

CHOLESBURY-CUM-ST LEONARDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in St. Leonards Parish Hall on Monday 25th April 2016 at 8pm

Present: Cllrs Allen, Blomfield, Brown, Joseph and Sanger.
Also present: Mrs Lewis (Clerk) and County Cllr Birchley.

1925) To receive apologies for absence
Cllrs Matthews and Minting and District Cllr Rose.

1926) Matters arising
None.

1927) To receive declarations of interest
None.

1928) Questions from members of the public
County Cllr Birchley reported that there was still very little money in the budget for rural roads this year. Repair of Browns Rise was a priority. Cllr Allen noted the frequency with which road repairs fail and that if repairs were more effective, there would be more available budget for new repairs.
County Cllr Birchley also reported on HS2. Currently much effort is being focussed on identifying the best haulage route between Wendover, where most plant will be stationed and Great Missenden, where some of the work will be undertaken. There are significant concerns regarding congestion on surrounding road networks. In addition, the new housing/stadium development planned to the East of Aylesbury will add to general congestion, with work on HS2 also taking place to the West of the town. An additional area of debate with regard to HS2 is that there are concerns that a shallow tunnel planned through Wendover will disturb the water table in the area, which may increase the incidence of flooding. A deeper bored tunnel would reduce the probability of flooding, but this option is not favoured by HS2 planners due to cost. Cllr Brown asked about the possibility that there would be proposals to widen the A413. County Cllr Birchley replied that this had been raised as an option in the past, but there had been no recent discussions of this nature.

1929) Questions to the Chairman
None.

1930) To approve the minutes of the Meetings of the Parish Council
It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 21st March 2016 and those of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 11th April 2016 .

1931) Reports
(a) *Clerk's Report*: The report was received from Mrs Lewis (see attached) and actions agreed.
(b) *Turpin Charity*: Legal discussion continues between each party's solicitor and Cllr Allen will attend a meeting on 28/04/16 with the charities chairman and their solicitor in order to attempt to expedite matters.

1932) 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 Oct 15-Mar 16) £284.59; Frank Brown & Son (Hedge cutting at Allotments 2015&2016) £96.00; ICO (Data Protection Register – Annual Fee) £35.00; Chris Brown (Mileage and parking expenses – Devolution Meetings 13th (Aylesbury) & 14th (Chesham) April) £20.05; SLCC (Annual Membership 2016-17) £103.
(b) The quarterly budget report (Jan-Mar 2016) was reviewed and accepted by the Council.

1933) Planning
(a) To deal with any planning applications, including those received after the date of the agenda;
(i) CH/2016/0562/FA (Application) & CH/2016/0564/HB (Listed Building Consent) Dundridge Manor, Oak Lane, St. Leonards, HP23 6NN Demolition of single storey rear extension and timber-framed log store, erection of single storey rear extension. The Parish Council had no comment on this application.
(ii) CH/2016/0625/FA The Old Smithy, Hawridge Common, Hawridge, HP5 2UQ Single storey side extension. The Parish Council had no comment on this application.
(b) To receive decisions of Chiltern District Council.
(i) CH/2016/0251/FA Kiln House, Shire Lane, Cholesbury, Buckinghamshire, HP23 6NA, Two storey rear extension, removal of chimney, flat to pitched replacement garage roof, replacement roofs with slate, exterior rendering to brickwork (amendments to planning permission CH/2015/0384/FA). Conditional Permission.
(ii) CH/2016/0300/FA Home Farm Cottage, Cholesbury Lane, Cholesbury, Buckinghamshire, HP23 6ND, Single storey rear extension. Conditional Permission.
(c) To receive notice of appeals.
None.

1934) The Green at Buckland Common

Cllr Blomfield no longer has the equipment to mow The Green and so a contractor will need to be appointed. Cllr Blomfield will speak to potential candidates and feedback to the Council on those interested in the work.

1935) Springall Hill allotments

There were no matters to discuss.

1936) Highways

- a) It was agreed that the Clerk should alert John Lowe (TfB) of the Japanese Knotweed growth observed last year at the junction of Heath End and the Wigginton Road.
- b) It was agreed that, following the departure of the LAT for the area, the Clerk would forward a list of all outstanding road-related matters to John Lowe.
- c) It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the owner of Long Mayling to suggest that the boundary hedge to the property be cut back, especially due to its location on a blind bend.
- d) Cllr Allen has requested a list of proposed works in the Parish for 2016-17 from District Cllr Mark Shaw (Cabinet Member for Transportation), but this has not yet been received.
- e) It was agreed that the Clerk would draft an advert for expressions of interest in work to clean road signs in the Parish, for review by the Council. (See Clerk's report item 2 in addition).
- f) Cllr Brown reported that Conservation activities had been removed from the list of included items that funding could be provided for within the LAF budget. Cllrs were requested to consider potential candidate projects in time for the June meeting.
- g) Over the two weeks in March that the MVAS was located on the bend near the church in St. Leonards between 480-580 cars travelled into the village, from the direction of Wendover, every day. Fifteen percent of those cars were travelling above the speed limit, with a very few exceeding 50 mph. There was no obvious pattern over the two weeks. It was felt that the position on the bend would limit the numbers of drivers speeding and that the location of the machine at Cholesbury Common in July might detect a higher number.

1937) To resolve to incorporate changes to the Financial Regulations as agreed at the meeting on 21/3/16

The changes to items 1.6, 6.4 and section 11, as suggested by NALC, were incorporated and agreed.

1938) To receive an update on Superfast Broadband

The upgrade to the Cholesbury exchange was completed 3-4 weeks ago and for those using the ADSL service, download speeds should increase from between 1-8 mbps to between 1-24 mbps. For those residents receiving an exchange-only broadband service (i.e. Asheridge, Rays Hill, Braziers End and Oak Lane), that service is now active, although there are some issues being experienced in obtaining this service from suppliers. A second roll-out is now being considered for those properties that are currently too far away from exchanges in order to benefit from the upgrade (i.e. Asheridge beyond the Blue Ball, properties in The Vale that are on the Chesham exchange and Coppice Farm Park).

1939) To discuss insurance arrangements for 2016-17

A quote has been received from the current insurer, which is in line with last year's premium. The previous insurer declined to quote, as they did not believe they could compete on price and another insurer has been approached, but has yet to quote.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

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

Date of next meeting: Monday 23rd May 2016 at St. Leonards Parish Hall.