

Draft of Minutes
Meeting of Chelwood Parish Council, 4th June 2013, 7:30 p.m.

Present Mr P Sherborne (chair), Mr P Harrison (vice-chair), Mr P Jones, Mr G Joyner, Mrs C Beecroft (clerk). Cllr Sparks, Cllr P Crossley, 8 members of parish
Apology Ms J Glynn.

Public Submissions- There was a discussion concerning the flooding problem outside Primrose Cottage. The cost of replacing the pipe under the main road with something much larger may be prohibitive, although an actual cost has not been calculated yet. A proposal was made to consider supporting housing development at The Firs. The developer would be expected to bear the cost of new drainage. Views were given for and against the proposal.

1. Matters Arising not covered in agenda

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

2. Placemaking Plan

Cllr Sparks will contact B&NES to arrange a visit from someone who can further clarify what is expected of a placemaking plan for a village covered by Green Belt policy. Clutton Parish Council have enquired whether Chelwood would be interested in producing a joint Neighbourhood Plan.

3. Flooding

a. B&NES have carried out a site visit. Cllr Sparks will contact B&NES for

- an update of progress.
- If the problem cannot be alleviated sufficiently we would like to know the cost of replacing the pipe under the main road with a much larger pipe.
- Would B&NES consider putting a drain across the front of Primrose Cottage so that at least the house is not flooded? What would be the cost of this partial solution?

b. Four Winds

Water is gathering across the front of the property since Barn Lane was resurfaced. This is causing difficulty for the owner. Clerk to contact B&NES highways.

4. Thankful Village Status

a. Signage: B&NES will be asked to cost. Money could be allocated from Ward Councillors Initiative Scheme

b. Medwyn Parry and Dougie Bancroft will be riding motorbikes to all of the 51 "Thankful Villages" in the United Kingdom. These are villages with no traditional war memorial because all who left to fight in the Great War returned home. They will visit Chelwood on 28th July. There will be a gathering at the village hall to mark their visit and it is hoped that villagers will support this event.

5. Fracking

In Somerset four Petroleum Exploration and Development Licenses have been granted for shale gas and coal bed methane exploration. Fracking is a technique used to extract hydrocarbons trapped in certain types of rock. Cllr Crossley explained that the council would have to award planning permission before fracking could take place.

Meeting 10th June, School Rooms, Chew Magna

6. Broadband

The Connecting Devon and Somerset programme aims to provide 100% broadband coverage of at least 2Mbps with a minimum of 85% superfast broadband at 24Mbps by 2015 and superfast broadband for all by 2020.

Meeting 10th June, The Carpenters, Stanton Wick

7. Planning Application

13/00644/FUL B&NES Permit

Breach Farm, BS39 5QR – resubmitted. Erection of a two storey rear extension..

B&NES Permit

13/01965/FUL

Wick Lane, Pensford - resubmission. Change of land use from B2 to Gypsy/Traveller site.

Resubmit objection. The proposal is contrary to policy HG.16, specifically i), ii), iv), and v).

The proposal is also contrary to policy CP11, specifically a), b), d), e), f) and possibly g).

Chelwood Parish Council notes that the extant residential permission only covers an area of approx 6750 square metres. Planning ref 05/02227/FUL..

Based on the parish councillors experience and local knowledge of BANES Council's previous decisions we do not support the contention that very special circumstances exist to allow the normal Green Belt constraints to be ignored.

The case against the proposal is overwhelmingly supported by HG.16 and CP.11.

The requirement to provide a travellers site is not mandatory and cannot therefore constitute very special circumstances.

The existing highway network is clearly totally inadequate CP11 (b), as evidenced by the refusal of previous applications on Wick Lane.

8. Finance

Audit 12/13

Mr S Meale has completed the internal audit report. Governance approved by PC.

Previous Balance: £1857.15

Income/ Expenditure: none

Current Balance: £1857.15

9. Date of Next Scheduled Meeting:

Tuesday 1st October 2013 at 7:30pm

If you have an item for the agenda contact P Sherborne or C Beecroft by 13th September.