

CHILHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at Old Wives Lees Village Hall on 1st April, 2010 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs D.Kennett, R.Marsh, A.Ralph, E.Taylor, R.Taylor (Chairman), I Walker, Y.White

Apologies: Cllrs J.Adams, M.Sansom

In Attendance: Mr G Dear (Clerk), 2 members of the public

At the start of the meeting the Eileen Law, ABC dog warden, introduced herself to councillors explaining that with the existing dog warden, Colin Leek, they could now cover from 7am to 6pm.

4/1 Minutes of the meeting held on 4th March 2010

The minutes were signed as a true record with the following correction:

3/4 Planning – Cllr E Taylor was voted onto the Planning Committee

4/2 Matters arising from the Minutes

(3/2) Old Wives Lees

Dog fouling signs were available at £10 each from ABC.

The clerk had ordered 2 signs.

The clerk had contacted 2 local firms requesting quotes for bollards to protect the repaired car park fencing. It was decided to pursue the option of kerb stones.

The clerk had obtained a second quote on this basis and both quotes would be considered under Finance.

(3/4) Planning.

ABC had advised that a recent application for lawful development certificate had not been received due to an oversight.

(3/7) Bollard on AE36 byway:

The clerk had contacted Anthony Perrett and thanked him for his persistence in helping to get this issue resolved.

(3/7) Junction of Church Hill with A252

The clerk had contacted KHS and requested a road sweeper to clear the mud following the heavy rain.

(3/7) Footway at Beaney's Lane

The clerk had liaised with Boro Cllr Marriott regarding the reinstatement of the footway and Cllr Marriott had agreed to advise when there was an update adding that whilst the new tenant knows the matter has to be addressed ABC will not expect immediate action.

(3/7) Junction of Soleshill Road with A252

Cllr Walker had provided the clerk with information regarding the drainage problems and the danger this was causing and the issue had been raised with Kent Highways

(3/7) Water Lane, Shottenden

Cllr Walker had provided the clerk with information regarding the drainage works carried out at Water Lane and an explanation had been provided by Kent Highways.

(3/9) Chilham

A resident had reported that a fence on the boundary between the pathway from Felborough Close into the churchyard and the Old Vicarage had fallen over and was obstructing the path. The clerk had identified that the fence was the responsibility of ABC and had requested a repair.

(3/10) ABC - Ashford Borough Council community survey

The clerk had advertised on noticeboards

(3/10) Paul Green – via our website feedback form – information about request re bird of prey display team

The clerk had forwarded the request to the school, the church (for the flower festival), OWL village hall (for their fete) and Enjoy Chilham

(3/10) ABC – Shrimpton Close Local Needs Housing – suggestions on how to encourage applications

The clerk had put a piece in Parish News, local press, PC website and put a notice on noticeboards.

4/3 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Ralph declared an interest in planning applications 10/00115/AS & 10/00157/AS and did not vote.

4/4 Planning.

Decisions received from Ashford

Application No. 09/01563/AS

Stowe Cottage, Cobbs Hill, Old Wives Lees

Construction of single outbuilding to replace existing outbuildings for use as tractor & implement store, housing for animals/poultry and feed store

WITHDRAWN

Application No. 09/01567/AS

St Hedwige, Cobbs Hill, Old Wives Lees

Alterations to include removal of front flat roof dormer, replaced with 3 x pitched dormers & new larger flat roof dormer to rear

GRANTED

Application No. 10/00036/AS

Hambrook Lodge, Hambrook Lane, Chilham

Replacement of single dwelling, including demolition of existing bungalow and existing detached garage (revised scheme)

GRANTED

Application No. 10/00107/AS
Bowerland House, Pilgrims Lane, Chilham
Proposed two storey front extension
GRANTED

Other decisions received from Ashford

Ref. CO/10/00091
Rivendell, Selling Road, Old Wives Lees
Acknowledgement of communication re alleged wooden chalet in ground of Rivendell

Ref. Unsafe Cherry Tree
Hatfields, Hambrook Lane, Chilham
Confirmation that removal of dead cherry tree does not require formal notification.

Applications Considered

The planning committee had reviewed each application prior to the meeting and presented their recommendations to the meeting. The resulting decisions are listed below.

Application No. 09/01522/AS & 09/01523/AS
Old Vicarage, Church Hill, Chilham
Proposed conversion and extension of stables/outbuildings adjacent to The Old Vicarage, for ancillary accommodation
SUPPORT

Application No. 10/00047/AS
Rosecroft, Selling Road, Old Wives Lees
Change of use of agricultural land to residential and the erection of 2 garages and 3 sheds (retrospective)
OPPOSE - The council considers the land should remain for agricultural use only. It is part of a strip of land purchased by a group of residents several years ago with the intention of ensuring it remained for agricultural use and did not change to residential - each resident purchasing that part of the strip of land that adjoined their property. The council understands this group of residents are still of this view and also object to the application

Application No. 10/00101/AS
Land adjacent to Chequers Farm, Denne Manor Lane, Shottenden
Erection of stables and barn for private use
SUPPORT

Application No. 10/00115/AS & 10/00157/AS
Cork Farm, Long Hill, Old Wives Lees
Conversion of an adjoining building to extend and existing annex to include demolition of former porch and outshot and rebuilding of outshot – revised scheme to previous application 09/00376/AS
SUPPORT

Application No. 10/00239/AS
Bagham Cross, Bagham Lane, Chilham
Erection of porch to front elevation and erection of single storey side extension
SUPPORT

Application No. 10/00256/AS
Old House Meadow, Long Hill, Old Wives Lees
Proposed rear first floor extension and erection of replacement double garage
SUPPORT

Application No. 10/00329/AS
Dane Cottage, Dane Street, Chilham
Tennis court and fence enclosure
SUPPORT

4/5 Finance

The clerk presented the accounts for 2009/10 and they were approved by the meeting.

Payments:

The following payments were approved:

From the General Fund:

1223	G Dear	Clerk to 28-02-10	600.73
1224	G Dear	Expenses - Feb 2010	110.95
1225	K Jeffery	Cleaner to 04-03-10	165.72
1226	HMRC	PAYE payment	135/16
1227	A Ralph	Expenses	6.12
1228	W Clover	Bench repairs	140.00

From Ringfenced Funds:

1229	St Marys PCC	Recycling Grant – 07/08	1,000.00
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Total Payments			2,156.68
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The clerk was asked to hold back cheque 1128 pending an inspection of the bench repairs.

OWL Green maintenance:

Tenders had been received from Trevor Ward, Capability Gray and Pete Vogel.

The contract was awarded to Capability Gray based upon price.

OWL car park – curb stones to protect fencing

Estimates had been received from JH Marsh and Andy & Wendy Clover.

The work was awarded to JH Marsh based upon price.

Recycling Fund Request:

St Marys Pre-school (Old Wives Lees) had requested a grant towards the cost of a garden project.

The parish council applauded the project and the work done by volunteers so far and the request was supported in principle.

The clerk was asked to obtain a breakdown of project cost and other funding to be provided before a final decision could be made.

4/6 Highways

Pothole Meeting with Kent Highways:

This had been arranged for 8th April meeting at 930am in Chilham Church.

Cllrs Ralph, Walker and White would be attending.

4/7 Meetings

Enjoy Chilham meeting on 30th March - a report from Cllr Ralph had been circulated prior to the meeting

PACT meeting on 23rd March - the minutes of the meeting attended by Cllr White were received to late to include under correspondence

Arrangements for Annual Parish Meeting – 730pm 15th April in Chilham Village Hall

Cllr White agreed to arrange the refreshments

Attendance at forthcoming meetings

Tue 13-Apr KALC Ashford Area Committee (Cllr Ralph)

Thu 15-Apr Annual Parish Meeting (all cllrs invited)

Tue 20-Apr PACT meeting (Cllr White)

4/8 Village Reports

Chilham Square:

The clerk read a report on the CFDB open meeting in the church. Notes had been circulated to all councillors, copies could be borrowed from Chilham Post Office and were available from the CFDB website.

As a result of the feedback from the meeting CFDB had decided the next step would be a workshop open to the whole community.

Chilham:

Lawrence Muttons Bench

Cllr Ralph reported that the White Horse had raised £100 towards the cost of reinstating the bench and that the Winkle Club was expected to make a donation.

Cllr Ralph was asked to purchase a bench (that Cllr Kennett would stain) and arrange for its installation.

Old Wives Lees:

Cllr R Taylor would erect dog fouling notices in Latin Field.

Community Broadband:

The clerk was asked to circulate the email received from KCC to all councillors on email.

Cllr White agreed to handover documentation collected to date to Cllr Walker who would takeover the project.

4/9 Correspondence

(4/3) ACR Kent – Rural Community Retailer of 2010

The clerk was asked to contact Chilham Shop regarding making an entry.

(4/4) Kent Youth Service – Try Angle Awards – nominations required for young people aged 11-18

Action taken: notified youth club of the competition

(4/5) Kent Men Of Trees – invitation to rejoin

Decided to rejoin

(4/8) ABC – Gypsy Travelling Showpeople DPD

The clerk was asked to register interest and forward a copy to Cllr R Taylor so that he could monitor the situation.

(4/9) ACR Kent – Traffic Management forum

Decided not to register interest or attend first meeting on Wed 21st April

(4/14) KALC – Subscription renewal

Decided to rejoin

(4/17) KCC - Have your say on renewable energy! – request for views

Action taken: forwarded to Cllr Sansom

(4/18) KCC – Transport Integration - Review of publicity distribution –request to confirm contact details

Action taken: contact details confirmed

(4/19) Kent Highways - Winter Damage Pothole Repairs

Action taken: forwarded to cllrs

(4/20) ABC - Guidance for re-letting of local needs housing (rented properties)

Action taken: forwarded to Cllr R Taylor

(4/25) ABC - Tenterden & Rural Sites DPD Notification of Inspector and PHM & Inquiry Dates

Action taken: forwarded to Cllr R Taylor

The clerk was asked to make a representation on behalf of the parish council.

(4/26) ACR Kent - Community Led Planning (Parish Planning) Event – 27th April

Decided not to attend.

(4/27) KCC - Kent Rail Summit - 25th March - 6.00pm - 7.30pm - County Hall, Maidstone - Invitation to all Kent Parish Councils

Action taken: forwarded to Cllr Sansom

(4/28) Unlock Democracy - ACTION UPDATE: Saving the Sustainable Communities Act – request to email Harriet Harman and John Denham

The clerk was asked to send email as requested.

(4/29) ABC - Ashford photo competition- request to include piece in Parish News
Action taken: forwarded to Elisabeth Arter

(4/31) Ringmaster emails:- New NhW website, CSS Childrens Support Society, K & C Scaffolding, Joint Problem Solving Tool, Crimestoppers cold calling warning, Luxury Yacht holiday scam, Wood stolen in OWL, National Counter-Terrorism Campaign, Illegal parties and raves
Action taken: forwarded to cllrs and Elisabeth Arter where appropriate

(4/32) Trading Standard alerts:- Andrew Woo of the Commercial Bank of China, CSS Childrens Support Society
Action taken: forwarded to cllrs and Elisabeth Arter where appropriate

4/10 Date of next meeting (includes AGM)

6th May, 2010 in Old Wives Lees Village Hall
715pm for 730pm

PLEASE NOTE: All actions are recorded in *italics*. Please provide the clerk with an update 2 weeks after the meeting.