

## CHOLESBURY-CUM-ST LEONARDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in Cholesbury Village Hall on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at 8pm

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

- 1824) To receive apologies for absence  
County Cllr Birchley, District Cllr Rose, Cllr Matthews and Cllr Sanger.
- 1825) Matters arising  
None.
- 1826) To receive declarations of interest  
Cllr Allen declared an interest in 1831) e) Request for a grant from Cholesbury Village Hall, as Cllr Allen is Chairman of the Management Committee.
- 1827) Questions from members of the public  
None.
- 1828) Questions to the Chairman  
None.
- 1829) 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 28th September 2015 and those of the Planning Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2015.
- 1830) Reports  
(a) *Clerk's Report*: The report was received from Mrs Lewis (see attached) and actions agreed.  
(b) *Turpin Charity*: The trustees met recently with the land valuer and he is of the opinion that the offer made by the developer is too low. A meeting between the developer and the trustees is now planned.  
(c) Cllr Brown attended a LAF meeting on 1/10/15 at which a paramedic responsible for the Community First Responder program gave a presentation about raising awareness, in order to achieve higher participation levels within Buckinghamshire. There was an update from TFB and it was noted that the date for grant applications from the Delegated Budget has been brought forward, should the council have any other applications it wishes to make.  
(d) Cllr Brown attended a Rural Policing Group meeting. In the period 3/7/15-22/10/15 there were four incidents in the parish; a dwelling burglary, an outhouse burglary, a stolen trailer and a stolen number plate. With the clocks change there is often a spike in burglaries and residents are advised to secure dwellings and take suitable precautions when leaving a dwelling empty at night. Operation Greystoke (increased police presence) is imminent in the parish.  
(e) Cllr Joseph reported that the re-decoration of St. Leonards Parish Hall is complete. A new cooker has been ordered and a dishwasher is being considered. The recent pub night hosted 65 residents and there is a festive food fayre planned for 12/12/15.
- 1831) Finance  
(a) Orders for payment were approved for: The Clerk's salary (for October); Chiltern District Council (Dog-bin emptying Apr-Oct 2015) £284.59; Cholesbury Village Hall (Hall Hire Apr-Oct 2015) £77.00; Chris Brown (SFBB Expenses) £13.50.  
(b) It was resolved to move £2,000.00 from the Lloyds savings account to the NS&I savings account in order to achieve a better interest rate.  
(c) The quarterly finance report (Jul-Sep 2015) was received and approved.  
(d) The draft budget for 2016-17 was reviewed and amendments made, ready for approval at the next meeting.  
(e) It was resolved to issue a grant of £700 to Cholesbury Village Hall.
- 1832) Planning  
(a) *Applications*: None.  
(b) *Decisions*: CH/2015/1753/KA Home Farm Cottage, Cholesbury Lane, Cholesbury, Buckinghamshire, HP23 6ND, Removal of a willow, crown reduction of a maple, pruning of branches on two hazels and removal of a branch from a hawthorn - all trees within a Conservation Area. *No TPO shall be made.*  
(c) *Notice of Appeals*: None.  
(d) *To receive an update on Enforcement Cases*:  
It has been decided by the Planning Inspectorate that there will be a formal inquiry with regard to the appeals at The White Lion. The hearing date is planned for May 2016.  
A retrospective application from the owners of Woodlands Farm, Shire Lane is now long overdue. Cllr Allen will follow-up with the planning department at CDC.  
Cllr Allen will also follow up with the planning department with regard to The Bungalow at Bottom Road, for which action is also overdue.
- 1833) The Green at Buckland Common

The council thanked Cllrs Blomfield and Matthews who had undertaken the work to maintain the common over the Spring and Summer, largely free of charge.

1834) Springall Hill allotments

(a) £387.50 has been received in rents. £50.00 is outstanding. One allotment holder has given up half of a plot and another allotment holder has taken it over. One allotment holder has given up a whole plot and it is still to be rented out.

(b) Cllr Blomfield reported that where path-widths had been diminished, they were being restored.

1835) Highways

a) Cllr Blomfield has cut the grass, free of charge, along the large verge at Jenkins Lane rather than wait for it to be done by CDC. Some other verges have been cut by CDC, but not all. There has been some progress on the "to-do" list. The clerk will arrange another meeting with the LAT. Cllr Allen will continue to follow-up with County Cllr Birchley with regard to the maintenance of several local roads.

1836) To review and discuss the Risk Assessment for 2015-16

It was resolved to initiate an annual inspection of Buckland Common.

1837) To receive an update on matters relating the condition of bridleway CY25 and discuss any other footpath issues

It was resolved that the Clerk would contact the Rights of Way Officer to suggest a meeting between themselves and Cllr Blomfield to review the state of the bridleway, now that it is returning to a poor state in the autumn weather.

1838) To receive an update on Superfast Broadband

Buckland Common and St. Leonards and Bellingdon have "gone live". There is a delay in Hawridge and Cholesbury due to power supply problems, which involve UK Power Networks as well as BT OpenReach. It is hoped that these will be resolved by Christmas.

1839) To receive an update on the current status of the transport devolution project

New meetings have been proposed and it may be that the rules for participation in the project have been relaxed. Cllrs Allen and Brown will consider attendance at these meetings to review the status of the offer.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.

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

Date of next meeting: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at St. Leonards Parish Hall.