

MINUTES

Tuesday 23rd May 2017

7.30pm

Top Room Parish Hall

1.	Apologies: Borough Cllr C Bell. In attendance: Cllrs J Leyland ;(chair) C Bain-Smith; (vice chair) M Weekes; T Reed; D Bennett; S Crawley; A Gudge; N Blunt ; H Billot; C Prinn; S Hawkins; & the clerk.
2.	Declaration of Interest. Item 5.1C Prinn & N Blunt both councillors left the room. Item 9.1 S Crawley.
3.	Ten minute public discussion and question time. Three members of the public present ref items 5.3 & 9.2.
4.	Six minute Borough Councillor question time: no one present.
5.	Planning Applications:
5.1	17/00678/AS Land west of Forge House Egerton Road Charing : Outline application for development of the land adjacent to Forge House for five new dwellings to consider access and layout for Mr & Mrs C Prinn (unanimous)(recommend support) with the conditions that visibility splays as per recommendation by KCC highways. Fencing is erected by the school classroom and parking is side by side as recommended.
5.2	17/00468/AS Land known as Purlands Paddock Charing: Construction of one five bedroom dwelling. (Amended plans submitted 11.05.2017 changes to roof, windows and porch) for S O Sullivan(8against)(1 for 2 abstentions) (recommend refusal)
5.3	17/00676/AS Acton Farm Maidstone Rd Charing: General purpose agricultural storage building for Mr Peter Bromley(unanimous)(recommend support)
5.4	17/00744/AS Southfield, Southfield Lane Charing: Variation of condition 13 on application 15/01154/AS (conversion of Kent Barn to form a four bedroom dwelling) for the variation of the internal layout, new section of roof over extension and new door to access existing courtyard. For Mr Stuart Messar (unanimous)(recommend support)
6.	Planning Decisions:
6.1	14/01000/CONa/as Brockton Farm Paddock, Vicarage Lane Charing: Discharge of condition 4 (granted)
6.2	17/00555/AS Raywood Cottage, Leacon Lane Charing: Erection of single storey rear extension for Mr & Mrs Kershaw (granted)
6.3	17/00173/AS The Paddock, Egerton Road Charing: stables/tack room and utility room for a gypsy family (decline to determine)
6.4	17/00526/AS Western View, Pluckley Road Charing: Change of use of land to residential amenity land and erection of a store and workshop for domestic use for Mr Kevin Tutt(granted)
6.5	17/00556/AS Raywood Cottage Leacon Lane Charing: Rear single storey extension; installation of replacement ground and first floor windows to south and west elevations for Mr & Mrs Kershaw(granted)(lbc)
7.	Minutes of Previous Meetings: these were agreed and signed
8.	Matters arising
8.1	WHC: The clerk will write to Ball Construction asking them to confirm that they have a Banksman in place. That access to the car park will not be obstructed. School Rd and the PROW must not be obstructed either. We will ask them to confirm that all relevant paperwork is complete and ask for a copy of their Method

	Statement and Risk Assessment.
8.2	Wheler Trust: A letter is to be sent in reply to the letter received.
8.3	Grass cutting contract (decision required) It was agreed to have Countrywide take over the grass cutting contract. The clerk will notify them.

9.	Correspondence:
9.1	Donation request from Speed watch: A donation of £500 was agreed.
9.2	Donation request from The Moat Management Committee: A donation of £1000 was agreed as an exception. Any future requests would need to be match funded.
10.	Information:
10.1	The clerk will write to all families that have exceeded the purchased plot space with artificial grass or gravel and edging to remove and replace back to existing. The Cemetery does not allow artificial grass. Families are asked if they have any queries regarding the regulations to write to the council.
10.2	There has been a report of a failed attempt of dog napping in Church Hill Charing Heath. This was reported to the police.
10.3	The meeting regarding the future of the Oak on Saturday was well attended and residents showed a lot of interest. Cllrs Leyland & Gudge will represent the parish council on the steering committee.
10.4	A resident found a machete in the Alderbed Meadow this was reported to the police.
10.5	Approximately 1000 responses have been return for the NP questionnaire which is 42% of the eligible population based on the 2011 census

Signed..... Parish Clerk