

CHOLESBURY-CUM-ST LEONARDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in St. Leonard's Parish Hall on Monday 28th July 2014 at 8pm

Present: Cllrs Allen, Blomfield, Brown, Joseph, Minting and Sanger.

Also present: Mrs Lewis (Clerk).

- 1544) To receive apologies for absence
District Cllr Rose, County Cllr Birchley and Cllr Matthews.
- 1545) Matters arising
None.
- 1546) To receive declarations of interest
None.
- 1547) Questions from members of the public
None.
- 1548) Questions to the Chairman
None.
- 1549) To approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
It was resolved to approve the minutes from the Meeting of the Parish Council on 23rd June 2014 and those of the planning meeting held on 16th July 2014.
- 1550) Reports
(a) *Clerk's Report*: The report was received from Mrs Lewis (see attached) and actions agreed.
(b) *LAF*: Cllr Brown reminded the meeting that there was still a small amount of delegated budget available for transport-related projects. Still no suggestions for use were identified in the Parish. The money will likely be available until the autumn.
(c) *Rural Policing Group*: The group is now meeting again on a three-monthly basis and PC Kevin Flint has been requested to produce a bulletin covering the rural parishes. Locally, crime is significantly down in the last 12 months. Operation Graysthorp has been completed, targeting theft, burglary and car crime and this resulted in several arrests. In the Parish there was an attempted burglary, of which the assailants were arrested and from it the proceeds of 13 burglaries found. There were one or two attempted thefts from outbuildings. The next meeting is in October.
(d) *Turpin Charity*: The developer has interested parties in two areas of land owned by the charity, one of 40,000 sq. ft. and another of 100,000 sq. ft. It is therefore hoped that the developer will action his option to buy within the year, resulting in significant income for the charity.
(e) *St. Leonard's Parish Hall*: John Horn has resigned from his position on the committee. The council has nominated Cllr Joseph to replace him.
- 1551) Finance
(a) Orders for payment were approved for: The Clerk's salary (for July);
(b) The quarterly finance report for Mar-Jun 2014 was reviewed by the council.
- 1552) Planning
(a) *Applications*:
(i) CH/2014/1154/FA: Walnut Tree Cottage, Cholesbury Lane, Cholesbury, HP23 6ND. Replacement Garage. The council reviewed the proposed elevations, which were added to the Planning Department Site after the recent planning meeting, and had no comment.
(b) *Decisions of Chiltern District Council*:
(i) CH/2014/0842/FA – Nut Hazel Cross Farm, The Vale, Hawridge, HP5 3NU. Replacement Manège. Permitted.
(c) *Notice of Appeals*: None.
- 1553) The Green at Buckland Common
It was agreed that The Green would be cut again.
- 1554) Springall Hill allotments
(a) It was agreed that the rents for 2014/15 would remain at current levels.
- 1555) Highways
(a) To review the minutes of the LAT meeting with the Clerk on 2/7/14; Much of the work recently requested in the Parish has been undertaken, including the filling of potholes on Oak Lane, or has a date planned for it. The current priority is to resolve the flooding at Sandpit Hill and the Council is committed to ensuring that the necessary work is undertaken prior to the onset of the winter weather.

- 1556) To discuss the updated situation regarding the proposed devolution of certain services to the Parish Council from BCC
Cllr Brown presented an updated information sheet on the requirements and available funds for each area proposed for devolution. Following recent discussions with Jackie Wesley, it would seem that although, to date, approximately 40% of larger Parish/Town Councils are moving forward with the process, the majority of rural Parishes with predominately 40mph zones are hesitant, as the proposal is less financially viable. The Council agreed to await more information from BCC and neighbouring Parishes before taking the proposal any further.
- 1557) To discuss the proposal for a "Lights-Out" evening in remembrance of WWI
The Council agreed to promote this initiative on the Grapevine.
- 1558) To review the use of the Manorial Waste on Parrots Lane
The Council reviewed the correspondence on the matter to date and it was agreed that no further action would be taken.
- 1559) To agree cover for the Clerk during annual leave
The Clerk will be on annual leave from 9/8/14 to 22/8/14 inclusive. All communications during this time will be forwarded to the Chair.
- 1560) To review the Standing Orders for 2014/15
The standing orders, last reviewed in 2012, were re-adopted without alteration.
- 1561) To discuss the Sustainable Construction and Renewable Energy Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)
The SPD was reviewed and noted by the Council.
- 1562) To vote for a candidate for the available Parish Member seat on the Chiltern's (AONB) Conservation Board
The Council resolved to vote for Cllr Allen. The Clerk will submit the vote.
- 1563) To review Bucks Draft Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)
The SCI was reviewed and noted by the council.
- 1564) To discuss complaints about littering by Duke of Edinburgh groups in the Parish
Since the last meeting when this matter was discussed, several instances of littering in the Parish have occurred. It was agreed that the Clerk will contact the local Duke of Edinburgh representative to raise awareness again of this issue.
- 1565) Update on HS2
It was agreed that the Council would send a letter to the Chiltern Conservation Board, in tribute to Shirley Judges, who recently passed away, and fought determinedly against HS2 on behalf of this area.
Petitioning is underway, starting with the larger Councils and working down to the individual. No time limit has been set. Although challenged by HS2, "Stop HS2" and "The HS2 Action Alliance" have been given leave to petition against HS2 plans. Also, the supporting evidence behind HS2 plans continues to be challenged. The economic review of the plans is to be reviewed by the House of Lords. The process undertaken for the Strategic Environmental Review is to be challenged by the United Nations and the impact on AONB is to be reviewed. Compensation arrangements are also being developed.
- 1566) Update on Superfast Broadband
Surveying for the infrastructure will begin in December of this year and continue until February 2015. Installation will then proceed, until completion, hopefully in September of the same year. Francis Sanger, Peter Green, Bill Ingram and Chris Brown attended a meeting with Bucks Business First and BT Open Reach and were informed that the cabling will be sourced from Berkhamsted and fed along existing ducts to new cabinets, which will be sited alongside existing green cabinets from which copper cabling will be run to households. The distance of a household from the existing green cabinets will affect broadband speed, but increases in speed will be available to all.
- 1567) To discuss Sponsorship of a Parishioner to "World Challenge"
It was agreed that, although a worthy cause, it was not permitted within the Local Government Regulations for the Council to offer sponsorship in this case.
- 1568) To review completion of the Clerk's Probationary Period
It was agreed that the Clerk had successfully completed her probation period.

The meeting closed at 9.39pm.

Chairman.....Date.....

Date of next meeting: Monday 22nd September 2014 in Cholesbury Village Hall.