



**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AS HELD ON
MONDAY 22 APRIL 2024 AT 6 PM AT ST LEONARD'S CHURCH**

Number: 1/2024

Present: Cllrs Tim Parsons (Chairman), Cllr Dave Humphreys (Vice Chairman), Jane Timmis, , Nancy Wild, Billy Pither, John Williams, Natalie Crowie, Jonathan Humbert, Stephen Behr

Also present: Caroline Freer – Clerk; County Cllr Terry Douris

1. **To receive and approve apologies: Cllr Boothman (on a course)**
2. **To receive declarations of interest on agenda items: None**
3. **To resolve that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of the previous meeting are a correct record.**

Proposed by: Cllr Parsons

Seconded by: Cllr Crowie

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18 March 2024 having previously been circulated as a true and accurate record of the proceedings be duly signed by the Chairman. All agreed

4. **Public and press participation (15 minutes maximum)** A resident enquired about increasing the number of green bin collections in the winter. Bearing in mind that the bulk refuse service has been removed and there is a comparable increase in fly tipping, plus the warm wet winters means that grass/leaves continue to grow - surely it would make sense to encourage more disposal of green waste, rather than make it more difficult with a reduced service. Council tips are now closed 2 days a week and the skips are often full so some items are refused. Action: Request cost of fly tipping retrieval.

5. **County Cllr Terry Douris to update the meeting:**

6. **Planning:**

- i) **To consider new Applications:**

1	24/00782/FUL Birchin Grove Farm	Demolition of existing buildings and construction of 7 dwellings with associated parking and landscaping	Posted 24 April Although not unanimous, there was a majority objection to this application. The site location is not clear on the plans The application states that there are 6 x 3 bedroomed houses and one x 4 bedroomed when in fact they are all 4 bedroomed. The parking provision is insufficient as each dwelling could generate up to 4 vehicles. It is considered to be over development of this site which is in the Green Belt as with 7 dwellings the development is too dense and creates too much mass. Object
2	24/00634/FHA 5 Trowley Heights	Loft conversion, front & rear facing dormers, side facing Velux roof lights	Posted 24 April No objections
3	24/00663/DRC Wood End Farm	Details as required by Condition 3 (BNG) attached to planning permission 23/00041/REF (Change of use of an agricultural building to low-	Posted 24 April It was felt that addressing the biodiversity concerns by inserting small areas of wild flowers and showing images of bat boxes and

		key storage (Use Class B8) including installation of personnel door) –	owl houses was not felt to be adequate especially with regard to ensuring bats/owls/birds are not disturbed by the changes to the use of the building.
	24/00699/FUL Acorn Lodge, London Rd	Construction of four dwellings	Posted 24 April Although the Council raised no objection, the following was noted: That despite Highways report to the contrary, driving in and out of the site will be tricky; There is now a footpath to the rear of MV Commercial to access Chequers Hill but without lighting this may only be used in daylight; Despite the noise survey to the contrary, traffic noise will be an issue.

ii) Planning applications received in last 6 days - None

iii) Planning Decisions taken by DBC

1	16 Trowley Hill Rd, 82 Trowley Hill Rd Sycamore Barn: granted	
2	Hillside View Refused:	By virtue of their size, scale, siting and sprawl across the site, the proposed extensions are a disproportionate addition over and above the original dwelling and thus constitute inappropriate development within the Green Belt. The proposals would also result in significant harm (visual and spatial) to the openness of this part of the green belt

- 7 Finance: To consider receipts and payments reports from 19 Mar – 31 March and 1-22 April 2024 as circulated - To authorise payments by BACS as itemised; to consider expenditure against budget report and to sign off bank reconciliations and bank statements to month end @ 31 March 24.

Proposed by: Cllr Parsons

Seconded by: Cllr Humphreys

All agreed

The APM followed on from this meeting

Cllr Tim Parsons

Chairman 22 April 24