



# Chailey Parish Council

## Minutes

**A meeting of Members of the Chailey Parish Council Planning & Environs Committee (Urgent Planning Matters) was held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2015 in the Reading Room, Chailey Green commencing at 7.00 pm.**

**Present:** Cllr. P Olbrich, (Chairman).  
Cllrs. S. Avery, M. Evans, K. Matthews, P O'Conor.

**Public present:** None

**In attendance:** S Treharne (Clerk)

**15/98 Apologies:** Cllrs P Atkins, J Millam, R Barnard

**15/99 Verbal representations by members of the public:** None.

**15/100 Declarations of Interest by Councillors:** None

**15/101 Items not on the agenda considered as a matter of urgency:**

**Dog training on the commons:** the Clerk reported that an approach had been received from a local dog trainer about using Chailey Common for her business. The use would be limited to two sessions at weekends totalling 2½ hours. The sessions would not involve shooting or similar. A fee would be paid.

Cllr Evans reported that NCFL were against the idea and were concerned about safety and public liability issues. He suggested that Lane End Common, which is owned by the Council, might be a possibility. Cllr Avery thought that the commons could not be used for business purposes. After discussion, the Clerk was asked to find out what restrictions apply to the commons being used for business use and to report at the next meeting.

**15/102 Co-option of Councillors:** the Clerk reported that, following the receipt of advice from SSALC, which was that residents needed to be given the opportunity to call for an election before Councillors could be co-opted, he had approached Lewes District Council whose advice was that no such opportunity needed to be given. In order to break the impasse, the question had been put to the solicitor currently assisting the Council on other matters and his clear advice is that co-opting additional councillors to fill vacancies after an election where there were insufficient candidates is done without first giving residents the opportunity to call for an election. Accordingly, subject to Councillors' agreement, the Clerk had concluded the co-options of Cllrs Atkins and O'Conor should be considered to have been properly conducted. This was agreed unanimously.

The Clerk reported that it had been intended that Mr A Scott would join the Council at this meeting, it having previously been agreed that he should be co-opted onto the Council. However, in Mr Scott's absence this was not possible.

Councillors discussed two further possible co-options in order to bring the Council up to its full complement of eleven Councillors. Interest has been received from three people, Mr JP Ellis, Mr K Jordan and Ms A Harrison. After discussion, Cllr Evans proposed and Cllr Avery seconded a resolution that Mr Jordan should be invited to join the Council and that filling the final vacancy should wait until Ms Harrison has had the opportunity to write to the Council with further details of her interest. The resolution was passed unanimously.

**15/103 Lewes District Council planning applications:** the following planning applications were considered by Councillors and the following responses were agreed:

Initials:

Date:

Planning Ref No.	Name and Address of Applicant	Work Requested:	Decision
LW/15/0558 Re-consultation	Gainsborough Property Developments Ltd 1 The Ricks London Road Balcombe RH17 6HS	2 Oaklands Cottages, North Common Road, North Chailey. Planning Application – two-storey side extension.	<u>Support</u>  See comments and notes below
LW/15/0576	Mr C Layfield 8 Downs View North Chailey	8 Downs View, North Chailey. Planning Application - ground floor extension to front of property to form new entrance porch	<u>Support</u>
LW/15/0668	Mr & Mrs D Barrow Rosdene Hazeldene Lane North Chailey	Rosedene, Hazeldene Lane, North Chailey Planning Application - demolition of existing conservatory and erection of rear single storey extension and front porch, with loft and garage conversion	<u>Support</u>

**Comments and notes:**

**LW/15/0558:** Councillors were pleased to note that alterations had been made to the application which addressed their previous concerns about the size and appearance of the proposed extension.

**15/104 Date of next Planning & Environs Committee meeting:** Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at 7.30pm in the Reading Room.

Signed: *J Millam*

Chairman

Date: *6<sup>th</sup> October 2015*