

CHILTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 3rd August 2015 at Gt Waldingfield Village Hall

Present: Councillors Keith Shapley (Chairman), Adrian Beckham, Eileen Gore, Andy Green and Thomas Reeve.

Attending: D Crimmin (Clerk) and one resident.

15/090 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllrs Edgeley (work) and Hart of Chilton (work).

15/091 Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensation

No interests declared and no request for dispensation received.

15/092 Minutes of Meeting held on 6th July 2015

The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

15/093 Public Forum

No issues were raised.

15/094 Planning

- a. The **Planning Application B/15/00628 Laurel Cottage, Chilton Corner** was reviewed at the CPC meeting on the 6th July 2015.
- b. A further planning application had been received since the agenda was posted. The councillors reviewed **Planning Application B/15/00772 6 Aubrey Drive - Erection of a First Floor Side Extension** and resolved to support the application.
- c. The councillors reviewed the questions raised by BDC in relation to the adoption / management of public open space and community facilities at Chilton Woods. The councillors resolved that the following responses should be sent to BDC:
 - i. **Is Chilton interested in managing the Playing Fields and other open spaces?**
CPC has always stated that it wants to be involved in the management of the community facilities and the sports facilities at Chilton Woods. The councillors would also include the public open space and woodland as part of CPC's management programme.
 - ii. **If so, what would the Council need (e.g. commuted sums)?**
It is very difficult at this stage to give an estimate of amount, but BDC should calculate that enough S106 monies is available to support the maintenance of such an area and the community facilities in perpetuity. In practice this should be based on 80 years with a minimum of at least 30 years. CPC would emphasise that the Chilton Woods facilities require an adequate financial provision to be established via S106 and that voluntary support should be ignored in the calculation. CPC would reiterate its request to be actively involved in S106 discussions.
 - iii. **At present, six playing fields are shown – we are exploring the possibility of an all-weather pitch in lieu of some of the grass pitches as this allows more intensive use. Do the Council have any thoughts on this?**
CPC support the provision of an all-weather surface in the sports field which could be used for a number of sports. The floodlighting of such an area should be at a lower level in order to avoid glare. CPC would emphasise that the sports field provision should allow for a number of sports to be played.
 - iv. **Are the Council supportive of the playing fields as proposed, or would they prefer to see them grouped with the woodland to provide a 'country park' (a single block of open space – woodland, playing field, 'common') similar to Nowton Park at Bury St Edmunds? This would involve flipping the triangular block of residential with the playing fields.**
CPC does **not support** the playing fields as proposed. CPC has maintained throughout the Place Shaping Group process that the sports field should abut the

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community centre so that the changing facilities, car parking etc can be accommodated within the centre.

v. **Do the Council have any other comments on community facilities and management?**

CPC has also taken issue with the car park and village green as proposed in the current masterplan for the community centre. CPC would strongly recommend that these are switched in the final masterplan so that the community centre abuts the village green and the car parking abuts the village green.

Within the Local Plan a "community woodland" was intended for the development so councillors are confused by the proposal to call the area a "community park". The name Chilton Woods was decided upon to reflect the community and the design of housing within a woodland. Although some of the original aspirations of the scheme have given way to ensure the viability of the project, CPC would argue that Chilton Woods is maintained within any naming of this area.

15/095 Questions to Chair

Concerns were raised with regard to the fencing of the land abutting the Chilton Parish Boundary by the Wyevalles Garden Centre on the A134. The Clerk informed councillors that BDC Enforcement officers were already on the case following the issue being raised by Newton Parish Council.

15/096 Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting will be held at Gt Waldingfield Village Hall on Monday 7th September 2015 starting at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.