

CHOLESBURY-CUM-ST LEONARDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in Cholesbury Village Hall on Monday 24th November 2014 at 8pm

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

Also present: Mrs Lewis (Clerk).

- 1622) To receive apologies for absence
County Cllr Birchley, District Cllr Rose and Cllr Minting.
- 1623) Matters arising
None.
- 1624) To receive declarations of interest
None.
- 1625) Questions from members of the public
None.
- 1626) Questions to the Chairman
None.
- 1627) 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 27th October 2014 (amending 1608 c) *Rural Policing Group*: Meeting attended 21/10/14. Events covered in LAF report).
- 1628) Reports
(a) *Clerk's Report*: The report was received from Mrs Lewis (see attached) and actions agreed.
(b) *LAF*: Next meeting is 6/1/15.
(c) *Rural Policing Group*: No meeting.
(d) *Turpin Charity*: Cllr Allen and the other trustee are meeting 25/11/14.
(e) *St. Leonard's Parish Hall*: The Parish Hall Committee had solicited the Parish Council's opinion on having signage on the road verge opposite the hall entrance and on the entrance of the driveway in order to assist visitors in locating the facility and the Parish Council had no objection. Cllr Joseph and Cllr Brown attended the information session on the defibrillator at the hall and this raised questions of a need for wider First Aid training that might be beneficial as a supplement to the device. This and the lack of any first responders in the area will be discussed with the South Central Ambulance Service when training is provided for the defibrillator at Cholesbury Village Hall. It was agreed that advertising of the existence of the defibrillator at either hall is unnecessary, as on phoning the emergency services, the person doing so will be informed of their closest device. The Clerk will contact the secretary of St. Leonard's Parish Hall to provide details of the secure cabinet purchased by the Parish Council.
- 1629) Finance
(a) Orders for payment were approved for: The Clerk's salary (for November); Llawnroc Electrical (Fixing of supply to the Defibrillator Cabinet on Cholesbury Village Hall) £78.00; Cholesbury Village Hall (Hall hire June – Dec 2014) £65.00; Chris Brown (SFBB travel expenses) £13.50.
(b) The proposed budget for 2015-16 was agreed.
- 1630) Planning
(a) *Applications*: None.
(b) *Decisions of Chiltern District Council*:
i) CH/2014/1533/FA: Garners, Heath End, Hawridge, Bucks, HP4 3UE; Conditional Permission.
(c) *Notice of Appeals*:
i) CH/2014/0286/TP: St Leonards Church, Jenkins Lane, St Leonards; felling of an ash tree protected by a TPO; Appeal withdrawn.
(d) Cllr Allen brought to the attention of the council two planning matters for their information;
High Chimneys: – The construction of the access across the common was not in accordance with the consent given by the owner of the common, the application plans and the consent granted by CDC. The unauthorised works have now been removed. The Parish Council is now aware that the Planning department at CDC is not legally required to inform the landowner and that this is the responsibility of the applicant and therefore the Parish Council must take this into consideration when reviewing similar plans in the future.
Potential planning application on The Vale for a dog care facility: - a concerned parishioner contacted Cllr Allen. Cllr Allen advised that, as a neighbour, they will be informed of any application by CDC and be given the opportunity to comment.
- 1631) The Green at Buckland Common
No matters to discuss.

1632) Springall Hill allotments

- a) The Clerk reported that £12.50 was outstanding in allotment fees for 2014-15 and a follow-up letter has been sent. Cllr Blomfield will follow-up.
- b) The clerk requested that Cllr Blomfield turn off the stopcock at the allotments.
- c) Cllr Blomfield reported that the hedges had been cut.

1633) Highways

- a) The work to the borehole on Sandpit Hill has completed. The clerk will request that the borehole be maintained every one or two years using the Super sucker to the outer chamber, in order to prevent a repeat of the borehole failure. It was noted that the borehole opposite Dorriens Farm should be inspected. The clerk will raise this at the next LAT meeting in December as well as dates for the work planned on Oak Lane, Cholesbury Lane and Swan Lane and the cutting back of plant growth from Hawridge Lane to Church Lane along Cholesbury Lane. It was noted that the water leak on Little Twye Road had been fixed and that a new salt bin had been supplied to replace the broken one at the end of Little Twye Road.
- b) Following assessment of the possible MVAS locations proposed by the Parish Council, Tfb assessed the sites on Vale Road and Springhall Hill as unsuitable. Of the four remaining it was agreed that the sites at the church side of Chapel Lane, on the Common by Rays Hill and between the school and Hawridge Hill would be the sites chosen to locate the fixings for the sign. It was noted that at the matter was discussed at the recent AGM of the HCCPS and that there was unanimous support for the device.

1634) To review and approve the amended Risk Assessment report for 2014-15

The amended Risk Assessment report was agreed for 2014-15.

1635) To consider a proposal (by Cllr Brown, seconded by Cllr Sanger), to amend Standing Orders to reflect the new Financial Regulations

It is agreed to renumber paragraph 112 and 113 and add new paragraph 112 in the section entitled "VARIATION, REVOCATION AND SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS" to read "Should these Standing Orders conflict with Financial Regulations adopted by the Council, the Financial Regulations shall prevail."

1636) To receive an update on Superfast Broadband

Cllr Brown and Bill Ingram attended a meeting with the BT Area Engineer and the Superfast Broadband Project Manager recently. There is currently taking place a suitability assessment of the four existing "green box" sites where the SFBB boxes are planned to be installed, plus those of two new sites on common land.

The SFBB Working Party representatives raised the issue of "white areas" (those areas >1.2km from an SFBB box) who will not experience the full benefit of SFBB and it was agreed to continue to lobby for extension of the scheme to cover these areas fully. It was also raised that BCC is unlikely to fully fund their share of the project, thus depending on CDC to make up the shortfall. Cllr Brown will make District Cllr Rose aware of this possibility and its potential effects, although it should not directly affect this Parish.

The meeting closed at 9.16pm.

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

Date of next meeting: Monday 26th January 2014 in St. Leonard's Parish Hall.