

CHAPPEL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10th MAY 2006
IN THE VILLAGE HALL, CHAPPEL AT 7.30 P.M.

In the Chair: Cllr. Mrs. S. Chamley.
Present: Mr. C. Cordingley, Mr. T. Crozier, Mr. N. Ingram
& Mr. P. Neubauer.
Clerk: Mr. K. Butcher.
Also Present CBC Cllr. Peter Chillingworth, and three members of the public.

06/55 WELCOME & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chairman welcomed those present and made special mention of Cllr. Belcham on the occasion of his first meeting as Councillor.

06/56 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest. Cllr. Chamley distributed a document regarding Declaration of Interests to all councillors.

06/57 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – APRIL MEETING.

It was agreed that a reference to “Cllr. Baker” in section 06/50 be amended to read “all Councillors”. The Minutes of the April meeting were then signed as being a true record of the meeting.

06/58 CHAIRMAN’S BRIEFING

The Chairman reviewed the previous years activity and commented on:

The appointment of the new Clerk, Mr K. Butcher in September.

The visit of travellers who pitched on the Football Field.

The subsequent visit of the Gipsy Liaison Office who gave advice.

The donation, and placing, of tree trunks by Richard Fordham.

The inspection of the play equipment by ROSPA in May.

The repair of the track across the Village Green and the application of shingle.

An application for grant funding to support the purchase of new play equipment had been made.

Discussions about traffic and parking around the Primary School continues.

The Chairman also announced that the next joint meeting with Wakes Colne Parish Council had been postponed from 22nd May until 18th September.

The Chairman also reported that she had attended an excellent training course, organised by EALC, on the themes of The Data Protection and Freedom of Information Acts.

06/59 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk informed the meeting that all details of mail received up until the previous day had been circulated to all Councillors. A letter received today was announced concerning the imminent temporary closure of a section of Swan Street.

06/60 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

After discussion it was decided that it would be helpful to the Clerk to move the Council bank accounts to Barclays Bank PLC.

RESOLUTION 26/06 THAT THE BANK ACCOUNTS HELD BY CHAPPEL PARISH COUNCIL BE RATIONALISED AND MOVED TO A SUITABLE BRANCH OF BARCLAYS BANK PLC.

Proposed Cllr. Ingram. Seconded Cllr. Cordingley. For: All.

Accounts for payment were presented by the Clerk, and cheques produced:

Cheque No. 1323	EALC (Course)	£45 . 00
Cheque No. 1323	1324 Village Ranger	£112 . 00
Cheque No. 1323	1325 Allianz Cornhill	£1064 . 64
Cheque No. 1323	1326 Guildhall Services	£236 . 18
Cheque No. 1323	1327 EALC (Subscription)	£104 . 37

RESOLUTION 27/06 THAT THE ACCOUNTS DETAILED IN THE AGENDA BE APPROVED FOR PAYMENT.

Proposed Cllr. Chamley Seconded Cllr. Belcham . For: All.

06/61 PLANNING MATTERS:

There were no planning matters.

06/62 CBC/ECC COUNCILLOR'S REPORT/POLICE BRIEFING

CBC Cllr. Chillingworth addressed the meeting and explained the new arrangements for Community Policing.

06/63 PUBLIC FORUM (MEETING SUSPENDED)

Questions were asked concerning:

The meaning "Fidelity Guarantee" arising from earlier discussions on insurance

Possible sightings of a "big cat" within the village.

06/64 MEMBER'S QUESTIONS (MEETING RESTARTED).

No members questions had been submitted.

06/65 FOOTBALL FIELD

The Clerk gave a resume of progress with the Football Field project and suggested that the matter be progressed soon.

RESOLUTION 28/06 TO ACCEPT QUOTATION FROM BOND CONTRACTS FOR WORK TO DRAIN, LEVEL AND RESEED FOOTBALL FIELD IN THE SUM OF £15 000.SUBJECT TO ALL NECESSARY APPROVALS BEING IN PLACE PRIOR TO WORKS COMMENCING.

Proposed. Cllr. Neubauer Seconded Cllr. Belcham For: All.

06/66 PROPOSALS FOR CHAPPEL PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE.

Cllr. Belcham introduced the Agenda item and outlined the expected contents and benefits of a parish council website. First estimates were that it might cost £400m - £500 to set up with a similar sum being required for editing software. It was suggested that enquiries be made to reserve a suitable URL (Uniform Resource Locator) and to obtain further estimates of costs.

RESOLUTION 29/06 THAT ESTIMATES OF COSTS FOR ESTABLISHING A CHAPPEL PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE BE OBTAINED, AND THE AVAILABILITY OF SUITABLE URL'S BE INVESTIGATED.

Proposed Cllr. Belcham Seconded Cllr. Neubauer For: All.

The publication of information regarding the work of CPC in the local press was discussed. It was informally agreed that Cllr. Belcham attempt to place reports in local newspapers.

06/67 FENCING AND SECURITY.

Cllr. Ingram introduced the Agenda item and outlined:

The security issues relating to the Football Field.

Works required to the boundaries of the Play Area.

Works required to the footpath between the A1124 and the footbridge.

Works required to the fence around the pond.

In discussion it was suggested that the footpath belonged to Wakes Colne and negotiations regarding the pond were continuing. It was decided that another meeting was required to deal with these issues properly.

RESOLUTION 30/06 THAT A NEW LOCK AND HASP BE PURCHASED TO IMPROVE THE SECURITY OF THE FOOTBALL FIELD IN THE SUM OF £37 – 85, AND THAT THE SUM OF £10 – 00 BE FURTHER APPROVED TO PROVIDE HIGH SECURITY BOLTS FOR THE HASP.

Proposed Cllr. Ingram Seconded. Cllr. Belcham For: All.

the meeting closed at 9.42.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 14TH JUNE 2006.

SIGNED CHAIRMANDATE