

CHIEVELEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of Chieveley Parish Council held at the
Curridge W I Hall, Curridge Road, Curridge, Berkshire RG18 9DZ
on Tuesday 14 April 2009 at 7.00pm

Present

Cllr R Crispin Cllr M Taylor Cllr E Friend
Cllr D Cowan Cllr H Cole
Cllr S Spence Cllr P Fidler

In Attendance Mrs T Snook (Clerk) 3 members of the public

1.04.09 Apologies and Acceptance of Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Hamlin and Cllr Ramsay. These were unanimously accepted.

2.04.09 Declaration of Interest by Councillors on the agenda items listed

A statement made by Cllr Cole. "I wish to make it clear that any views expressed in relation to planning applications under consideration at this meeting are based upon the information available to the Parish Council. Further, I am not pre-judging the way I may vote when the matter is considered by West Berkshire Council. At that time I shall assess all the evidence available and weigh the considerations material to that decision"

3.04.09 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10 March 2009 to be agreed and signed as a true record

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2009 were unanimously agreed as a correct record of the meeting and the Parish Council resolved to sign them.

4.04.09 Planning Schedule and Planning Issues (Appendix I)

The Parish Council confirmed there were no objections or observations for the planning applications listed on the schedule. The Parish Council approved the planning schedule.

5.04.09 Dog Bins in the Parish. To discuss and agree action

The Chairman reported that dog mess had been reported and was a particular issue in two Chieveley locations. To have a new dog bin supplied and fitted by West Berkshire Council would cost £285.66 plus installation costs. The clerk confirmed that new bins would have to be cleaned and emptied on a regular basis. For this service West Berkshire Council currently charge £43.94 plus vat per annum. The clerk confirmed that the Parish Council had sufficient reserves to consider this expenditure. A discuss took place.

It was proposed by Cllr Cole that two dog bins be erected at the junction of FP10 with FP38 and at the end of Bardown. The cost of £285.66 per unit plus installation be accepted and the ongoing maintenance agreed. Seconded: Cllr Taylor. This was unanimously agreed.

6.04.09 Sand Extraction Sites in the Parish. To receive the written response from West Berkshire Council

The Chairman confirmed that a copy of the response from West Berkshire Council had been given to Councillors prior to the meeting. It was noted that the operator at Old Kiln Farm had confirmed a willingness to submit an application to regularise the current situation. To be a future agenda item.

7.04.09 Clerks Report's (including correspondence)

7.04.1 Notice of Public Order

The clerk tabled a Notice of Public Order relating to a Public Path Diversion Order for Bridleways 20 Chieveley and 48 Chieveley for Councillors information.

8.04.09 Report of the Responsible Financial Officer, Cheque Signing and other financial matters

A copy of the year to date financial statement 2009/2010 with financial budget figures and a Receipts and Payments summary were provided for Councillors information.

It was proposed by Cllr Crispin and Seconded by Cllr Cole and the Parish Council resolved to pay the accounts for April 2009.

Payments

Cheque No	Payee	Description	Amount
620	T Snook	Clerk Fees (5 weeks)	£785.11
		Expenses and Allowance	£28.46
621	Rob Crispin	Chairman's Allowance	£59.25
Total Payments for April 2009			<u>£ 872.82</u>

Receipts

Total Receipts for April £0.00

Financial Position as at 14 April 2009

Receipts for year to date including April/Sept precept received	£ -
Less payments for year to date	£ 872.82
Sub Total	<u>-£ 872.82</u>
Add balance carried forward 31/03/09	£ 20,796.43
S106 Contribution 07/08 and 08/09 carried forward 31/03/09	£ 28,073.21
	<u>£ 47,996.82</u>

8.04.1 2008/2009 Year End Accounts

Councillors had received copies of the year end accounts prior to the meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Crispin and Seconded by Cllr Spence that the Year End accounts for 2008/2009 be accepted. This was unanimously agreed.

8.04.2 National Salary Award 2008/2009 BALC/NALC Update Appendix II

An employment briefing has been issued by NALC. The outcome of the arbitration has resulted in an increase of 2.75% based on the pay scales as at 1 April 2007 for the period 1 April 2008 – 31 March 2009.

The Parish Council accepted the final agreed percentage. It was proposed by Cllr Crispin that the increase of 2.75% be effective from the date NALC advise. Seconded: Cllr Cowan. The Councillors noted that the NALC interim recommendation provided in November 2008 for the 2008/2009 salary award of 2.45% had been superseded by the new briefing.

8.04.3 Other financial matters
None

9.04.09 District Councillor's Report
None

10.04.09 Councillors' Reports (Information Only)

10.04.1 Curridge Playground

As a result of Chieveley Parish Council contacting the Clerk of the Trustees to ask for some trees to be inspected, Cllr Fidler confirmed that contact had been made with a tree specialist and a site meeting held. A verbal report has been provided and a written report will be available shortly listing the works to be undertaken. Cllr Fidler asked the Parish Council if any S106 money would be available to improve and enhance the public open space. To be a future agenda item.

10.04.2 Footpath 31

Cllr Friend reported that the footpath was being used by horses and off road vehicles. Cllr Friend has reported this concern to West Berkshire Council. A style has recently been replaced by a wire fence along footpath 31 where the path leaves Chapel Lane area and goes into the field.

10.04.3 A34 Slip Road Bridge near Moto Services

Cllr Friend reported that vehicles are parking on verges on the access roads and under the A34 slip road bridge near the Moto Services during the day and night and considerable damaged is being caused to the verges. A question was raised whether this was permitted and who owns the land affected, the Highways Agency or West Berkshire Council Highways.

10.04.4 Planning Application Representations

Cllr Taylor thanked fellow Councillors for their good work representing the Parish Council at recent site visits and planning committee meetings.

10.04.5 Neighbourhood Action Group

Cllr Spence reported that she attended the NAG meeting on 25 March 2009 and agreed to represent Chieveley at future NAG meetings. Litter and Speeding concerns were raised by Cllr Spence at the meeting.

10.04.6 Hermitage Farm Landfill Site

Cllr Taylor queried whether there would be a Judicial Review associated with the siting of the flare stack on this site.

11.04.09 Any other items which the Chairman decides are urgent (Information Only)
None

12.04.09 Date of the next meetings

Tuesday 13 May 2009 at Chieveley Recreational Centre 7.30pm

Tuesday 9 June 2009 at Chieveley Recreational Centre 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.45pm.

Signed _____

Dated _____

Planning Applications For the Parish Council Meeting on 14 April 2009

Planning applications for consideration

Planning applications can be viewed on the West Berkshire Council website www.westberks.gov.uk under planning application

Planning No	Type	Location	Description	Observation
09/00319	FUL	Hollyberry Cottage, Downend	Change of Use - Erection of arena (menage) for the use of horses. Family use only	No objection
09/00236	HOUSE	Myland, Long Lane, Hermitage	Relocation of oil tank and to replace the existing single skin tank with a bunded tank	No objection
09/00415	HOUSE	Crenlawe, Plantation Close, Curridge	Proposed first floor side extension to form part of loft conversion	No objection

Planning Application Decisions and Appeal Decisions Notification

Planning application decisions can be viewed on the West Berkshire Council website www.westberks.gov.uk under planning a

Planning No	Type	Location	Description	Decision
08/02403	HOUSE	Rookery Farm House, Curridge Green, Curridge	Proposed two storey extension to Rookery Farm House annex	Withdrawn
07/02715	FUL	Land Adjacent to the Downland Practice, East Lane, Chieveley	Change of use of vacant land to extend existing car park	Refused

For Information

09/00185	FULD	Middle Farm, Downend Chieveley	Demolition of house, construction of 5 houses with parking and new access	Site Visit 7 April 2009
09/00185	FULD	Middle Farm, Downend Chieveley	Demolition of house, construction of 5 houses with parking and new access	Western Area Planning Committee 8 April 2009
08/02026	FULD	Radmore, Freshfields Lane, Chieveley	New dwelling and replacement garage to Radmore	Site Visit 7 April 2009
08/02026	FULD	Radmore, Freshfields Lane, Chieveley	New dwelling and replacement garage to Radmore	Western Area Planning Committee 8 April 2009

Chieveley Parish Council
Bank Reconciliation 31 March 2009

Financial year ending 31 March 2009

Prepared by Tracy Snook (Clerk/RFO)

Date 31 March 2009

Balance per bank statements as at 31 March 2009

Treasurers Account	\$ 16,051.17	
High Interest Account	<u>\$ 32,086.65</u>	\$ 48,137.82

Less Unpresented cheques at 31 March 2009

Cheque Number	Cheque No		
	618	\$ (50.53)	
	619	<u>\$ (90.00)</u>	
			\$ (140.53)

Add: any un-banked cash at 31 March 2009

VAT Claimed	<u>\$ 872.35</u>	
		\$ 872.35

Net balances as at 31 March 2009

\$ 48,869.64

Cash Book

Opening Balance as at 1 April 2008	\$ 40,077.97
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Add: Receipts in the year	\$ 35,426.60
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Less: Payments in the year	\$ (26,634.93)
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Closing balance per cash book as at 31 March 2009

\$ 48,869.64

Clerk's Note: The Receipts in the year includes S106 developer contributions received as well as precept funding