CHOLESBURY-CUM-ST LEONARDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in Cholesbury Village Hall on Monday 27th April 2015 at 8pm

Present: Cllrs Allen, Blomfield, Brown, Joseph, Matthews, Minting and Sanger. Also present: Mrs Lewis (Clerk).

1706) To receive apologies for absence

County Cllr Birchley and District Cllr Rose.

1707) Matters arising

None.

1708) To receive declarations of interest

None

1709) Questions from members of the public

None

1710) Questions to the Chairman

None.

1711) 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 held on 23rd March 2015.

1712) Reports

- (a) Clerk's Report: The report was received from Mrs Lewis (see attached) and actions agreed.
- (b) Turpin Charity: No update.
- (c) Local Area Forum: The April meeting has been delayed until June. For the financial year 2016/17 the LAF has been allocated approximately £44,000 for devolved projects. It was resolved to apply for funding to surface, with a membrane and stone chippings, the bridleway from Little Twye Road to Shire Lane (CY25).
- (d) Rural Policing Group: Cllrs Brown and Joseph attended a meeting in April, hosted by the Parish Council at Cholesbury Village Hall, at which PC Flint reported that in the last three months there had been 3 incidents in the Parish, including a shed break-in and a car break-in. Crime in neighbouring Chesham was also at a comparatively low level to previous months.

1713) Finance

(a) Orders for payment were approved for: The Clerk's salary (for April); Chiltern Society (Annual Membership) £25.00; Chiltern District Council (Dog-bin emptying 2014-15) £569.19; Information Commissioner (ICO registration) £35.00; Cholesbury Village Hall (Hosting by Parish Council of Rural Policing Forum) £14.00; BMKALC (Annual Subscription) £141.48; SLCC (Annual Membership) £103.00; Zurich Municipal (Annual Insurance) £293.40.

(b) The quarterly budget report (Jan-Mar 2015) was received. It was resolved that the clerk would investigate the possibility of transferring extra reserves into the existing NS&I higher interest account.

1714) Planning

- (a) Applications:
- (i) CH/2015/0572/KA, Benton Potts, Hawridge Common, Hawridge, Buckinghamshire, HP5 2UH, Pruning of an oak, an ash and another tree all within a Conservation Area. It was resolved to make no comment.
- (ii) CH/2015/0575/FA, George Browns Ltd, Single storey front extension to industrial unit. It was resolved to make no comment.
- (iii) CH/2015/0612/SA, 2 Hawridge Vale Cottages, Hawridge Vale, Hawridge, Buckinghamshire, HP5 2UG, Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for a proposed operation relating to a single storey rear extension. The application was noted.
- (iv) CH/2015/0613/SA, 1 Hawridge Vale Cottages, Hawridge Vale, Hawridge, Buckinghamshire, HP5 2UG, Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for a proposed operation relating to a single storey rear extension. The application was noted
- (b) Decisions of Chiltern District Council:
- (i) CH/2015/0204/FA; Oaktrees, Jenkins Lane, St Leonards, Buckinghamshire, HP23 6NW, Single storey side/rear extension, insertion of four rooflights to facilitate accommodation in the roofspace, fenestration alterations. Conditional Permission.
- (ii) CH/2015/0371/FA; Old Bruns Farm, Arrewig Lane, St Leonards, Buckinghamshire, HP23 6NR, Cladding of existing barn with timber boarding. Conditional Permission.
- (iii) CH/2014/1248/OA: J&L Travel Ltd, Mount Pleasant, Taylors Lane, St Leonards, Buckinghamshire, HP23 6LQ, Demolition of existing workshop, redevelopment of site to provide three detached dwellings with attached garages, associated access road and parking served by relocated access. Conditional Permission.
- (c) Notice of Appeals:

None.

- (d) It is noted that a response of "No Comment" was made to the District Council regarding CH/2015/0452/KA, The Old Vicarage, Parrotts Lane, Cholesbury, Buckinghamshire, HP23 6ND, Felling of a cherry tree, crown reduction of an oak and re-coppicing of a hazel all trees within a Conservation Area, following a decision by the council not to meet to discuss the matter.
- (e) To receive an update on Planning Enforcement Matters;

- (i) Regarding the advertising hoardings at The Full Moon; these have been brought to the attention of Planning Enforcement and classed as medium priority.
- (ii) Regarding the matter of the footpath at the Rose and Crown, (see Clerk's report), it was resolved that the clerk would follow up with Chiltern District Council to enquire about promoting it's reinstatement.
- (f) Cllr Allen will speak on behalf of the Parish Council at the District Council Planning Meeting on 30/4/15 with regard to planning application CH/2014/1748/FA.

1715) The Green at Buckland Common

- (a) The mowing regimen for the coming year was resolved to be that the bottom half of the Common will be cut two or three times, depending on weather conditions and their effect on growth and that the top half of the Common will be left to grow until being mown for hay towards the end of the summer, again dependant on weather conditions and levels of growth.
- (b) It was reported by Cllr Matthews that the dead Oak tree had been removed.

1716) Springall Hill allotments

No update.

1717) Highways

- a) The next LAT meeting is on 5/5/15. Cllr Allen has written to County Cllr Birchley regarding the very poor condition of The Vale and Cholesbury Lane and is awaiting a response. Cllr Brown received a list of gulley sites in the Parish and all Cllrs agreed to review the list and send any amendments to Cllr Brown for compilation of an update.
- 1718) To adopt new Standing Orders (dated 13/3/15) (proposed by Cllr Allen and seconded by Cllr Minting) "I propose that this Council accept and adopt the Standing Orders, dated 13/3/15 and that all previous Standing Orders be declared null and void"

The proposal was adopted.

1719) It is proposed: If the Council has agreed to adopt the new Standing Orders first tabled at the March 2015 Parish
Council meeting, that the minor consequential amendments highlighted in the tabled revised Financial Regulations, be
adopted by this Council

The proposal was adopted.

1720) To review services from BMKALC

It was resolved that the Cllrs would review the existing website and available information from BMKALC against other local associations and Cllr Allen would then feedback to the Parish Council's representatives at BMKALC as to what, if any, improvements they would recommend.

1721) To discuss use of the Community Grant Aid Fund

It was agreed that there were no uses for the fund at this time by the Parish Council.

1722) To discuss future website requirements for the Parish Council

With the advent of the Transparency Code, the Parish Council is legally required to post increasing amounts of data on-line and therefore it was resolved that the clerk would investigate the costs and requirements of launching a specific Parish Council website.

The meeting closed at 9.41pm.	
Chairman	Date
Date of next meeting: Monday 11th May	2015 in St. Leonard's Parish Hall.