

Chedburgh Parish Council

MINUTES

of the Meeting held at the Erskine Centre, Chevington Road, Chedburgh on

Monday 16th January 2017 at 8.10pm

Present: Councillors: Cllr Michael Chester (Chair), Margaret Rickard, Pat Fisher, Teresa Landymore, Sam Parrett, and Clare Varney.

In attendance: Maximilian Clay (Clerk to the Council)
6 Members of the public

Appendixes referred to below form part of the authorised minutes.

53. Apologies

There were no apologies.

54. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Rickard declared that an interest may arise under item 60.b; there were no other declarations for which dispensations had not been duly authorised.

55. Minutes of the last meetings

- a. The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 14th November 2016 were agreed to be a true record and the Chair was authorised to sign them as such.
- b. The minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 5th December 2016 were agreed to be a true record and the Chair was authorised to sign them as such.

56. Borough Councillor Report

Cllr Angela Rushen was in attendance up to the end of this item. She reported that:

- The Bury St Edmunds Master Plan was going out to consultation.
- The Borough council was seeking to cover its deficit through the development of a more commercial approach to raising funds, rather than implementing further cuts in services.
- The Borough Council was seeking to discourage begging in the town centre by encouraging people to give to support agencies, rather than the beggars themselves, and by supplying support agency contact information and other pointers towards help to the beggars.

57. Public Forum

A member of the public queried the Council's response to planning application DC/16/2350/OUT; he felt that some elements of the Council's discussion of the application had been omitted from the written submission to the Planning Authority.

In response it was pointed out that the Council's responses to planning consultations are not reports of its whole discussion but rather a summary of the consensus reached. The Council's responses also focus on the specific matters coming under consideration in the particular consultation - for example, outline principles rather than detailed critique when the application is an outline application rather than a full application.

58. Decisions taken since the previous meeting

No decisions had been taken under delegated powers since the previous meeting.

59. Clerk's report

The Clerk had no matters to report.

60. Planning and Environment

- a. There were no new planning applications to consider.
- b.
 - i Brocket Park Development - It was noted that, although some of the market-price houses were nearing completion, work on the public open space did not seem far advanced. The Planning Authority had advised that enforcement action would be taken if these works were not completed by the 31st March 2017. A show home was due to be opened soon.
 - ii It was noted that DC/16/2307/FUL for a dwelling to be built on land adjacent to The Marquis Cornwallis had been refused.
 - iii It was noted that the Clerk had been informed that the Asset of Community Value status granted on the Pub meant that the notification, by the pub's owner, of a change of certified use (to a shop) no longer applied as this was no longer a permitted use.
- c. Ian Leggett's reports (Village Handyman) were received. Arising from questions, it was reported that VAS speed information was now being submitted to the police. In response to a question, IL reported that it was only the initial speed detected that formed part of the report.
- d. The Annual Play Area Inspection was considered and painting works approved. It was agreed that other matters did not represent a significant risk to users. The Clerk will forward the report to the Community Council for their consideration in relation to equipment/ land in their ownership.

61. Responsible Finance Officer's Business

- a. The Council considered and received the Summary Accounts for Quarter 3 of 2016/17 (*Appendix D*);
- b. The Council received and approved the bank reconciliation to 31st December 2016 (*Appendix E*);
- c. The Council received a schedule of receipts (*Appendix F part 1*);
- d. The Council received and approved a schedule of payments (*Appendix F part 2*), together with the supporting documents.
- e. The Council considered the draft budget and the precept for 2017/18 and approved them unanimously. The precept for 2017/18 was hence agreed at £8,962.00. (*Appendix G*)

62. Vacancy on the Council

The Council agreed unanimously the co-option of Mr Alan Noyes to the Council.

63. Councillors' reports and items for future agendas

- a. There were no reports on meetings attended but it was noted that the Website is being updated.
- b. There were no forthcoming meetings requiring representation of the Council.
- c. The following items were raised for future agendas:
 - Placement positions for the VAS
 - Parking on Majors Close (the Clerk to identify ownership of the grass verge in preparation for this item).
 - Position of Speed Limit (proposal to extend the 30mph limit along Queen's Lane to Queen's Hill)
 - Adoption of a complaints procedure.
- d. Cllr Landymore reported on changes to rules relating to rights of way (information will be circulated).

The meeting closed at 9.24pm.

Signed as a true record by authority of the Council:

Chair
Date
