BROAD CHALKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the 969th Meeting of the

Broad Chalke Parish Council

held at the Village Hall on

Wednesday 9th September 2015 at 7:30pm

**ATTENDANCE**

The following Councillors were present:

Mr J Ibbotson

Mr D Gilbert

Mr M Pickford

Mr R Hitchings

Mr E Fry

Mrs A Hall

Apologies had been received from:

Mr T Hitchings (Chairman)

Mr J Dutson

The Clerk, Mr S Whitmore, and the Deputy Clerk, Mr M Holland, were in attendance.

1. **Minutes of the previous meeting**

These were approved subject to minor amendments. The Clerk would post the amended version on the website.

1. **Matters arising**
   1. Mr Truluck attended to give an update on the Neighbourhood Plan, which he confirmed was proceeding well. He had done the EU environmental survey and the village design statement. He was expecting the Neighbourhood Plan to be completed by Christmas. He continued to receive good feedback from the village. Further, Wiltshire Council have now indicated that a housing needs survey is not now needed.
   2. Mr Truluck had spoken to the Wiltshire Council Highways Department further about the possibility of a Causeway path. Wiltshire Council was impressed by the case he had made and could see the safety case for it. Wiltshire Council will pay for the necessary survey of the site. The current proposal is to move the hedge away from the edge of the carriageway. There are engineering issues to be resolved. There were further discussions as to whether the footpath should be to the east or west of the hedge even if the hedge was moved. Concerns were expressed that if the hedge was moved away from the carriageway this would encourage traffic speeds to increase.
2. **Speed limits and Community Speed Watch**

There was nothing further to report on this matter. The Community Speed Watch system was now operating in Broad Chalke and in Bishopstone.

1. **Planning consents/applications/refusals**
   1. **Consents**

There were none.

* 1. **Applications**

S/2015/08082/FUL Removal of link extension between two properties at Brook House and The Old Surgery, South Street, Broad Chalke, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP5 5DN.

There were no objections to this application.

S/2015/07938/FUL Demolish existing garage, erect 3 dwellings with garage and associated parking, provide access and parking for existing dwellings and modify existing vehicular access at Land at The Causeway, Broad Chalke, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP5 5EJ.

Mr and Mrs Mullins, occupiers of a nearby property, and others attended the meeting.

The application was for two semi-detached and one detached house on the site.

The following concerns were expressed:

* + 1. the new buildings would be built in the garden area of the existing properties. Those gardens regularly flooded and so it was questioned as to whether this was an appropriate site;
    2. the planning application suggested that the new properties would be linked to a mains sewerage system when this was not possible in the village;
    3. a substantial number of trees and a large amount of hedgerow would be lost as a result of the development;
    4. the site was near a protected chalk stream and there was concern about pollution; and
    5. there was concern about approximately six or seven additional cars being parked on the site and turning out onto The Causeway.

The tenants of the adjoining properties complained about the consultation and indicated that such consultation had occurred but had suggested smaller properties than those now the subject of the application.

The following points were made in favour of the application:

* + 1. it was within an area considered suitable for development under the draft Neighbourhood Plan;
    2. the roofline of the properties would not exceed the height of the adjacent properties; and
    3. the area of garden to be built on was, in truth, not used as such by the current occupiers.

In discussion there was a general concern about overdevelopment of the site as well as the concerns listed above. After further discussion the Clerk was requested to file Notice of Objection to the development on the grounds stated above, but to indicate that if development were to proceed the provision of a pathway to the site along The Causeway, in an appropriate position, should be considered.

* 1. **Refusals**

There were none.

1. **Footpaths – reports from walkers**

Some reports were received back from members of the Parish Council. The balance would be received at the October meeting.

1. **Any other business**
   1. Mrs Hall raised the concern about the lack of lines at the junction at Coombe Bissett.
   2. It was reported that Mrs Penny's thatched cottage is being worked on and may in due course be occupied.
   3. The Deputy Clerk said he discussed the problem with the ladder up to the ship in the playground. He now suggested a metal ladder be installed. Mrs Hall would call the maker to see if this is possible.
   4. The Clerk reported that he had asked Mr Chalk to look at repairing the basketball net.
   5. The Clerk had drafted a letter re the defibrillator which he would send to Dr Pelly for approval and further comment.
   6. The Clerk was requested to deal with the matter of a dropped kerb at Doves Meadow.

There being no further business the meeting ended.