

CHORLEYWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the EXTRA ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held in the Council Chamber, South Lodge, Rickmansworth Road, Chorleywood, on Tuesday 29th October 2013

MEMBERSHIP & ATTENDANCE

Chairman: * R Khiroya

Councillors:

Mrs W Boatman	* G Liley
* T Edwards	* F Mahon-Daly
* M. Green	K Morris
Mrs A Hayward	* Mrs A Preedy
* Miss P Howell	* Mrs L Sutherland
* Mrs M Jarrett	* S Watkins
R Kipps	* Mrs J White
* Mrs V Lantree	Mrs J Worrall

*Denotes Member present.

There were four members of the public present: Mr G Hill & Mr M Hyde from Friends of the Common, Mrs A Ruben –Chorleywood Community Orchard and Mr O Edis – Chorleywood Resident Association.

Nicky Edwards from the Business Association sent her apologies

13/31 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllr Mrs Boatman, Cllr Mrs Hayward, Cllr Kipps, Cllr Morris and Cllr Mrs Worrall.

13/32 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN OR PARISH PLAN

Members firstly had to resolve the recommendations which had been brought forward by the Planning Committee

The Council
RESOLVED

That the Council should consider taking forward either the Neighbourhood Plan or a Parish Plan with the support and assistance of Local interest groups.

This was proposed by Cllr s Watkins, seconded by Cllr G Liley and unanimously approved.

PROTECTING LOCAL ASSETS

The Council
RESOLVED

That the Parish Council should start a list of local assets they consider need protecting

This was proposed by Cllr Miss Howell, seconded by Cllr Mrs White and unanimously approved.

8.05 The Chairman suspended Standing Orders.

Cllr Watkins was disappointed with the number of people from the interest groups and local organisations attending the meeting and specifically that there was no representation from the Business Association.

It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the Business Association

Cllr Mrs White explained the merits of a Neighbourhood Plan but stated that whatever route was taken that it would take time and effort to complete and said that it should involve every member of the Community.

The Neighbourhood Plan

- Incorporates Localism Bill
- Legal Document
- Funding possible available from TRDC
- Certain steps have to be followed
- The plan has to be led by the Parish

The Clerk, in the absence of Cllr Mrs Worrall, explained the merits of a Parish Plan.

- It was a document which would involve the whole community
- Could include what was important to the community
- Gage opinion
- Cover all aspects of community life.

Both plans once approved would be supported by the District and County Councils.

Mr Edis felt that a Parish Plan was good idea but felt it would be better if it was called the Community Plan

Mr Hill backed the idea of a Parish Plan – and agreed felt the plan would be better if called the Community Plan as it is for the Community.

Mr Hyde felt that it was a fascinating idea and would like to be involved, but the major concerns were over what questions would be in the questionnaire.

Mrs a Ruben said she was more impressed with the Parish Plan than the Neighbourhood plan as felt it was more able to maintain the Green belt.

It was agreed that the questionnaire would be key, Officers and Members were asked to source examples from other authorities.

9.24pm The Chairman Reconvened the meeting.

The Council
RESOLVED

That the Council takes forward the Parish Plan formally known as the Chorleywood Community Plan and form a steering group to facilitate this:-

This was proposed by Cllr Mrs White, seconded by Cllr Watkins and unanimously approved.

It was agreed that the Steering group should have 4 Councillors, 2 Members from the Chorleywood Residents Associations, 1 member from Friends of Chorleywood Common, 1 member from the Business Association, 1 member from Neighbourhood

Watch, 1 member from an association that represents the older members of the Parish and 1 member from an association that represents young families of the Parish.

It was felt that the Councillors that should be on the steering group should be:

Cllr Mrs Worrall, Cllr Mrs White, Cllr Watkins, Cllr Mrs Lantree

This was proposed by Cllr Miss Howell, seconded by Cllr Mrs Preedy and unanimously approved.

The Clerk was asked to write to the various groups to explain the proposal and to invite interested groups and organisations to put forward representatives.

Chorleywood Matters should publicise the Community Plan and what it involves. Explaining the desire to find out from the Community what is important to them and how they would like to see the community wants/needs.

That interested parties start an informal list of questions to include in the community plan questionnaire in due course. It was agreed that this process should start with immediate effect.

13/34 PROTECTING LOCAL ASSETS

Cllr Mrs White proposed an informal list to be started which could then be incorporated into the Community Plan Questionnaire. This was proposed by Cllr White and seconded by Cllr Watkins. Cllr Miss Howell proposed an amendment to the original proposal that the list be a formal one. This was seconded by Cllr Lantree. The Council voted for the amendment 10 in favour with two abstentions.

The Council
RESOLVED

That the Parish Council starts a formal list of local assets that need protection
That this list is mentioned in the Community Plan Questionnaire

This was carried 11 in favour and one against.

13/35 GROVEWOOD

The Chairman asked members to consider the request from the Clerk to address the report regarding trees in Grovewood as an urgent item.

The Clerk advised that trees in private properties had been affected by the storm and whilst the trees in Grovewood appeared sound there were concerns from local residents as to their safety. It was noted that a full inspection of the trees had taken place in June 2013. The Clerk advised that an additional survey would have cost implications and there was insufficient money in the budget to cover the cost of an additional survey. However if the Council wished to go ahead with the survey money could be taken from reserves.

The Council
RESOLVED

To commission a tree survey of Grovewood and that any work required to remove dangerous trees could be carried out with the money being taken from reserves.

It was noted that a similar exercise should be carried out on the trees surrounding properties on the Common and that the Open Spaces Committee should set aside money in next year's budget.

This was proposed by Cllr Liley, seconded by Cllr Mrs White and unanimously approved.

13/36 CLOSE

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10 pm.

These minutes have been checked by the Chairman.

Signed Dated

These minutes have been agreed at Full Council and signed by the Chairman.

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