

# CHILHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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## Draft Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held at Chilham Village Hall on 27th July, 2017 at 7pm

**Present:** Cllrs Heasman, Lester-Davis, Lulham (Chairman), Marriott, Schofield and White

**Apologies:** Cllr Linter, Boro Cllr Dehnel

**In Attendance:** Mr G Dear (Clerk), 25 members of the public

**Prior to the meeting, there was an Open Forum at which parishioners presented the following comments regarding the Main Changes to Ashford Local Plan to 2030:-**

- 1) concern over appeals regarding excluded sites
- 2) need for safeguard against increase in number of dwellings (Policy S56)
- 3) jeopardy to the future of the surgery (Policy S56)
- 4) need to improve road safety and Branch Road junction with A28
- 5) concern over capacity for extra school children (Policy S56)
- 6) concern over retention of hedge boundaries (Policy S56)

### **7/14 Apologies**

Cllr Linter had advised the clerk he could not attend due to holiday.

Boro Cllr Dehnel had advised the clerk he could not attend due to holiday.

These apologies were accepted.

### **7/15 Planning**

#### **Response to Draft Ashford Local Plan:**

A paper setting out the approach agreed at the July meeting for responding to this consultation had been publicised with the agenda together with links to the consultation documents.

Cllr Lulham addressed the comments raised by members of the public in the Open Forum and council considered its response to the consultation and the following comments were agreed in respect of the main change affecting the parish of Chilham, the Branch Road development contained in policy S56 :-

- 1) agreement in principle but that "high bar" guidelines were required for developments in Chilham.
- 2) car parking spaces for the surgery should be maximised.
- 3) design cues are required to ensure high quality designs that complement the village.
- 4) maximum of 10 dwellings.
- 5) need for a self-enforceable solution to slow traffic and improve road safety for vehicles and pedestrians.

The clerk was instructed to contact Chilham surgery to ensure it was aware of the proposal and get a view on its ability to cope, car parking and any other comments that council should consider when forming its response.

The clerk was also instructed to contact Kent Highways regarding its recommendations for the development

Other comments were made with regard to policy TRA06 and the move to minimum standards for cycle parking, provision for older peoples housing and affordable housing.

Council agreed to formulate its response at the August parish council meeting.

***The meeting closed at 8:49 pm.***

### **7/16 Date of next meeting**

3rd August 2017 in Old Wives Lees Village Hall

715pm for 730pm

**PLEASE NOTE:** All updates reported under Matters Arising are recorded in *black italics*. All agreed actions are recorded in *red italics*.