

CHOLESBURY-CUM-ST LEONARDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in Cholesbury Village Hall on Monday 27th June 2016 at 8pm

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

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

1960) To receive apologies for absence

Cllr Joseph.

1961) Matters arising

None.

1962) To receive declarations of interest

None.

1963) Questions from members of the public

County Cllr Birchley reported that on 24th June she had inspected the roads in the Parish with the new LAT, Ivan Crome, and had fed back findings to Cllr Mark Shaw, Cabinet Member for Transportation. Cllr Allen replied that he was still awaiting a response from Cllr Shaw on what action could be expected on the Parish roads this year, despite several emails sent to him by Cllr Allen since the middle of April. County Cllr Birchley promised to follow-up with Cllr Shaw directly. County Cllr Birchley emphasised the need for the public to report potholes on line as this was the most effective way of bringing them to the attention of the LAT. County Cllr Birchley also reported that she was involved with reviewing the business case for formation of a Unitary Authority.

District Cllr Rose reported that the New Local Plan was at the stage of reviewing Green Belt boundaries and areas to be earmarked for housing and business development, but that this Parish was not affected. CDC is also reviewing the business case for a Unitary Authority, in conjunction with other Districts, but separate from BCC. Cllr Brown questioned whether the review would unite in an opinion prior to initiating a public consultation and this was confirmed. Cllr Brown also asked what effect the recent referendum result might have on HS2, but District Cllr Rose replied that it was too early to tell. Regarding the recent hearing by the Planning Inspectorate of matters related to The White Lion, Buckland Common, it is expected that a decision will be made in approximately six weeks.

Two members of the public, who did not live adjacent to Buckland Common, questioned why the whole top section had not been cut this year and instead only part. The minutes of the previous meeting were referred to and the agreement made between the Council and Mr Baker, which was based on homeowners adjoining the Common having been consulted. It was suggested by the Council that if users of the Common, whose properties did not adjoin the Common, had suggestions to make on amendment of the current arrangement, that it should be discussed within the community and, if changes were agreed, a proposition brought to the Council for approval.

1964) Questions to the Chairman

None.

1965) To approve the minutes of the Meetings of the Parish Council

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Annual meeting of the Parish Council held on 23rd May 2016.

1966) Reports

(a) *Clerk's Report*: The report was received from Mrs Lewis (see attached) and actions agreed.

(b) *Turpin Charity*: The land has now been sold and the Charity is investigating options for investing the funds.

1967) Finance

(a) Orders for payment were approved for: The Clerk's salary (for June including backdated national salary scale increase to April 2016); Chris Brown (Reimbursement for payment of domain name hosting, 3 yrs with Daily.co.uk) £20.66; Chris Brown (Reimbursement for payment of website hosting, 3 yrs with bluehost.com) £181.05; IAC Ltd (Internal Audit 2015-16) £180.00; John Horn (Renovate Millennium Bench on Cholesbury Common & repair seat and support on bench on Buckland Common) £235.00; Thames Water (Allotments Mar-Jun 2016) £5.99.

(b) One of the doors on the Buckland Common noticeboard has fallen apart as the wooden surround is rotten. An emergency repair has been undertaken by John Horn to secure it for use until a new door can be supplied. It was agreed that John Horn will organise this.

c) Section 2 of the annual return was signed by the Clerk and the Chairman.

1968) Planning

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

(i) CH/2016/0942/FA Unit 7, Woodlands Farm, The Vale, Hawridge, Buckinghamshire, Replacement storage and distribution building. The agreed response was as follows: The Council does not object to this application but insists on the inclusion of the same conditions that apply to the current building, which are specified in the Approval Statement of CH/2014/0355. Specifically, conditions relating to the days and time of day when restrictions on vehicle movement apply, prohibition of changing internal floorspace by adding a mezzanine, and limitations on use of the hard standing outside the building.

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

(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. Withdrawn.

(ii) CH/2016/0625/FA The Old Smithy, Hawridge Common, Hawridge, HP5 2UQ Single storey side extension. Conditional Permission.

(iii) CH/2016/0814/FA The Old School House, Swan Lane, St. Leonards, HP23 6NP Single storey rear extension to replace existing conservatory. Conditional Permission.

(iv) CH/2015/1990/FA Hawridge Court Farm, Church Lane, Hawridge, Buckinghamshire, HP5 2ZB. Appeal against refusal of permission for a single storey side extension, widening of existing rear dormer windows. Appeal allowed.

(v) CH/2015/1991/FA Hawridge Court Farm, Church Lane, Hawridge, Buckinghamshire, HP5 2ZB. Appeal against refusal of permission for a detached carport and store to replace existing. Appeal refused.

(c) To receive notice of appeals.

None.

(d) To note that the Parish Council agreed not to meet to discuss the following applications and a response of 'No Comment' was sent to the Planning Department. This was noted by the members.

1969) The Green at Buckland Common

a) LTN41 – Responsibilities of Councils and Landowners was reviewed and noted by the members.

b) It was agreed that Matthews Agricultural Contractors would cut the whole of the Common in July and send an invoice to the Clerk.

1970) Springall Hill allotments

Of the spare plot, one half has been taken and there is interest in the other half.

1971) Highways

a) There have been further changes to the TfB team for the area and the clerk is trying to chase up all outstanding matters with the new LAT via their new line manager. This will include sourcing of granite sets for completion of the triangle demarcation at the bottom of Church Lane, Hawridge. Cllr Allen is still chasing a response from Cllr Mark Shaw, Cabinet Member for Transportation as to the overall state of the roads in the area, the priority given to rural roads and the quality of the workmanship.

b) Cllr Brown presented a draft list of road signs in the Parish, which he had collated, and Cllr Allen will assign areas for each Cllr to check for accuracy and assess for cleaning requirement. A draft contract was presented by the Clerk, based on templates provided by BCC from Councils that are already providing devolved services and comments will be welcomed from members. Once the contract and road-sign list are complete the information will be forwarded to those individuals/companies interested in providing a quote for the work.

c) There were no suggestions for bids for LAF funded projects from the 2017/18 budget.

1972) To receive and review the internal audit report for financial year 2015-16

There were no comments on the report.

1973) To receive a report on 'Developing a Unitary Business Case' meeting

Cllr Brown attended the recent meeting and reported that following efforts to save money by sharing services between District Councils i.e. planning, all reasonable opportunities were now exhausted and with more money needing to be saved the Districts and County were looking at the possibilities for forming a unitary authority (i.e. combining District and County Council or combining Districts. Discussions are at a preliminary stage, with four Districts (Wycombe, Chiltern, Aylesbury and South Bucks) conducting a joint review in addition to a separate review being conducted by BCC. Ultimately, no changes can be made without agreement of all parties.

1974) To review the Chiltern Community and Wellbeing Plan

Cllr Brown noted that no mention was specifically made within the plan for rural communities, which have differing needs and challenges to urban communities and it was agreed that the clerk would feed this back to the relevant department at CDC.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

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

Date of next meeting: Monday 25th July 2016 at St. Leonards Parish Hall.