

Draft Minutes subject to acceptance at the next meeting.

CHELWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE ZOOM PLATFORM ON WEDNESDAY 28TH OCTOBER 2020 COMMENCING AT 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Julie Glynn (Chair), Peter Jones, Geoff Joyner; also in attendance Cllr Sally Davis (B&NES) and Alan Butcher (Clerk)

20/EX10/1 - Apologies for absence. Cllr Niki Cripps.

20/EX10/2 - Declarations of Interest:

Cllr Davis advised an interest in planning matters. There were no other declarations of interest.

20/EX10/3 - Public Participation: No members of the public were present.

20/EX10/4 - Minutes of previous meetings:

- i) Motion to postpone acceptance of the Minutes of Meeting held on 20th October 2020 until the next scheduled meeting on 19th January 2021. This was so resolved.

20/EX10/5 - Parish Council Response to Planning Applications

- i) Application 20/03585/OUT – Conversion of existing building into 6 flats, demolition of adjacent accommodation and replacement with bungalow at Chelwood House Hotel, Upper Bristol Road, Chelwood BS39 4NH.

Cllr Glynn felt this was a reasonable application but perhaps too large taking into account the number of flats and the bungalow. She was concerned about the volume of traffic accessing the site. Other councillors reiterated this concern. Cllr Jones noted the refusal of a previous permission for an additional dwelling and expressed concern about environmental issues. All noted that this would provide additional housing within the parish. Concern was expressed about any increase in size of the proposed new bungalow.

On the traffic and highways issue, Cllr Davis advised on the likely Highways response concerning parking and traffic access to and from the site.

Cllr Glynn proposed that the application be supported but that comments about traffic, the size and height of the proposed bungalow and the impact on the green belt be included. This was agreed unanimously.

Clerk to forward comments to B&NES.

- ii) Planning the Future White Paper – Parish Council response. The clerk had circulated a draft response as well as the comments from B&NES which reflected the general view that the proposals would centralise decision making greatly reducing any local input or objections. Cllr Glynn proposed that the response should note the current inconsistency in planning decisions. Clerk to add this comment to the response. It was agreed to submit the response before the deadline of 29th October 2020.
- iii) B&NES Planning Policy Survey response. This related to a survey about feedback on planning policy from B&NES. The clerk was unsure whether the Parish Council had made responses in the past. It was agreed to respond with a neutral response but the include comments that Chelwood was a small Parish Council with few planning

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applications per year but that it still should be included in any future requests for planning policy feedback.

20/EX10/6 - Parish Council Matters.

- i) Highways
 - a) Collapsed wall and blocked footway. The written response promised from B&NES had, as yet, not materialised; Cllr Davis to chase up.
- ii) Works to telephone box. There was further discussion about repairs to the box. The clerk had obtained details of paint costs, etc from Unicorn Restorations, a leading supplier of phone boxes and spares. Cllr Glynn offered to undertake repairs but noted a problem with the door. Clerk offered to investigate and report back.

20/EX10/7 - Financial:

- i) Payment of Clerks Salary and expenses. £369.78 which included £69.58 for website hosting costs. This was agreed. Cllr Glynn to arrange for a cheque to be raised and signed along with the payment confirmation slip which would be sent to the clerk in due course.
- ii) The clerk noted that he had received the relevant payroll details from HMRC and would be setting up the payroll and tax regime in due course.

20/EX10/8 - Matters of Report:

- i) Councillors gave their feedback on the BART Presentation given at the last meeting. Cllr Glynn thought it was an impressive presentation showing the BART were effective in encouraging wildlife and environmental management with their schemes. Cllr Jones liked what BART were doing and was also their ideas with the creation of ponds, etc. Cllr Joyner was also happy with the presentation as was Cllr Cripps who had expressed her views to Cllr Glynn. There was a general discussion on what could be done at Candlestick Brook but all were happy to provide positive feedback to the Community Fund.
- ii) Cllr Davis to report the problems with 3 Chelwood to Environmental Services again.

20/EX10/9 - Date and Time of Next Meeting: Tuesday 19th January 2021

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