



Chailey Parish Council

Minutes

A meeting of Members of the Chailey Parish Council Planning & Environs Committee was held on Tuesday 17th September 2019 in the Reading Room, Chailey Green commencing at 7.30 pm.

Present: Cllr J Millam (Chair).
Cllrs. S Avery, N Belcher, M Cornwall, M Evans, P Olbrich, R Penfold, J Tregenza

Public present: Two

In attendance: B Newell, Clerk to the Council.

19/103 Apologies for absence: Cllrs. E Berry, K Jordan, M Lethem

19/104 Verbal representations by members of the public: A member of the public drew Councillors' attention to the Oaklea Warren, Phase 2 development. He reminded Cllrs that this had gone to appeal but was granted. The gentleman was under the impression that no works would be carried out on the second phase until a suitable drainage system had been agreed with the necessary parties. As of yet, the gentleman does not know if any plans have been put forward. The gentleman asked the Council what process he or the Council should take to find out what is happening. Cllr Millam advised that the Council will need to contact Lewes and establish when the works are due to commence and when the amended enforcement will be put in to situ. Clerk to contact Lewes and relay findings back to Council and gentleman on progress.

Second member of the public, Mr Ian Ginn from Hamsey Parish Council and who is also a member of the Cooksbridge Station Partnership. The purpose of Mr Ginn's visit was to let the Council know about the train service starting 16th December at Cooksbridge train station. It's an hourly service, running from Mondays to Saturdays to Lewes and London. A service on Sundays should start next May. There is no car park, although some parking will be available at weekends. There is off street parking available during the week. Funding of approximately £30,000 has been made available and this will go to an electric car charging point. Mr Ginn informed the Council of the work behind setting the service up – it's taken nine years to finally pull together not without obstacles to overcome. This will be the first hourly service at Cooksbridge for 34 years. There will be an Open day on the 21st December at Cooksbridge station at 11.00am, to which all are welcome to come along.

Mr Ginn strongly urged the Council and the parishioners of the surrounding villages of Cooksbridge to use the service. He also asked the Council if they would make a voluntary donation of £75.00 towards the Open day. This will be discussed at the next Full Council meeting in October.

19/105 Declarations of Interest by Councillors: Cllrs. Avery and Evans declared non-prejudicial interests in proposed diversion of public footpath Chailey 35b and therefore refrained from comment on any decisions.

19/106 Items not on the agenda considered as a matter of urgency: none.

19/107 Approval of minutes: the minutes of the meeting of the Planning & Environs Committee held 6th August 2019 were approved and signed by the Chair.

19/108 Lewes District Council planning applications: The following planning applications were considered by Councillors and the following responses were agreed:

	Name and address of applicant	Work requested
LW/19/0594 Response: 17/09/19 Extension requested	Mellifount Farm Oxbottom Lane Newick East Sussex BN8 4FD	Variation of condition No 1 (LW/16/0504) – No objection from Council. However, Council recommend that a 106 be implemented; proposed by Cllr Olbrich and seconded by Cllr Tregenza. Voted unanimously.
LW/19/0533 Response: 18/09/19	1 Swan Cottages Balneath Manor Lane South Chailey East Sussex BN8 4AR	Two storey side extension. Council had no objections to plans. Voted unanimously.
LW/19/0541 Response date 18/09/19	Green Briars Lower Station Road Newick East Sussex BN8 4HT	Dormer window to bedroom 4 on front elevation. Council had no objections to plans. Voted unanimously.
	Holford Manor, North Chailey, BN8 4DU	Proposed diversion of public footpath Chailey 35b. – Objection - see below
	Old Hamsey Brickworks, South Road, South Commons, South Chailey	Proposed highway works. Council support this application.
TW/19/0056/TPO	Westland Grange, Warrs Hill Road	Raise lower hanging branches by 3m, not removing anything over 3" in diameter and the side by 3m to allow more light in. – Council had no objections and asked that Tree Planning Officer is overseeing.

Holford Manor, North Chailey, BN8 4HT – Proposed diversion of public footpath, Chailey 35b.

Two of the Councillors made a site visit and came back with the following findings:

The route of the current path was followed and this itself appears to have been informally diverted from the actual route shown on the ordnance survey map.

It noted that a large and deep ha-ha has been dug out between points B and E as mentioned in the application, thus making it completely impossible to walk along the correct line of the footpath.

Additionally, a fairly new agricultural barn has been built at point E which further impedes the path.

The existing path is well catered for by stiles and gates and the walker gains considerable benefit from the views back across the site to fields and trees, particularly as the ground rises and at the top of the field, enough height has been achieved to look back down across the land.

The alternative route takes the walker much further away from the rear of Holford Manor and does not provide any benefit to the walker.

The current occupier has by their own admission already made a number of changes to the path without permission.

Recommendations therefore are that the Council does not support this application and Council strongly recommend that no further changes are made.

19/109 Lewes District Council planning decisions and the results of appeals: the following decisions were noted: See attached.

19/110 Dates of the next Planning & Environs Committee meeting: the next scheduled meeting will take place on Tuesday 1st October 2019 at 7.30pm in The Reading Room, Chailey Green.

**Signed
Chair**

Date