

Melchbourne and Yelden Parish Council

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Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 19 July 2017, in Yelden Village Hall, at 8.00pm.

Present: Councillors Bone (HB), Morgan (FM), Mackonochie (RM), Paynter (SP), Sizer (PS).
Councillor Gelder (KG) was in the chair.
Councillor Franklin (AF) attended BBC Network meeting to represent PC.

17.65 Apologies for absence.

- Borough Councillor Towler (MT) (attended BBC Network meeting). Councillor Prescott (PP) (working).

17.66 Consideration of any requests to grant a dispensation for a disclosable pecuniary interest.

- None.

17.67 Declarations of Interest in any agenda item.

- None.

17.68 Approval of Minutes of 17 May 2017 meeting.

- Already circulated by email and signed as correct **HB/PS - resolved unanimous.**

17.69 Correspondence for discussion.

- Biogen Westwood AD. Nothing to report. No further reviews of spreading.
- Anglian Water Pumping Station, Melchbourne. Appearance of site & foliage screening. Report from HB, work finished, site tidied, review planting in autumn.
- Purchase of a defibrillator & 2 housing cabinets. Costs, 2 G5s, 2 Sentry cabinets plus signage etc £3,665 net, no VAT if purchase through CHT Managed Solutions. Annual fee £126 (for pads) not cost effective as usage uncertain. Additional servicing costs, battery replacement (4 yearly), pads (2 yearly), electricity est. £1,450 over 10 year life of equipment. CRE unlikely to cover ongoing costs but check, but average £145pa considered acceptable. Write cheque & order when formal contracts arrive for £3,665 capital costs. **HB/PS resolved unanimous.** Find leader for each village, training after installation.
- MYPC website. 5 Years minutes added & progressing. Agreed, email addresses of all councillors to appear. Will use to add news items etc.
- Property damage & crime statistics. Yelden Village Hall damage - reported.
- Speeding. 1. Police Initiative - target areas advised. No further response. 2. Review of Speed Feedback Signs. Report from SP - community response speed awareness system & signs £3,690 per pair (net), solar charging £1,000, software £250. Feedback to drivers (speed/time) work initially as novelty. Simple to install, kiv CRE funding. Swineshead have one - MYPC pursue? KG - discusses with Mayor - speed cameras costly Chelveston £30k per pair plus side roads £20/25k. Mayor written to Dept. O Trans. - all camera revenue to Treasury, requesting funds back to community to fund capital costs. Highways not support ave. speed cameras, not major trunk road. Consider speed bumps or Thumps (noisy). **Resolved** - SP to investigate/suggestions with Highways (AP). Monitor speeding, traffic flow, prices of options/signage both villages & criteria, permission needed? FM - can bid for camera vans (for 2 weeks) from Beds Police, Northants limited.

To chase. 3. Community Speed Watch training - to consider combining training with other parishes - no volunteers at present.

- Parish & Town Council Network. Meeting Wednesday 19 July 2017. AF attending tonight. Local Plan & impact on A6 on agenda.
- Police, Community Priority Setting follow up meeting 15 May. Responses noted, speeding a priority for most. Next meeting 22 August - attending? KG checking diary.
- Neighbourhood Development Plan. MYPC strategy. Yelden Councillors not progressed at present.
- Local Plan 2035 consultation, 17 further sites listed. Revised Local Plan 2035. PC written re concerns, impact on A6, not suitable road infrastructure. Under review.
- Borough Councillor Update July 2017 - report from C/llor Towler. Need to keep character of area.
- Post 16 School Transport. BBC decision to charge full amount of travel costs. PC written to Mayor & MP. Alistair Burt responded, also concerned & monitoring. BBC no response or comment.
- Dog fouling & dog bin collection. Site assessment of community requirements with BBC, to reposition bin, no new ones may be added. Some complaints, filled bags thrown into resident's gardens & hung from hedges. Perpetrators can be fined £1,000, PS put up posters. Correct notification must be displayed, kiv cameras stating under surveillance. Parishioners troubled & concerned re problems. Consider buying new bin, £400 & Ward Funding available. Church Lane Yelden not suitable, no banks. High Street, remove three Shires way bin, new one bottom of Church Lane. **Resolved**, request Ward funding from C/llor Towler for new dog bin for Yelden. PS to advise on position etc.
- Community Litter Pick 2017. Dates, early autumn, mid October. Liaise with KG & AG (volunteer) to book.
- BATPC AGM 19 October. No suggestions for motions, no one able to attend.
- Steeplechase Cycle Event 12 August. Noted.
- Revised guidance on Gifts & Hospitality circulated - noted.
- General Data Protection Regulation 2018. Noted implications of future legislation. NALC meeting 30/31 October briefing but costly.

17.70 Church Lane, Yelden - anti-social behaviour.

- Recent activity - further attempts to gain access. MYPC reported to Police. Now threshing so will increase. Farmer & Chairman raised with Mayor - to pursue. Titillating website offering services by Airfield but no references to hare coursing etc. - inform Police. Land owner offered to gather petition & to meet costs of gate, road restriction has reduced incidents. Majority of community favour a formal road restriction with clear positive comments. Chase a meeting with Highways Team (AP), MT, Mr. Ellis, KG, SP, Police & NFU rep.

17.71 Correspondence for information only.

- BATPC Bugle for July 2017 sent by email & marketing literature on table.

17.72 Planning.

- 14/00103/UNAUTU Lot 3 at Tall Oaks Farm, Melchbourne Road, Riseley, Beds. Unauthorised use investigation by Planning Enforcement. New Enforcement Notice served by BBC & moving to the next stage.
- 16/00431/UNDEV, Primrose Nurseries, Swineshead Road, Melchbourne. Unauthorised use investigation re containers on site. Application promised & in progress.
- 14/01115/AGR (UNDEV) Hill Farm, Melchbourne Road, Riseley. Permission for erection of agricultural machinery store. Planning Enforcement investigation re right to live on land & moving to the next stage.

- 17/00011/WASVOC (NCC) Westwood AD Plant, Bedford Road, Rushden. Variation of Condition 23 (catchment area) of planning permission 13/00090/WASVOC to amend the approved catchment area condition to increase the catchment area from which wastes could be imported to the facility. No changes in throughput, operating hours, spreading or HGV activity. MYPC no comments but noted. NCC permission granted.
- 17/00784/FUL (ENC), Chelveston Renewable Energy Park, The Airfield, Chelveston. Construction of 20MW energy storage facility incorporating battery storage & associated transformers, security fencing & hard standing. MYPC no comments. ENC permission granted.
- 17/01000/SCQ (ENC) Scoping opinion: outline planning for a Sustainable Urban Extension to the east of Rushden at Rushden East Urban Extension, Liberty Way, Rushden. MYPC concerns re transport links & traffic increase.

17.73 The Chequers Inn, Yelden.

- Special meeting for community held 31 May, report Appendix 1.
- 17/01223/FUL, The Chequers Inn, High Street, Yelden. Extensions & alterations to public house including single storey rear extension & loft conversion with dormers to front & side. MYPC supported with condition, completion before development. BBC - application withdrawn by applicant.
- 17/01224/OUT, The Chequers Inn, Yelden. Outline application with all matters reserved except access for a residential development of 2 three bedroom semi-detached & 2 four/five bedroom detached dwellings & associated parking & amenities. MYPC noted absence of business plan & information but supported. BBC - application withdrawn by applicant.
- PS - reconsider application for right to bid & register pub as a Community Asset.

17.74 Chelveston Airfield.

- Community Fund Four Parishes Trust. Report from RM. Meeting 19 June, new Chair appointment. 4 applications approved, Hargrave VH £3,225 (windows), Chelveston Education Foundation (VH) £4,150 (windows), Yelden VH £5,000 (zip wire), Chelveston Allotments £4,381 (fencing). Next funding tranche £29k available October.

17.75 Finance

Approval granted for the following payments HB/RM (signed HB/KG):

- Clerk's salary for period 18/05/17 to 19/07/17 £600. (L.G.A. '72 s.112).
- Clerk's expenses £40.51 (s.112).
- Rental - Yelden Village Hall July 2017 £10.00. (L.G.A. '72 s.133).
- EON Street lighting Q end June '17 £167.78. (P. Councils Act '57 s.3)
- EON lighting maintenance Q end June '17 £68.93. (P.C.A. s.3).
- Replacement 4th signatory for bank account C/llor Morgan. Completed forms.
- Clerk reported bank reconciliations on all accounts successfully completed. Entries verified entries & reconciliations checked by PS:
 - Current Account £15,621.12 (Projected £14,733.90).
 - Reserve A/C (Allotments) £ 1,420.23
 - Reserve A/C (R. Til) £ 12,238.17

17.76 Accounts 2016/2017.

- Report following completion of Internal Audit - confirmed all internal control objectives met. Recommendation, consider clarifying all expenditure, over £5,000 needs Council approval as limit high for PC. Acknowledged all expenditure agreed by full council & suggests clarifying S/Os or noting how Financial Regulations are applied when readopting each May. Continuing suitability of

appointment of auditor Mr. Neil Harris confirmed for 2017/18 accounts. Accounts sent to BDO for external audit. Wine bought (confirmed) & auditor thanked. Internal audit accepted **HB/KG resolved unanimous.**

17.77 Grass cutting contract 2017.

- Review cutting in villages, cut in June. All cut in Melchbourne, very happy with results. Thank you.

17.78 Highways.

- Melchbourne. Report from HB. Complaint raised re safety at St. John Arms junction, dangerous. Problem, fencing & no line of sight. Previously request to land owner, consider moving hedge back? Refused. HB to discuss with Highways (AP) meeting to visit & review. Issues, minor road, 60 mph limit. Highways obliged to clear sight lines. Problem not hedge height but line. Review rumble strips. PC to write politely to land owner, complaints, some accidents/shunts, consider reposition hedge please? **Resolved unanimous HB/KG.** .
- Yelden. SP - nothing to report.
- Highways Maintenance Schemes 2018-2022. Programme reviewed & suggestions to make: speed reduction & funding schemes requested 1. St John Arms junction. 2. High Street, Yelden. 3. Knotting Road, Melchbourne.
- Yelden: Tree cuts back by Western Power. 1. Land opposite Chequers, agreed by email, permission given 2m clearance. 2. Village Green. Review 3 options offered - minimum 2m clearance, cut to 5 year cover or heavy cut & some tree removal (WP providing suitable replacements. Some chestnuts & field maples planted during Silver Jubilee, sentimental value. **Resolved unanimous SP/KG** option 2 with 5 year cut chosen. Advise WP, thank you.
- Yelden, village tidy up before Strawberry Fayre & suggestions from volunteer PA. Thank you. Shelton Lane road to foot bridge in progress, WP to cut trees, shrubs cut back later in year. River Til banks, BBC request cut back. Monitor.
- Street lights. Survey from BBC engineers requested. Noted advice from EON re mercury fittings phasing out. BBC advise some existing pole mounted installations may contain asbestos - EON maintenance engineers advised.
- 2 LED lights (BBC) on permanently in Trailly Close. Now adjusted.

17.79 River Til, Yelden.

- Yelden Flood Group - meeting with BBC 14 June amended Flood Plan in line with criteria & adopted. GN-S signed contract.
- River Til. Maintenance of river banks, 1. Village Green to Cottage on the Green reviewing. 2. Grass opposite Chequers, needs cutting more. 3. Resident owned areas need attention. 4. **Resolved KG & PS** to evaluate grass areas & walk through village with cutting contractor.

17.80 Ward Councillor Funding.

- Funding for 2017/18 projects available. Yelden to request dog bin. Melchbourne no suggestions as present.

Standing Orders suspended.

17.81 Open forum for members of the public for future agenda.

- Bitstreme , new company internet/broadband approached community (based in Thurleigh). Presentation offered & access village capacity, reviewing installing radio receiver on Yelden Growers grain dryer. £150 connection fee. BT scan local council meetings & agendas. Detail requested, review.

Standing Orders resumed.

Meeting closed at 10 pm.

The next meeting will be on a Wednesday 18 October 2017 in Melchbourne Village Hall at 8.00pm.

THIS IS AN OPEN MEETING AND EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND.

Signed _____

Date _____