

CHILHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at Chilham Village Hall on 4th March, 2010 at 7.30pm

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

Apologies: Cllrs J.Adams, R.Marsh

In Attendance: Mr G Dear (Clerk), Boro Cllr Jane Marriott, KCC Community Warden Karen Peck

At the start of the meeting the Chairman welcomed the new councillor Ian Walker and thanked him for putting himself forward.

3/1 Minutes of the meeting held on 4th February 2010

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

2/8 Attendance at forthcoming meetings – Cllr White attended the Parish Forum

2/9 Spring Clean – It was recognised that there was a good turnout from Old Wives Lees

2/11 Parish Council Vacancy – this was held in closed session

2/2 Matters arising from the Minutes

(2/2) Local Works National Co-ordinator - Please help urgently: Empowering Local Councils and the Sustainable Communities Act Amendment Bill

The clerk had sent an email of support as originally requested.

(2/2) Parish Benches

Cllr Ralph reported that a site had been agreed with the Church, the White Horse was holding a raffle and the Winkle Club would make a donation.

Cllr Ralph reported that good progress was being made to raise funds.

(2/5) Concurrent Function Grant

The clerk had distributed the unallocated amount of the 2009/10 grant to the village halls based upon their latest insurance premiums now that all the other grants (ie OWL Xmas Lights, Chilham Seniors and Xmas tree in the Square) had been finalised and would present cheques for payment at the March meeting.

(2/7) Salt bins:

The clerk had raised a request for a new salt bin near Mulberry House in Mulberry Hill.

(2/7) Bollard on AE36 byway

The clerk had advised Kent Highways that the bollard preventing 4x4 access to the byway had still not been reinstated and this had now been done.

(2/8) Annual Parish Meeting

The clerk had booked the hall and contacted the school and the church flower festival committee regarding making a short presentation at the meeting.

(2/9) Old Wives Lees

The clerk had requested a piece in Parish News and local press re the dog fouling and the problem in Latin Field.

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

The clerk was asked to find out more details.

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 was asked to obtain a second quote on this basis.

The clerk had contacted the OWL village hall committee and requested that they make their users aware of the problem and ask them to take care when parking their cars.

(2/9) Spring Clean

The clerk had requested a piece in Parish News and local press asking for any parishioner wishing to volunteer to organise the spring clean to contact him.

(2/9) A252 littering (between junctions with the Avenue and Church Hill):

The clerk had arranged for ABC to clear the litter.

(2/9) Taylors Hill Toilet – local key holder:

The clerk had contacted PACT with regard to identifying a team of local volunteers to act as the local key holder.

(2/10) ABC – Concurrent Functions – Data Gathering Exercise – request to complete data gathering form

The clerk had completed and returned form

(2/10) ACR Kent - Parish Plan Events – Survey form

The clerk had forwarded to Cllr White

(2/10) Kent Police – Ashford Custody Suite

The clerk had forwarded to Cllrs Ralph and White

(2/11) Parish Council Vacancy

The clerk had thanked the 3 unsuccessful candidates, David Hayes, Darril Ling and Helen Tharp, for the interest they had shown and encouraged them to put their names forward when future opportunities arise to become a parish councillor.

3/3 Declarations of Interest

None.

3/4 Planning.

Decisions received from Ashford

Application No. 09/01421/AS

Bowerland House, Pilgrims Lane, Chilham

Application for lawful development certificate – proposed development – erection of light weight aluminium & polycarbonate structure (brown frame) over swimming pool

CERTIFIED AS LAWFUL

Application No. 09/01488/AS
11 Mountain Street, Chilham
Proposed loft conversion consisting of a dormer to the rear and rooflight windows to the front extension
GRANTED

The clerk was asked to find out why the application for lawful development certificate had not been received prior to the decision as ABC had agreed to do this.

Cllr E Taylor was voted onto the Planning Committee

Appeal decisions received from Ashford

Appeal Ref. APP/E2205/A/09/2108242
Land at Long Hill, Old Wives Lees
Appeal against decision re Application No 09/00100/AS
APPEAL DISMISSED

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. 10/00107/AS
Bowerland House, Pilgrims Lane, Chilham
Proposed two storey front extension
SUPPORT

3/5 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:

1213	G Dear	Clerk to 28-02-10	600.53
1214	G Dear	Expenses - Feb 2010	137.43
1215	K Jeffery	Cleaner to 04-03-10	165.72
1216	Crown Print	Newsletter	30.00
1222	Capability Gray	OWL Green bench repair	30.00

From Ringfenced Funds:

1217	Garrick Outdoor Ltd	Small games shelter	5,147.50
1218	Chilham Seniors	Concurrent Functions Grant	200.00
1219	Chilham Village Hall	Concurrent Functions Grant	475.61
1220	CPRGT	Concurrent Functions Grant	597.29
1221	OWL Village Hall	Concurrent Functions Grant	197.11

Total Payments 7,581.19

3/7 Highways

Bollard on AE36 byway:

The bollard had been reinstated.

The clerk was asked to contact Anthony Perrett and thank him for his persistence in helping to get this issue resolved.

Junction of Church Hill with A252

The clerk was asked to contact KHS and request a road sweeper to clear the mud following the heavy rain.

Footway at Beaney Lane

The clerk was asked to liaise with Boro Cllr Marriott regarding the reinstatement of the footway.

Junction of Soleshill Road with A252

Cllr Walker was asked to provide the clerk with information regarding the drainage problems and the danger this was causing so that the issue could be raised with Kent Highways

Water Lane, Shottenden

Cllr Walker was asked to provide the clerk with information regarding the problem so that the issue could be raised with Kent Highways.

3/8 Meetings

KALC Ashford Area committee on 3rd Feb – the minutes of the meeting attended by Cllr R Taylor had been circulated prior to the meeting

Enjoy Chilham meeting on 16th Feb - a report from Cllr Ralph had been circulated prior to the meeting

North Weald Parish Forum sub-committee on 11th February – Cllr White had attended

ABC Parish Forum on 17th February – Cllr White had attended

PACT meeting on 23rd Feb - the minutes of the meeting attended by Cllr White were included under correspondence

Flower Festival meeting on 23rd Feb - a report from Cllr Ralph had been circulated prior to the meeting

CPRGT meeting on 25th Feb - a report from Cllr Ralph had been circulated prior to the meeting

Attendance at forthcoming meetings

Fri	10-Mar	North Weald Parish Forum (Cllr White)
Sat	18-Mar	Parish Plan drop-in session (Cllr White)
Tue	23-Mar	PACT meeting (Cllr White)
Thu	26-Mar	CFDB Open meeting (all cllrs invited)
Tue	30-Mar	Enjoy Chilham AGM (Cllr Ralph)
Thu	15-Apr	Annual Parish Meeting (all cllrs invited)

3/9 Village Reports

Chilham Square:

A report from CFDB had been circulated with the minutes.

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 was asked to identify responsibility for the fence and request a repair.

3/10 Correspondence

(3/1) Tom Reed – letter re co-option of a councillor

Action taken: read out at February meeting

(3/3) ABC – Parish Forum – agenda of meeting on 17th February

Action taken: forwarded to Cllr White

(3/4) NSPCC – campaign to raise awareness of NSPCC Helpline

Decided to support and become campaign partners

(3/5) ABC – Street Cleansing Grant – request for bank account details

Details forwarded as requested

(3/7) CPRE – membership renewal

Decided to renew

(3/11) ACR Kent – membership renewal

Decided to renew

(3/15) Ashford Rural Services – Request to advertise carer support service in the parish

Decided to place poster on noticeboards

Action taken: copy passed to Cllr Kennett

(3/16) Kent Highways – Carriageway Maintenance Works – Shalmsford Road

Action taken: forwarded to cllrs and Elisabeth Arter

(3/17) ACR Kent – Parish Plan Drop in Sessions

Action taken: forwarded to Cllr White

(3/24) Boro Cllr Jane Marriott – Notes of meeting Friday 5th. February 2010 in Chilham re the Square

Action taken: forwarded to Cllrs R Taylor and Ralph

(3/25) ABC – Dog fouling signs available at £10

Action taken: forwarded to Cllr R Taylor

(3/30) ABC - Ashford Borough Council community survey

Action taken: forwarded to Cllr R Taylor

The clerk was asked to advertise on noticeboards

(3/31) .Paul Green – via our website feedback form – information about request re bird of prey display team

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

(3/32) Kent Highways - Pilgrims Way, Chilham - Carriageway Maintenance (SoWN)
Action taken: forwarded to cllrs and Elisabeth Arter

(3/34) ABC – Shrimpton Close Local Needs Housing – suggestions on how to encourage applications

Cllrs were asked to spread the word to likely candidates within the parish

The clerk was asked to put a piece in Parish News, local press, PC website and put a notice on noticeboards

(3/35) Protect Kent - Lydd Airport - Shepway Council to finally decide next Wednesday (3 March) - We need your help!

(3/37) Ringmaster emails:- Unsolicited calls from rogue agency Crime Research UK, asbestos thefts, Operation Cubit targeting untaxed vehicles, speed checks and road safety checks

Action taken: forwarded to cllrs and Elisabeth Arter where appropriate

(3/38) Trading Standard alerts:- second hand cars, 'free' tooth whitening trials, rogue calls re trusted trader advertisements, cold callers re block paving driveways, rogue home working scheme

Action taken: forwarded to cllrs and Elisabeth Arter where appropriate

(3/39) Elgin Roadworks alerts:- Canterbury Road, Chilham, Shalmsford Road, Chilham, Pilgrims Lane, Chilham

Action taken: forwarded to cllrs

3/11 Date of next meeting

1st April, 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.