

CHOLESBURY-CUM-ST LEONARDS PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllrs Allen, Brown, Joseph and Sanger.

Also present: Mrs Lewis (Clerk), District Cllr Rose, County Cllr Birchley and three members of the public.

1975) To receive apologies for absence

Cllrs Blomfield, Matthews and Minting.

1976) Matters arising

None.

1977) To receive declarations of interest

Cllr Allen declared an interest in planning application CH/2016/1329/KA as he is a member of the Board of Trustees of the land on which Hawridge and Cholesbury School is located.

1978) Questions from members of the public

County Cllr Birchley reported that following communication and a meeting between Cllr Allen and Mark Averill (Head of Highways, BCC) to review the condition of the roads in the Parish, The Vale would be selected to be a priority road for resurfacing in the 2017/18 budget. The Parish Council thanked County Cllr Birchley for that decision.

Cllr Brown questioned whether, following the decrease in funding and scope for project choices, the LAT forums were any longer relevant for small, rural Parish Councils. County Cllr Birchley replied that these were relevant concerns and would be raised at a County-wide level.

District Cllr Rose reported that work on the Local Plan continues with the aim of undertaking another round of consultations in the autumn. Cllr Brown questioned whether there would be consultations at a Parish level and District Cllr Rose replied that, although this had not yet been decided, the comment would be taken forward.

It was also reported that, following a negative recommendation by the House of Lords Select Committee to a long tunnel through the Chilterns for HS2, that CDC were to review their continued petitioning for this option. All leaders have written to the new Prime Minister to request a review of the current plans.

1979) Questions to the Chairman

None.

1980) 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 27th June 2016.

1981) Reports

(a) *Clerk's Report*: The report was received from Mrs Lewis (see attached) and actions agreed. It was noted that appropriate actions have been taken with regard to automatic enrolment into a pension plan. The Clerk has chosen not to enter into a scheme, the PC is not required to contribute and this has been declared to the Pensions Regulator.

(b) *Turpin Charity*: The trustees are meeting next week to review investment options for the proceeds of the land sale.

(c) *LAF*: Cllr Brown reported that the review of TFB services, such as gritting, has not been completed in time for the 2016 winter season and will be re-started in 2017.

1982) Finance

(a) Orders for payment were approved for: The Clerk's salary (for July); P. Matthews Agricultural Contractors (Grass Cut, Buckland Common) £96.00; St. John Ambulance (Attendance at Beacon Lighting) £99.36

(b) The Q1 financial statement was reviewed and received with no comment.

1983) Planning

(a) To deal with any planning applications, including those received after the date of the agenda;

(i) CH/2016/1032/FA 2 Springhall Hill Cottages, Springhall Hill, Buckland Common, Buckinghamshire, HP23 6NL.

Part two storey, part first floor front/side/rear extension, replacement garage to rear, widening of access and replacement gates. The Parish Council had no objection to the proposed extensions to the main dwelling, although it made the observation that the proposed extension to the front of the dwelling would not be in keeping with the current vernacular of the cottages. With regard to the bricks used in any extension, it suggested that they match those used in the original dwelling and not any later extensions. It did object to the proposed garage redevelopment as it is felt that the size of the proposed structure would stand out too prominently in its setting.

(ii) CH/2016/1262/KA Hither Croft, Hawridge Common, Hawridge, Buckinghamshire, HP5 2UQ, Felling of three ash trees within a Conservation Area. The Parish Council had no comment on the application.

(iii) CH/2016/1183/FA & CH/2016/1186/HB High Chimneys, Cholesbury Lane, Cholesbury, HP23 6ND, Single storey front extension, side link extension to barn incorporating conversion to ancillary habitable accommodation, removal of side boiler room chimney, internal alterations, fenestration alterations. The Parish Council had no comment on the application.

(iv) CH/2016/1329/KA Hawridge and Cholesbury Church of England School, Hawridge Common, Hawridge, HP5 2UQ, Removal of a mixed hedge including holly, ash and conifers within a Conservation Area. The Parish Council had no comment on the application.

(v) CH/2016/1204/FA Little Bury Wood, Cholesbury Lane, Cholesbury, HP23 6ND, First floor side/first floor rear extensions, fenestration alterations. The Parish Council had no comment on the application.

(vi) CH/2016/1286/FA The Cottage, Hawridge Common, Hawridge, HP5 2UQ, Two storey front extension and fenestration alterations. The Parish Council had no comment on the application.

(b) To receive decisions of Chiltern District Council and those of the planning inspectorate.

(i) CH/2016/0950/KA The Bury, Cholesbury Road, Cholesbury, Buckinghamshire, HP23 6ND, Felling of two beech trees within a Conservation Area. Application cancelled.

(ii) CH/2016/0951/TP The Bury, Cholesbury Road, Cholesbury, Buckinghamshire, HP23 6ND, Felling of two beech trees and crown reduction of a beech tree - all protected by a Tree Preservation Order. Application withdrawn.

(iii) CH/2015/2083/FA The Bury, Cholesbury Road, Cholesbury, Buckinghamshire, HP23 6ND, Erection of detached garage outbuilding with store. Appeal allowed.

(c) To receive notice of appeals.

None.

1984) The Green at Buckland Common
There were no matters to discuss.

1985) Springall Hill allotments
Plot 17 has been cleared by Cllr Blomfield and there is interest in it. All of plot 5 has now been let.

1986) Highways
a) Cllr Allen reported that he had an undertaking from Mark Averill that all major defects on the roads in the Parish would be repaired by the end of August.
b) Further to queries made by the Parish Council in March of this year about the alternate spellings for Spring(h)all Hill it would appear that, based on information received from CDC and the Local History Group, that prior to 1977 there were several variations in the spelling, until a survey of residents voted to adopt Springall Hill. The following year the Electoral register was changed, however, in the period since somehow Springhall Hill has been adopted by the Royal Mail, Land Registry and Council databases, other than the electoral register. It was agreed that the Parish Council would contact the residents to gather their opinions/preferences on the spelling and feedback to CDC.

1987) Devolved responsibilities
a) The Cllrs resolved that, in the first instance, parties interested in the proposed sign-cleaning work should speak with Cllr Brown to assess suitability for the work and their interest in providing an assessment for the work. Cllr Allen proposed that the draft agreement, based on templates provided by other devolved councils, be reviewed, at no charge, by a lawyer and it was agreed by all Cllrs present, except Cllr Brown.
b) The footway from the church in St. Leonards to St. Leonards Parish Hall needs siding out and John Horn is to provide a quote to the council for review. As the council does not meet in August, it was resolved that any agreement can be reviewed and may be agreed by the Chairman and the Clerk.

1988) To discuss an invitation by Chartridge PC to collectively purchase an MVAS for joint use
The council resolved that it was satisfied with the level of access available to the MVAS currently shared with Chesham and Chartridge and would decline the invitation to co-purchase another MVAS for sole use with Chartridge PC.

The meeting closed at 9.39pm

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

Date of next meeting: Monday 26th September 2016 at Cholesbury Village Hall.