

CHUTE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING OF JUNE 7th 2018

Present: Chute Parish Council

Cllr Quirk (Chair)
Cllr Hughes (Vice Chair)
Cllr Haines
Cllr Taylor
Cllr Foxen
Cllr Parr
Cllr Hannington

Chute Forest Parish Council

Cllr Pike (Chair)
Cllr Close (Vice Chair)
Cllr Geraghty
Cllr Stock

Mrs C Wall Clark and Financial Officer
Cllr Blair-Pilling (Wiltshire Council)

The meeting was attended by five members of the public.

1. To Record any Apologies.

Cllr Gay Chute Forest Parish Council

2. Declarations of Interest.

Members are reminded that, in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, they must declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests and leave the meeting if appropriate.

Cllr Quirk 3.3 Potential Contractor for works at property

Cllr Taylor 3.2 Neighbouring Property

3. To receive, consider and comment on Planning Applications as received from Wiltshire Council.

3.1 18/04151/FUL. :- Conversion and extension of outbuildings and stables to form three dwellings - Lowerhouse Farm, Lower Chute, Andover, Wiltshire, SP11 9DX

Aaron Smith from Fowler Planning updated that he had looked at a scheme to convert sympathetically the stables and garage to three houses that looked part of the village and respected the current buildings.

Cllr Quirk stated that he understood that for three houses there was not enough parking facilities and where do visitors park as parking is already an issue in Lower Chute.

Cllr Close asked if a report had been received by the Highways Officer to which Mr Smith replied no.

Cllr Pike enquired as to how would the drainage work.

Mr Smith was not aware that there was no mains drainage but stated that a Sewage plant could be situated underground in the courtyard for all three properties.

Cllr Pike asked if there were some regulations regarding the distance from the property to which Mr Smith replied he was unsure.

Cllr Close asked if this was a soakaway or septic tank.

Cllr Stock stated that she felt this was over development within the countryside and conservation area and everyone then moving in wants an extension and this is destroying the nature of the village and the countryside. Six extra cars going into the village on a dangerous corner onto a single-track road was urbanising the village.

Aaron Smith stated that no windows would be sited on the roadside and as currently empty would have no impact.

Cllr Stock stated three houses would totally change the nature of the area.

Aaron stated that activity would not impact and already one planning application had been approved for one house (housekeepers cottage).

Cllr Stock also stated over the last 30 years the traffic has doubled and destroying the character of the area.

Cllr Geraghty asked if feedback had been received from Wiltshire Council and Aaron Smith stated that they had met the conservation manager but had not received a report.

Cllr Haines asked why one proposal for one conversion had gone for planning several years ago and now an application for three

Aaron Smith stated that the layout lead to two additional smaller properties.

Mrs Holroyd stated that she objected to three properties.

Cllr Close stated that two properties were proposed to be created out of existing buildings with a small link. The third property exceeds the scale and is larger.

Cllr Hughes stated that from the local plan that Housing Development is restricted and special attention must be given to preserving the character of the village. The traffic and parking are an issue and is a question of scale.

Cllr Blair -Pilling stated that he is not sure whether he can call it in to the planning committee and felt that the parking met the criteria and that you will have to come up with a good reason to vote on this but due to the criteria from the local plan we have a right to refuse.

Cllr Pike asked if the two smaller properties would come into affordable housing and was advised that no they would not.

Cllr Quirk asked all councillors for their views and to vote

Cllr Hannington stated that the parking was an issue and no feedback from Conservation Officer.

Cllr Foxen stated she agreed and that the bat report was two years old and out of date and was aware of speeding vehicles going passed the property

Cllr Hughes stated that it was too dense a development

Cllr Haines and Cllr Taylor agreed that density and Parking was an issue

Cllr Close stated that it was unusual to have two parish councils present because of the boundary lines. Cllr Close proposes that we advise Wiltshire council over our concerns over parking and traffic.

Cllr Pike agreed.

A show of hands was made to object to this application and all councillors were in favour with the exception of Cllr Close who abstained.

This was Proposed By Cllr Foxen Seconded By Cllr Taylor

Chute Forest Parish Councillors left the meeting

Cllr Blair-Pilling stated he will check call-in date.

Cllr Blair-Pilling also advised that Briefing Note 349 from Wiltshire Council on change of planning and will be very pressed to get a call in and to read very carefully as days will count and give developers up to 9 hours on site and time frames will be very close and the system slick enough.

Cllr Haines stated that the planning notice only went up last Friday.

Ms Coulthurst stated it had been up for a couple of weeks. The clerk updated that it was in fact posted by Wiltshire Council on June 1st.

3.2 18/04014/FUL Proposed ground floor extension to front of property and new entrance porch. 5 Tibbs Meadow, Upper Chute, Andover, SP119EQ

Cllr Quirk stated that it married up with the other properties
Cllr Foxen raised concerns over the parking of repair vehicles
Cllr Haines asked if this would impact on the site and Cllr Quirk stated no.

It was proposed not to object to this application and

Proposed By Cllr Hughes Seconded By Cllr Parr

3.3 18/03440/FUL Erection of Open Porch. Demolition of Existing Garage and Erection of Replacement Garage. Demolition of Existing Single Storey Extension and Replacement with New Single Storey Rear Extension. Insertion of Eyebrow Dormer to Rear and Internal Alterations

Well Cottage, Forest Lane, Upper Chute, Andover, Wiltshire, SP11 9EL

Cllr Quirk recommended a site visit which was agreed
Cllr Parr stated that the work looked very thorough and the dormer in the roof would improve the appearance of the property.

A site visit to be arranged.

4. General Public – Any questions

No further questions

5. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

To approve and sign, as a correct record, the Minutes of May 10th 2018
The minutes were agreed as a true and correct record and

Proposed By Cllr Hughes Seconded By Cllr Haines

6. Matters Arising:

To discuss any matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting on May 10th 2018

Cllr Haines stated that the tree had been removed on the footpath by the Causeway
Cllr Foxen updated that it is a bridle path and footpath.

Cllr Quirk raised the issue of Japanese Knotweed in the pit by the allotments. The Clerk advised that she had written to the Land Registry to find the owner of the land although many years ago along with the allotment the site belonged to Longview.

7. To receive reports from Wiltshire County Councillor and Wiltshire Police

Cllr Blair-Pilling advised that the Electoral Review required more evidence on the number of County Councillors required and a decision will be made on August 1st
There is a problem on special needs school that if you do your forecast for 20 years you need more schools and our current ones are not up to standard. A £20m spend is required and a problem is how to do it with the three current schools are already raising petitions. Preliminary consultation was going on and how do we pay for it. Cllr Blair-Pilling advised that we are aware and if asked be aware of what you are signing up for.

Cllr Hughes stated that this sounded like a failure on communication.
Cllr Blair-Pilling said no, they were communicating well.

Cllr Blair-Pilling advised that he was now the portfolio holder for ICT and Digitisation body.

Cllr Quirk raised the issue of grips and drains and that many are still blocked.

Cllr Hughes asked for an update on the gritting of Conholt Hill

Cllr Blair-Pilling stated that this was not his priority as winter was some months away.
Cllr Foxen re-iterated that it needs to become a priority as someone will be killed.

8. Finance –

To accept Liquidity Statement to the end of May 2018

The above statement was accepted approved.

8b. Payments

8b.i To approve annual rent to Chute Village Hall £130

8b.ii To approve payment to BHIB for annual insurance £176.41

8b.iii To approve Clerks expenses £84.59

The above was approved and Proposed By Cllr Foxen Seconded By Cllr Haines

9. Highways Report

The Clerk advised that the Parish Steward had spent the last day and a half in the village mostly filling potholes and cutting back undergrowth from around the drains.
Cllr Haines stated that deep pot-holes was still evident on the Clanville Road going down to Wiltshire.

10. King George Field Report

The Clerk updated that following a camera inspection the soakaway at the field had failed and needed reinstating and was awaiting an estimate.
She advised that she had sent out an email for volunteers to help clear the weeds and boundaries on Saturday 9th from 2pm prior to the fete.
She also advised that unknown campers on the field last weekend may have left debris which was caught in the mower blades.
Cllr Hannington suggested that Simon Withers may cut the hedges.
Cllr Foxen stated she was very impressed with the See Saw repair by Cllr Quirk

11. Village Hall Report

The Clerk advised that the drainage system had failed and had to jetted out and was now working.
Again, more volunteers were required to help with the grounds

12. Village Gates to entrance of Upper Chute (Cllr Parr)

Cllr Parr proposed that entrance gates particularly to Upper Chute may slow down the traffic
Cllr Foxen also expressed concern over speeding through Lower Chute
Cllr Hughes – asked where we would put them
Cllr Parr – Children play on the green and any slowing down would help and thinking of the approach.
Cllr Foxen stated that as she left Upper Chute and came down from the church, a lady in a green BMW coming the other way did not even slow down or look when turning.
Cllr Hughes stated that a 20mph zone would be the ideal, Cllr Quirk suggested that we keep it on the agenda and Councillors also look for suitable positions for potential gates.

13. Allotments

The Clerk updated that she had visited the allotments and was disappointed at the unkempt nature of three of the allotment plots. One of the holders has now handed in their allotment which leaves three vacant plots. She proposed that the vacant plots are strimmed and week killed to which we may have to pay someone which was agreed. We would then advertise them as currently no wait list.
Cllr Hughes suggested that we also advertise them in Appleshaw where there is a wait list.

14. Any other Business

Cllr Taylor advised that one of Hopton's trees was down by new Tibbs Meadow (Now Removed)
Cllr Taylor stated also that the footpath to Lammer was impassable.

Cllr Hannington advised that he had a complaint that the hedgerow at Foxcotte extending into the road

Cllr Quirk stated he would speak to the homeowner.

Cllr Hannington – asked if the neighbourhood watch scheme was still running and advised yes but low key.

Cllr Hughes suggested that we approach the owners of the Cross Keys for an update on the future of the property and encourage the owners to find a solution.

Cllr Hughes stated he was meeting with Sirius Inns who have looked at the Cross Keys and stated it could not economically work as a pub and we must push to do something about it and although he would love it to be a pub we must be realistic.

Cllr Haines advised that a 32-ton truck with crane went through the no entry sign at Chute Cadley following his sat nav.

The Clerk advised that the new sign post at the Chute Forest junction had arrived and the letters had been removed from the rotten arms to be re-furbished and put on the new one. Someone was then needed to dig the hole for it.

The new notice board for the village hall had also arrived and was awaiting oiling and installing.

The other two signposts would be with her next week.

14.Date of Next Meeting July 5th 2018

No further business was raised and the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm

Carolyn Wall Clerk and Financial Officer