

CHESTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 08 JUNE 2015

Present: Parish Cllr Steve Bailey (Chairman)
Parish Cllr Chris Ellis
Parish Cllr Tricia Chapman
Parish Cllr Neal Fowler
Parish Cllr Adrian Young
Parish Cllr Eileen Watkins
Ms Amanda Sparkes, Clerk to the Council
3 x residents
Guest speakers Bob Brown and Wendy Lockton-Goddard (for part of the meeting)

24. **CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME**

Cllr Bailey welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Apologies for absence were received from Parish Cllr Joe Hunter (family situation) and Parish Cllr Chris Brealy (annual leave) and the PCSO.

25. **MEMBERS' INTERESTS** – There were no declarations of interest.

26. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11 MAY 2015**

The date of the fun day should read 30 August not 20th. With this amendment, Cllr Ellis proposed and Cllr Fowler seconded and the Minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting and the Chairman duly signed them.

27. **ACTION LIST APPENDIX 1a** - The list was presented to Cllrs prior to the meeting.

28. **GUEST SPEAKERS RE THE RIVERSIDE PROJECT**

Previous parish councillors Bob Brown and Wendy Lockton-Goddard were present. Cllr Bailey explained that Chestfield Parish Council had been asked to write a letter of support for funding bids for their Riverside Project and he had invited them to attend the meeting for the council to learn more. Bob Brown explained that he and Wendy were both members of Tankerton Evangelical Church, which had been looking for bigger premises. They now have an old factory unit next to the Amphenol building which is a very large building. They want to help the community and the unit will have some rentable space.

The church committee has profiled the areas of Whitstable, Chestfield, Swalecliffe and Tankerton. The largest issues not being served are loneliness and community cohesion. The church are putting business plans together currently.

Wendy explained that the church already does a tots group, lunch club for the over 60s, coffee morning, youth mentoring, youth music mentoring, lunch club, church activities and services, youth club, men's group, pastor groups, dementia care. She advised that the new building and new activities will be community focussed rather than Christian focussed. She explained that the idea is to get people together more. The front of the site will have some rentable space, there will be meeting rooms for hire, some large enough for 40-50 people, and a 240-seat auditorium for commercial let but not at commercial rates. There will also be a café, a food training kitchen at the back in association with Food Bank. And Phase 3 of development will see a lower part for young people with a live lounge (including gigs), and a second area giving a hall for children and young people, which will also run as a sports hall/community hall, and also be hireable. There will also be facilities to record music. Bereavement counselling and family support and a general counselling service will be up and running straight away. Also creative classes/craft sessions (at the cost of materials only) will also be offered straight away with an aim to make these sessions inter-generational.

In answer to a question Wendy explained that their committee had held a wider stakeholder meeting to get to the final offerings decided upon. Bob explained that no ideas are set in stone and if residents have new ideas they can put them forward. He also advised that there are some planning restrictions on parking, traffic and no overnight staying.

Bob and Wendy explained that 75% of the necessary funding has been obtained through property to sell and a new mortgage.

Cllr Bailey offered an article in the next magazine and in the December magazine in time for a February 2016 opening. The article will also be a call for volunteers. The Clerk could also put notices on the village noticeboards and the parish council website. Bob and Wendy were also invited to have a stall at the Fun Day on 30 August, although this may be a little too early, although disclosure checks on volunteers could take some time. Bob explained that the church will have open days at various stages from the mid-way completion point. He invited the parish councillors to have a separate visit.

29. **POLICING**

Cllr Young advised he had attended the Rural Police Forum, but the issues discussed were not really relevant to Chestfield.

The PCSO had sent a report to the meeting which the Clerk read. A man has been knocking on doors in the village asking to take water samples, he is not legitimate. A male and female were intoxicated and underage at McDonalds – both were taken home. Sheds are being broken in to overnight. The PCSO has asked the Clerk to add to the next newsletter that if anyone would like crime prevention advice regarding home/garden security to contact the PCSO.

30. **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Cllr Fowler reported that on 2 June a pedlar without a required Pedlar's certificate was reported to 101. He introduced himself as an ex-offender on an official back to work programme. A police patrol quickly found and spoke with the man. Whilst he was, in fact, known to the police, he was not part of any official work programme. As a result he was instructed to cease his activities and leave the area – which he did.

Following circulation of the parish council's minutes from the last meeting the Whitstable Times followed up on the incident involving a village resident who was targeted by scammers, intent on stealing £25K from his bank account. The story featured as a front page article in the paper's edition of 27th May.

To assist in providing information to residents about scams, a comprehensive document, detailing the ways in which the 10 most common types of scam work, has been uploaded to the parish council website. The fact sheet also lists the ways in which scams should be reported to the authorities

Kent police is urging Kent residents to give their views on crime and policing in rural areas via a survey conducted by the National Rural Crime Network – accessible online until 24 June at <http://www.nationalruralcrimenetwork.net/survey?member=Kent>

Chestfield Crime Statistics - Crime statistics, provided by the Home Office, via the Police UK Crime Map webpage, are now available for the period April 2014 – March 2015. These can be broken down into geographical areas specified by the viewer. Cllr Fowler had extrapolated these for the Chestfield parish council area for 2013-14 and 2014-15 to compare. The number of crimes reported has risen but this was predicted due to a change in reporting. For Chestfield, burglary and shoplifting are higher than the Canterbury district average.

31. **ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING** - The meeting was adjourned for parishioners' questions. A resident commented that the PCSO offers marking with ultraviolet pens to try and protect property. The meeting continued.

32. **PLANNING**

Councillors considered planning applications in Appendix 2 previously circulated. Decisions reached and latest information now attached as Appendix 2 to these minutes.

33. **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

RECEIVED the bank statement for May 2015, and RESOLVED the signature of a councillor other than the Chairman thereon;

NOTED a payment of £16.33, for the Plusnet Internet account was taken by direct debit on 18/05/2015.

NOTED that the Clerk advised the insurance company to remove the old speedwatch equipment from the cover and this resulted in a refund in the renewal premium of £88.76, which was refunded by Zurich by BACS.

NOTED that the Clerk purchased a new laptop and associated business software on 28 May and requested a VAT invoice in order to reclaim the VAT. Cllr Bailey commented that this was purchased as it was needed but the parish council had made provision over the last five years and had the necessary earmarked reserve for the purchase.

NOTED that the Clerk advised the insurance company to add the new laptop to the schedule for cover and to remove the old one from the cover.

NOTED that the Clerk updated the council's Register of Fixed Assets to reflect the new purchase and disposal.

NOTED that on 1 June 2015 the Clerk created and sent an invoice to Blean Parish Council for the purchase of the old second hand speedwatch equipment – namely, a Unipar Genesis speed gun and two activation boards and associated sundries, for the agreed price of £450 (handover to be effected on receipt of the payment)

34. **AUTHORISATION OF ACCOUNTS**

The Clerk presented finance sheets for cheque payments requiring authorisation totalling £1,104.54 together with an additional sheet totalling £3,098.01. It was RESOLVED that the financial matters and accounts be authorised for payment.

35. **CLERK'S REPORT**

Correspondence

- Kent Wildlife Trust E-News May 2015
- Neighbourhood Watch newsletter, (May 2015), themed around Scams, Cold Callers and E-mail Fraud.

New pads for the defibrillator

NOTED that the Clerk ordered and installed new electrode pads in the community defibrillator on 28 May 2015 as the old ones had gone out of date.

ELECTORAL REVIEW OF KENT: DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England has published draft recommendations on the future electoral arrangements for Kent County Council. The consultation on the Commission's recommendations on new division boundaries across Kent closes on 06 July 2015.

View the draft recommendations at <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/4285>

Before finalising the recommendations, the Commission will consider every representation received during consultation whether it is submitted by an individual, a local group or an organisation. They will weigh each submission against the criteria the Commission must follow when drawing up electoral arrangements:

- To deliver electoral equality where each county councillor represents roughly the same number of electors as others across the county.
- That the pattern of divisions should, as far as possible, reflect the interests and identities of local communities.
- That the electoral arrangements should provide for effective and convenient local government.

New planters for Fairlawn village green

The Fairlawn Green residents association offered to have a planter on their green, as per the others at the play park and Green Leas, along the same principles.

The Clerk placed the order on 15 April 2015 in liaison with a resident. There has been a delay with the delivery due to one planter being out of stock and unloading issues. A different vehicle will be required and there may be an additional delivery charge for this. The Clerk and resident will organise plants and soil and contents in due course.

Circular walk

Cllr Chapman and the Clerk agreed to walk the circular walk. They will also work on an alternative shorter walk (aimed at families with children) and report back.

Chestfield Youth Club

The Chestfield Youth Club closed down due to lack of numbers attending. The Clerk is still trying to get another signatory to attend the bank with her in order to close the youth club bank account. The funds will be transferred to the parish council's account and held in an earmarked reserve.

36. WHITSTABLE RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB "FUN DAY FOR THE VILLAGE"

The "Fun day for Chestfield" is to be held on Sunday 30 August 2015. Cllr Bailey advised that Amanda Flynn from the Club has met with the John Graham Centre. They are a registered charity with the aim to empower and enable adults with learning disabilities. The Centre will provide a tombola, arts and crafts and a cake stall. The Rugby Club is to organise the insurance and risk assessments, and will offer a bar and burger stand.

Cllr Bailey explained the parish council had put funds aside in 2013-2014 for a fete style day but this did not go ahead. He felt that the parish council should hire some large tents and pay for these to cover all weather contingencies and he asked if all councillors were happy in principle for him to get quotations.

Cllr Bailey explained that the Rotary Club are also involved and the WI should also be. Neighbourhood Watch are also keen to attend, as are Chestfield History Society. Local entrepreneurs could also rent a stall. Cllr Fowler asked how people should book stalls and attendance, and Cllr Bailey explained that this was being finalised next week. He commented that they could offer concessions spaces for free but with a percentage of their takings asked as a donation rather than a flat space fee.

The Clerk will contact the PCSO to ask if she will have a stall and attendance by a constable or special and/or speedwatch support representatives.

The Clerk explained that the "September" edition of the magazine would actually go out mid-end of August in order to advertise the Fun Day on the front cover.

Cllr Bailey asked for volunteers for the day.

37. **MAGAZINE** – The June edition has been delivered. The next edition will be the 100th edition. Cllr Bailey commented that the parish council is getting a lot of compliments about the magazine.

38. WEBSITE

The Clerk recorded thanks to Cllr Fowler for offering to check all the pages on the parish council's website for out of date information, broken links etc. He spent a long time doing this. The Clerk has now made all the necessary changes and updates.

39. SPEEDWATCH

Since the last meeting four checks have recorded 43 vehicles travelling between 36 – 46mph.

40. FOOTPATH BY SAINSBURYS

Cllr Bailey spoke about the path by Sainsburys from Primrose Way to the top of Sainsbury's steps. The trees that were so nicely trimmed about 18 months ago have grown a lot and are obscuring lights, making some residents feel unsafe walking along this path in the dark. The Clerk will write a letter to the store.

41. HISTORY SOCIETY

Cllr Ellis gave an update on the history society. The 2016 Calendar is nearly finished with only two months to go.

They had a meeting with a speaker regarding metal detectors and who had samples including a Norman stirrup from Primrose Way. A detectionist exercise is also going to be undertaken.

42. ENVIRONMENT

Cllr Brealy contributed to the local paper and they ran an article around fly tipping with photographs.

Molehill Road now has two dumped mattresses – the Clerk will report this.

The meeting closed at 8.55p.m. The Chairman reminded everyone that the next meeting is to be held on 29 June and that there will be no meeting in July.

Signed: Date:
Chairman

Please note these Minutes remain as draft Minutes until they are approved by the parish council at their next parish council meeting

CHESTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING REPORT, 08 JUNE 2015

APPENDIX 2

Canterbury Draft Local Plan

Inspector Mr M Moore has set the pre-hearing meeting for the Canterbury District Local Plan Examination for 13 May 2015 at 10am in The Guildhall, Canterbury. Issues relating to the local plan start on 14 July at 10am.

Bodkin Farm Appeal – CA/14/01319/OUT - Inspectorate Reference A/14/2227624

An Appeal has been lodged with the Secretary of State. The Appeal will be decided following a Public Inquiry and a site visit by an inspector. It is anticipated that the Appeal will start 18 August 2015 in The Guildhall, Canterbury and last 8 days.

Details of the appellant's ground of appeal and the city council's statement of case can be seen at the city council offices. The council's statement should be available soon.

There is a copy of the Planning Inspectorate's "Guide to taking part in planning appeals" booklets at http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/uploads/pins/taking-part_planning-inquiry.pdf Their planning portal also has more information at <http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/appeals/>

New Applications

2	CA/15/00972/FUL - 41A Maydowns Road Proposed extension of existing garage; erection of front porch, insertion of an additional roof-light and provision of enlarged vehicle driveway/parking spaces with permeable block paving.	The parish council has no objection
3	CA/15/01048/LUP - Tall Trees, Radfall Ride Repositioning of Barn	The parish council has no objection
4	CA/15/01142/FUL 62 Chestfield Road Proposed two-storey extension	The parish council has no objection

Notifications

CA/15/00406/FUL – 7 Chestfield Road Demolition of rear extension; extension to side and rear and provision of first-floor accommodation with flank dormers	Granted by CCC
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