

Agenda: Meeting of the Parish Council Mon 27th July at 8:00p.m.

Public Submissions

1. Matters Arising not covered in agenda
2. Solar Farm
3. Broadband
4. Transparency Code
5. Planning Application
 - App Ref: 15/01381/FUL
 - Mr Ian Clark, Hartley Barn Farm, Barn Lane, Chelwood
 - Erection of single storey side extension, reinstatement of link and alterations to provide additional accommodation.
 - B&NES PERMIT
6. Finance
 - a. Balance £2304.64
7. Correspondence
8. Date of Next Meeting 5th October

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Public Submissions	There was a discussion with a representative of Chelwood Community Energy to update the parish council on the progress made concerning the Solar Farm. They are looking for local investment as well as further afield. The minimum local investment is £200 for which a tax payer could claim back £60 in tax relief. £50k would be available immediately for community projects which would be of benefit to the parish. It was suggested that there might be a possibility that the community might benefit by allocating some of this money towards providing fast broadband capabilities to all households through an agreement with Truespeed.
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Present	Mr P Sherborne (chair), Mr P Harrison (vice-chair), Ms J Glynn, Mr P Jones, Mr G Joyner, Cllr K Warrington, Mrs C Beecroft (clerk), 1 member of public
Apologies	None

1	Matters Arising Not Covered in Agenda	
Meeting date re-scheduled due to other commitments of several parish councillors. The Solicitor for the Council has agreed that a signed version of the Register of Interest forms completed by all parish councillors should be held by the clerk. A copy without signatures can be seen on the parish council website. BANES has dealt with some of the potholes and flooding issues in the area.		
2	Solar Farm	
Solar Farm is progressing to schedule. Due diligence is underway. The share option is now open and investors need to apply through Ethex, a link to this can be found at Chelwood.org. Local investment starts at £200, tax payers can apply for tax relief on their investment.		
3	Broadband	
There is a possibility that Fast Broadband could be available to households in Chelwood through an agreement with Truespeed. This is dependent upon getting enough interest from the community. There is a possibility that money could be available from the Solar Farm project to fund this and therefore accelerate the start time for its availability.		
4	Transparency Code	JG, CB
The code is mandatory from 1 April 2015 and requires the online publication of key spending and governance information. These include all items of expenditure above £100, end of year accounts, annual governance statement, internal audit report, list of councillor or member responsibilities, and minutes and agendas of formal meetings. Under the new audit framework the parish council will be exempt from routine external audits. Ms J Glynn and clerk will investigate what impact this will have on the risk register and financial regulations and report back to next meeting		
5	Planning Application	
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6	Finance	

Previous Balance	£2304.64
Income	none
Expenditure	none
Current Balance	£2304.64
7	Correspondence
None	
8	Date of Next Scheduled Meeting
Monday, 5 th October at 7:30pm	
9	Any Other Business
Cllr Warrington has requested that BANES run some training courses with planning officers and highways officers so that there is more understanding on why decisions are taken.	