

Minutes of the Meeting of Chilton Parish Council held on Wednesday 2nd December 2009 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Mr I Thompson Chairman
Mr C Broad
Mr F Dumbleton
Mr T Garrett
Mr B Morris
Mrs A Swannell

Mrs M E Morris Clerk

Mr S Lilley County Councillor
Mrs M Turner District Councillor
PCSO M Clayden
PCSO D Baker

2 members of the Public

1. **Apologies for Absence** were received from Mr Waite.
2. **Declarations of Interest** Mr Garrett, declared a personal interest in the planning application CHI/21025, application for stables as he is a neighbour. Mr Morris declared a personal interest in item 10(x) Allotments as he is an allotment holder. The Register of Interests was signed by Mr Garrett and Mr Morris.
3. **Open Forum**
Mr Hobin, the applicant for CHI/21025, said he wished to hear the Council's view on his application. The Chairman explained the concerns regarding visibility in an AONB, the increase in traffic along Dene Hollow and to the isolated position of the site. There had also been a large number of comments from the public against the application. Mr Thompson asked PCSO Clayden about security, he said that the Police would be able to advise Mr Hobin about any measures that would be needed.
Mr Hobin said it was intended to be as basic as possible, that was reasonably attractive. It was not the intention to keep anything of value at the stables, tack would be kept in cars.
The Chairman thanked Mr Hobin for coming but the Council's comments still stand.
4. **Area Beat Officer's Report**
PCSO Clayden started by giving a big thank you to Mrs Pearce for all her hard work in collecting the questionnaires; 163 replies were received. The three main priorities for Chilton will be dog fouling, parking and speeding. It is possible that in the New Year the Police will be able to issue fixed penalty fines for dog fouling.
Operation Migrate (against hare coursing) will take place over the weekend, Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) will be in use.
A note to be put in the Chronicle thanking Mrs Pearce and what the priorities for Chilton will be. Also not to put out empty boxes from TV's etc with the rubbish.
5. **Minutes** of the last Meeting were signed as a true record after amending item 2. Mrs Thompson to read Mr Thompson.

6. District Council Report

- (i) Mrs Turner reported that following many adverse comments regarding the changes to planning delegation the Consultation Paper was withdrawn.
- (ii) The Vale has warned that the forthcoming budget will be a difficult one with a need to find £3.5 million savings over the next five years. This is due to a downturn in interest on investments; a reduction in income from paid for services; and a reducing government grant.
- (iii) The Vale plans a major new housing site of 400 dwellings at northern part of Harwell Science and Innovation Campus, i.e. close to North Drive/South Drive. A consultation event will be held in Harwell's Village Hall, on Thursday, 7th January from 3:30 to 7:30pm.
- (iv) Section 106 for the development of 275 dwellings in Chilton Fields was completed on 16th November and the planning permission has now been issued.
- (v) Dog owners who fail to clean up after their pets have been targeted during a five month crackdown on fouling. Environment wardens at the Vale focused on four hotspots one of which was Harwell. Up to 100 dog walkers were approached during the campaign which ran between June and October. A note to be put in the Chronicle.
- (vi) The Vale will be holding a Homebuyers' Day on Wednesday 9 December at the Civic Hall in Wantage to help people get on the property ladder.
- (vii) Christmas shoppers in the Vale will get a festive bonus again this year as parking will be free for one Saturday in December.
- (viii) Residents are being urged to be on their guard against bogus officials offering to give council refunds, relating to council tax, business rates or benefits.
- (ix) The Future Jobs fund initiative is part of the 'Backing Young Britain' campaign. In Oxfordshire, the County Council is leading the scheme by getting 10 eligible young people, aged 18-24, who are long term unemployed into work each month. These jobs are with a variety of employers, public and voluntary sector, for at least 25 hours and lasting a minimum of 6 months.

7. County Council Report

Mr Lilley reported that the 400 houses proposed for Harwell had still to be discussed by the County. It is possible that Chilton Field will soon be offered for sale to developers. The County is facing a £14m reduction in its Budget next year, there will be an impact on jobs and services but the Fire Service and front line services should be unaffected. Mr Dumbleton said that two of the yellow weight restriction signs on the A417 gave different figures. Mr Lilley said he would look into it.

8. Planning

(i) Applications Considered by the Parish Council

Application for retrospective permission for two velux windows and staircase to loft space. Middle House Church Hill CHI/14948/5 - LB
The Parish Council had no objections

Application to demolish and remove existing conservatory to the rear of existing property with addition of a two storey extension. Extension to provide extended living room, new bedroom, new shower room, dressing room and veranda. 23 The Orchids CHI/17401/2
Chilton Parish Council had no objections.

Application for change of use from agricultural land to equestrian for domestic/leisure purposes. Construction of 4 stables, tack room, hay barn and menage. Small area for parking and turning vehicles. Land opposite Chilton Water Booster Station Dene Hollow. (end of Dene Hollow by railway bridge) CHI/21025

Comments

Chilton Parish Council objects to this application for the following reasons.

- (i) It is contrary to Policy NE6 of the adopted Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2011. It would be visually prominent from public open land particularly Hagbourne Hill and therefore would detract from public views within the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
 - (ii) Policy L9(i) and (iii) and Policy L20, first part, of the Vale Local Plan, are not met.
 - (iii) No provision has been made for water supply, waste water disposal or toilet facilities. The applicant lives in Harwell and at the very least a toilet will be required. The Environment Agency would need to be consulted about the acceptability of the proposed runoff and any foul water disposal system from livestock/humans as the Chalk aquifer is at outcrop in the adjacent railway cutting and close to the surface beneath the site.
 - (iv) The area to the east of the site, the old railway cutting, is to be developed as an important area of chalk grassland, again the Environment Agency needs to be contacted re any impact from the muck heap.
 - (v) No provision has been made for lighting which will be required in the winter, this could give rise to light pollution.
 - (vi) This is a fairly isolated location and inadequate consideration has been given to possible overnight residence for equine security or equine health reasons.
 - (vii) There is an inadequate description of the menage, is it to be an all weather one, will it require a roof? This would then give rise to a large roofscape.
 - (viii) There will be an unacceptable increase of traffic along Dene Hollow which will be detrimental to those who live in Dene Hollow.
- For the above reasons the Parish Council wishes to see the application rejected.

(ii) Applications considered by the Planning Committee

Application to create car parking spaces to the front right hand side of the main entrance. The creation of an additional pathway around the car parking spaces leading to the main road entrance. HPA Centre for Radiation Fermi Avenue. HAR/2571/14
Comments

Chilton Parish Council had no objections.

Application for retrospective temporary planning permission for the siting of a mobile home. Hill View South Row Chilton CHI/16163/3

Comments

The Parish Council had no objections

Application for proposed extension and part re-cladding of existing building. Building R6 RAL CHI/6922/5

Comments

The Parish Council had no objections to the application but would prefer a green cladding.

(iii) Applications Determined by the Vale

Permission for rear conservatory 30 Crafts End CHI/4908/2

Permission for proposed extension and part re-cladding of existing building. Building R6 RAL CHI/6922/5

Permission for rear conservatory 9 Elderfield Crescent CHI/20985

Permission for demolition of Fairlawne and amendment to permission CHI/6625/1
Fairlawne South Row CHI/6625/2

Outline Permission for residential development with associated community facilities and access. Chilton Field CHI/16952/1-X (Section 106 also received)

Application withdrawn for temporary storage unit rear of Village Hall CHI/14688/8

(iv) Application determined by OCC

- Permission for proposed extension to MRF and Waste Transfer Station Prospect Farm
- (v) Applications in Circulation
Application for single storey extensions to front and rear of existing dwelling.
Hawthorns South Row CHI/21048
Application for erection of 10 free standing signsboards Harwell Science and Innovation Campus HAR/CHI/20130/1-A
- (vi) Ridgeway Farm
The Enforcement Officer has tried to visit the farm, an appointment has now been made to make a site visit for 2nd December.
- (vii) 5a The Orchids
5a The Orchids is currently with the legal team as they are beginning proceedings for prosecuting Mr Allmond for non compliance with his Breach of Condition Notice. When a court date has been set we will be notified.
- (viii) The Scout Group have withdrawn their application for the temporary storage unit as it was going to be refused on grounds of visibility in an AONB. The Vale has noted that the Age Concern container does not have planning permission. The Clerk has written to Age Concern asking if they have any record of contact with the Planning Department. It is possible that they may have to put in a retrospective planning application.
It was agreed that the Parish Council would not put in any more planning applications on behalf of Village groups. It was also agreed that the Council should charge a peppercorn rent for the present storage containers. To be discussed further when more information obtained from Age Concern.

9. Matters Arising

- (i). Open Forum
OCC have been notified re weeds on pavement at Newbury Road and PCSO Clayden will carry out a speed check at bottom of Church Hill at a suitable time.
- (ii). Food for Life
A letter of support was sent to the School.
- (iii) New Councillor
To be discussed at end of meeting.
- (iv) Church Path
7 metre section has been re surfaced.
- (v) Crafts End Green
To be taken at end of meeting.

10. Finance

- (i) Expenditure
Cheques

Mrs Morris -Oct salary	295.00
J Brown - repair/repaint spring dog	150.00
BDO Stoy Hayward LLP - Audit Fee	155.25
Berinsfield - October grass cutting	236.23
SLCC- Village Greens Course	74.75
B Morris - mileage SLCC course	23.20
L Rees - Chronicle 356	75.99
Anthony Stiff Associates - Stage 2 payment	793.50
Mrs Morris - November salary	293.00
Total	2096.92

Petty Cash

5 weeks litter clearing 50.00

- (ii) Receipts
OCC – 2nd Stage payment - Playbuilder 40,700
- (iii) Prior to the meeting Councillors, except Mr Morris due to conflict of interests, agreed by email that the Clerk should be paid at SCP 25 rate giving a salary of £3333.13 back dated to April 2009. (This is 298hrs/year at £11.185per/hr)
- (iv) Membership renewal for SLCC - £82, agreed
- (v) Request from the Independent Advice Centre for donation. It was agreed that the request does not meet the Council's criteria.
- (vi) Friends of The Ridgeway membership renewal - £10, agreed.
- (vii) South & Vale Carers Centre request for donation – agreed to donate £35.00
- (viii) Oxfordshire Assoc for the Blind request for donation –agreed to donate £30.00
- (ix) Abingdon CAB request for donation –agreed to donate £40.00
- (x) The Chairman said that the Allotment waiting list now has 12 names on it. It was agreed to establish how many people still want one and then extend the present site. A site meeting to be held on Friday to establish position of new allotments. Clerk to contact people on waiting list.
- (xi) Berinsfield had noted that the crowns of the trees on Crafts End Green needed lifting, Berinsfield to be asked for a quote. The Clerk to obtain two other quotes.

11. Playbuilder Report

Mrs Swannell reported that the final design has been agreed, an order placed with Wicksteed and it is to be confirmed in writing that planning permission for the play area is not needed. A landscaper has been appointed, a letter of confirmation to be written.

The Adult Fitness Trail equipment catalogues had been circulated, the Councillors thought that they seemed a good idea and should be reconsidered when the Playbuilder area is complete.

12. Reports of Meetings Attended

- (i) Mr Morris reported on the excellent village greens workshop he had attended. There are more patches of common land than parishes realize, it good for Councils to check if they have any. It was pointed out that it was important to think any future use of village greens and to make sure they were not unnecessarily shackled.
Mr Thompson asked if insurance in case of accidents was covered, it was not but it is probably covered by parish council public liability insurance.
- (ii) Mr Garrett attended the Town and Parish Planning meeting at the Vale. The main points of the meeting were:-
 1. The generation of excessive traffic flows is no longer grounds for refusing development proposals.
 2. The proportion of affordable housing remains at 40% and now applies to all small housing projects in villages (even for 2-3 buildings in-filling).
 3. To meet government targets one more major housing project in the Vale is required and more land is being sought.
 4. The Draft Core Strategy for the Vale will be sent out to parish councils on 18 December 2009 with a deadline for comments of 29 January 2010. The Strategy will be published in June 2010.
 5. The Vale can help parishes in landscape projects and tree preservation (TPOs). Recent successful examples include Sutton Courtenay Park, Great Coxwell Park and Abingdon skate park.
- (iii) Mr Broad attended the OALC meeting when the main topic discussed was the provision of allotments.

- (iv) Mrs Morris attended a Reception at RAL when UKAEA was presented with an award by the Royal Society of Chemistry in recognition of the work that had been carried out in Building 220.

13. VHMC Report

Mr Morris reported that the Management Committee needs a new Treasurer, Mrs Swannell may possibly know someone, she will check. The annual maintenance list continues to be worked on.

14. Play Equipment Report

Mr Morris checked the equipment, the cradle seat may need replacing in about a year and the basket ball ring needs repainting. The wooden cricket wicket has been linseed oiled and the grass area in front of it re-seeded.

Mr Dumbleton to do the next inspection.

15. Correspondence

From the circulated list it was noted:-

- (i) A letter had been received from the Vale asking for nominations for the Chairman's Community Awards Lunch. Councillors were asked to think of nominees and let the Clerk know.

Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and the Local Government Act 1972 the public were excluded from the following two items at 9.50pm.