilham

Restrictive application for Porch/Conservatory at rear of House

**GRANTED**

07/00921/AS 1, Cork Farm Cottages, Long Hill, Chilham.

Replacement Garage

**GRANTED WITH CONDITIONS**

#### **Applications Considered:-**

07/00109/AS The Barn, The Street, Chilham

to fell one Monterey Cypress – Golden (T1)

Tree Warden consulted

**SUPPORT**

07/01309/AS

Hawley Cottage, Selling Road, Old Wives Lees

Demolition of existing dwelling and garage and erection of replacement dwelling and detached garage

**SUPPORT**

### **8/5 Finance**

In absence of the Clerk the Chairman gave the financial report. On completion queries were raised concerning the cost of the Table Tennis table for OWL. The figures will be adjusted. £2200.00 was voted to transfer to cover current payments.

The following payments were agreed:

911 KCC	Youth Club	£395.40
912 John Russell	Maintenance	£1233.88
913 Clerk	Salary	£324.68
914 Clerk	Expenses	£103.42
915G.Davies	Street Cleaning	£145.00
916 T.Reed	Donation	£10.00
917 Capability Gray	Grass Cutting	<u>£75.00</u>
		<u>£2278.38</u>

A request was made for the Financial Statement to be available before the Meeting. The Chairman said that this would be possible for Councillors on the NET but he would speak to the Clerk on his return from holiday to see if this could be arranged.

### **8/6 Highways**

#### Chilham Square

A report from Cllr Adams was discussed with reference to Chilham Square. It was felt that a temporary solution might be possible with meetings with Graham White/Andy Corcoran. A long term solution might lay with the Company formed to take forward the report on the Square following public consultation and the conclusions drawn. Borough Councillor J.Marriott stated her interest to be in attendance and also involve Martin Burch.

#### Missing/Damaged signs.

Councillors have been in touch with Jenny Wickenden over this issue. No money is available for the replacement or repair of missing or damaged signs . Records should be kept of missing/damaged signs and a possible solution could be if missing /damaged signs contributed to an accident, the Highway Authority responsible could find itself liable, especially if the Parish Council had brought the offending sign to their knowledge.

#### Graffiti

Councillors advised to contact the Community Warden who is in contact with Grime Busters in Ashford.

#### Byway AE28

Cllr Ralph stated that repairs to the ruts etc have been completed.

#### Hedges

A number of Councillors complained about the state of hedges overhanging footpaths, verges and sight lines at junctions. Some hedgecutting has taken place but concern was expressed at the junction of the slip road from the bottom of Long Hill on to the A252 especially at present with Mulberry Hill being closed for Gas Works. Also of concern was the junction of Church Hill with the A252.

#### Junction of Bowerland Lane / Pilgrims Lane with A28

Extreme concern was expressed about the junction of Bowerland Lane/Pilgrims Lane with the A28. Opinions were expressed about the possibility of making Bowerland Lane one way only at the junction with the A28 but that Pilgrims Lane remains Two Way. Situations at all these junctions to be monitored.

### **8/7 Meetings**

#### Parish Forum

Cllr Ralph gave a report on the Parish Forum meeting.

#### KAPC

Cllr R.Taylor reported on a meeting attended with the Borough Councillor who explained more on Urban Parishes and the Community Forum.

#### Chilham Nursing Association

Cllr Kennett reported on a meeting of the above organisation and presented a copy of the current accounts.

#### Sites for Social Housing

Cllr Barbrook reported on a tour of the Parish together with other Councillors and a gentleman from the Social Housing organisation to try and identify possible sites for possible housing development.

#### OWL Fete

Cllr R.Taylor reported on the successful Fete held at OWL on 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2007 and a profit of £200.

#### Communications Committee meeting

It was agreed that this item should be put on the Agenda as a separate item for the September Parish Council meeting.

#### OWL Basketball

Cllr White reported on discussion with the Bell family . It was agreed that estimates be obtained for the installation of a second Basketball net.

#### Mid Kent Exhibition

Cllr R.Taylor reported on the exhibition put on by Mid Kent Water to illustrate the new water main to be laid between Howfield and Chilham.

#### Tele Care/Lifeline.

Cllr R.Taylor reported on his visit to this facility.

#### Code of Conduct

Cllr Adams gave a written report on the Code of Conduct training she had attended. No decision was taken on the way forward on this item.

### **8/8 Village Reports**

There were no reports from Shottenden, Old Wives Lees and Chilham.

### **8/9 Correspondence**

#### 8/1 Extra Dog Bins

Referred back to Cllr Adams to identify locations/needs before any decision is made

#### 8/4 English Rural Housing

To be passed to Cllr Adams

#### 8/8 ABC Standards Committee

One copy passed to Chairman

#### 8/11 KAPC Ashford Area- Flooding in Ashford

To be passed to the Emergency Committee

8/12 ABC Parish maintained Bus Shelters  
Clerk to reply with details of Parish Bus Shelters

8/15 ABC Recruitment of rural canvassers  
Actioned by Clerk

8/16 KAPC Ashford Area concurrent grants  
No decision taken by Parish Council at this meeting

**8/10 Date of next meeting**

6th September, 2007 Old Wives Lees Village Hall  
715 for 730