

CHOLESBURY-CUM-ST LEONARDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in Cholesbury Village Hall on Monday 26th September 2016 at 8pm

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

Also present: Mrs Lewis (Clerk) and County Cllr Birchley.

1989) To receive apologies for absence

Cllrs Matthews and District Cllr Rose.

1990) Matters arising

None.

1991) To receive declarations of interest

None.

1992) Questions from members of the public

County Cllr Birchley reported that Buckinghamshire had enjoyed improved GCSE and A level results this summer across the board and that, most importantly, the gap between higher and lower ends of the achievement scale had lessened. The Parish Council asked County Cllr Birchley to report on the business case for a Unitary Authority, recently agreed and sent out for consultation to the public, Parish, Town and District Councils. It is proposed to have one authority combining Aylesbury Vale, Wycombe, Chiltern, South Bucks and Bucks County Council, which it is thought, could save approximately £18 million per year. Roll-out is anticipated in 2019 with elections held to result in having less than 100 Cllrs, from the current number of over 200. Bucks County Council is currently going through the process of meeting with Town and Parish Councils to present their plans and give the opportunity for comment. The four District Councils are undertaking their own consultations. The presentation to this Parish Council is set for 21/11/16. Cllr Brown questioned whether the 'Community Boards' foreseen in the plan (to represent the interests of community organisations and issues at a more local level) would have sufficient influence within the Unitary Authority, taking into account, for example, that Parish Councils are not planned to have voting rights on the boards at the same time as potentially have increased functions devolved from the Unitary Authority. County Cllr Birchley took the point on board. County Cllr Birchley expressed frustration at the delays to work on road defects in the Parish, especially after having visited the Parish with six different LAT's in the preceding few months. The recent work done (about 40% of the total required) has stopped due to budget constraints. Mark Kemp of BCC Transport division has been asked to look into whether additional funding can be found. Cllr Allen asked for assurance that The Vale would be resurfaced in the 2017-18 budget and County Cllr Birchley replied that it would be her priority project for that year. Work is also planned to have the SuperSucker cleanse all of the gulleys along The Vale, Rays Hill and Hawridge Hill.

1993) Questions to the Chairman

None.

1994) 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 25th July 2016.

1995) Reports

(a) *Clerk's Report*: The report was received from Mrs Lewis (see attached) and actions agreed, including additions to the flooding information provided to include areas prone to flash flooding on Bottom Road and along The Vale. Cllr Allen said he would mention the variability in quality of planning information submitted by applicants when he meets with Cllr Derby later in the week as well as asking whether the District Council would be presenting its plans for a Unitary Authority, or otherwise, to Town and Parish Councils.

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

(c) *St. Leonards Parish Hall*: The current fete committee is retiring and therefore a new team is needed to run the fete next year. Following the annual RoSPA inspection, it has been recommended that several areas of the playground be replaced and new fencing has been erected for the pre-school's play area. There is another pub night to be held on the 30th September.

(d) *Rural Policing Group*: In recent months there has been a small increase in the incidence of both dwelling and non-dwelling burglaries, although this has now subsided and may be linked to the recent arrest of an individual. The ANPR sign erected at the junction of Cholesbury Lane and Cholesbury Road was part of an operation to identify vehicles involved in criminal activity, potentially using the roads in the Parish as a means of avoiding detection along main routes. The operation did not detect any significant criminal activity. Cllr Brown had inquired as to whether there had been other thefts of post boxes in the area, considering that there had been two stolen in the Parish. There had only been one other theft locally, from The Lee. The MVAS machine, erected by the cricket pitch in July, did not detect any significant problems with speeding, with only a few exceptions.

1996) Finance

Orders for payment were approved for: The Clerk's salary (for September) and payment of August's salary was noted; CPRE (Annual Membership) £36.00; Mazars (External Audit Fee) £120.00; Thames Water (Allotment supply Jun-

Sep2016) £4.48; John Allen (Reimbursement for payment of fee for emergency repair of glass panel with Perspex in Buckland Common noticeboard) £5.00.

1997) Planning

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

(i) CH/2016/1570/FA Thorncroft, Bottom Road, Buckland Common, Buckinghamshire, HP23 6NU, Single storey rear extension, replacement roof to existing garage. The Parish Council had no comment to make on this application.

(ii) CH/2016/1609/KA & CH/2016/1605/TP The Old Manor House, Cholesbury Lane, Cholesbury, HP23 6ND, Crown reduction of an apple tree within a Conservation Area & Reduction of length of lowest lateral branches of two ash trees - both protected by a Tree Preservation Order. The Parish Council had no comment to make on this application.

(iii) CH/2016/1711/FA 2 Springall Hill Cottages, Springall Hill, Buckland Common, HP23 6NL, Single storey front extension, part two storey, part first floor side rear extensions, single storey rear extension, fenestration alterations, replacement garage. The Parish Council of Cholesbury-cum-St. Leonards has no objection to the proposed extensions to the main dwelling, although it would like to make the observation that the proposed extension to the front of the dwelling would still not be in keeping with the current vernacular of the cottages.

(b) It was noted that the council agreed not to meet to discuss the following applications and that a response of 'No Comment' was sent to the District Council;

(i) CH/2016/1312/FA Lane End Cottage, Lanes End, St Leonards, Buckinghamshire, HP23 6LF, Replacement front porch, replacement porch canopy to side, pitched roof extension over existing flat roof on main part of dwelling.

(ii) CH/2016/1327/FA Hawridge Court Farm, Church Lane, Hawridge, Buckinghamshire, HP5 2ZB, Detached carport and store to replace existing outbuildings.

(iii/iv) CH/2016/1366/FA & CH/2016/1367/HB Dundridge Manor, Oak Lane, St Leonards, Buckinghamshire, HP23 6NN, Demolition of rear single storey extension and erection of single storey oak frame extension.

(v) CH/2016/1373/FA 4 Wood View Cottages, The Vale, Hawridge, Buckinghamshire, HP5 3NT, Single storey rear extension.

(vi) CH/2016/1578/AGN OS Field 3831 (access Adjacent to Boxtree Cottage), Cholesbury Lane, Hawridge Common, Hawridge, Buckinghamshire, Erection of agricultural storage building.

(c) The following decisions were received by the council;

(i) CH/2015/1525/VRC Buildings 1, 2B/C/D/E, 4B/C/D/E/F, 5 and 6, Woodlands Farm, The Vale, Hawridge, Buckinghamshire, Variation of Conditions 2-9 inclusive of planning permission CH/2007/1166/FA so as to allow use without the personal user restriction.

(ii) CH/2015/2208/FA The Rose and Crown Public House, Hawridge Common, Hawridge, Buckinghamshire, HP5 2ZD, Demolition of Rose and Crown Public House and redevelopment of site to provide six dwellings with associated hardstanding, access and landscaping. Refused Permission.

(iii) CH/2016/0204/FA Woodland Farm, Shire Lane, Cholesbury, Buckinghamshire, HP23 6NA, Change of use of land to equestrian and formation of manege (Retrospective). Conditional Permission.

(iv) CH/2016/0203/FA Woodland Farm, Shire Lane, Cholesbury, Buckinghamshire, HP23 6NA, Change of use and extension of existing building to use as a single dwelling (Retrospective). Refused Permission.

(v) CH/2016/0859/FA Blackhorse Field, land adjoining Woodlands Farm, The Vale, Hawridge Increase from 6 to 15 dogs. Conditional Permission.

(vi) CH/2016/0942/FA Unit 7, Woodlands Farm, The Vale, Hawridge, Buckinghamshire, Replacement storage and distribution building. Conditional Permission.

(vii) CH/2016/1032/FA 2 Springall 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. Refused Permission.

(viii) CH/2016/1262/KA Hither Croft, Hawridge Common, Hawridge, Buckinghamshire, HP5 2UQ, Felling of three ash trees within a Conservation Area. No TPO shall be made.

(ix) 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. Conditional Permission.

(x) 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. Conditional Permission.

(xi) CH/2016/1204/FA Little Bury Wood, Cholesbury Lane, Cholesbury, HP23 6ND, First floor side/first floor rear extensions, fenestration alterations. Conditional Permission.

(xii) CH/2016/1286/FA The Cottage, Hawridge Common, Hawridge, HP5 2UQ, Two storey front extension and fenestration alterations. Conditional Permission.

(xiii) CH/2016/1312/FA Lane End Cottage, Lanes End, St Leonards, Buckinghamshire, HP23 6LF, Replacement front porch, replacement porch canopy to side, pitched roof extension over existing flat roof on main part of dwelling. Conditional Permission.

(xiv) CH/2016/1327/FA Hawridge Court Farm, Church Lane, Hawridge, Buckinghamshire, HP5 2ZB, Detached carport and store to replace existing outbuildings. Conditional Permission.

(xv) CH/2016/1366/FA & CH/2016/1367/HB Dundridge Manor, Oak Lane, St Leonards, Buckinghamshire, HP23 6NN, Demolition of rear single storey extension and erection of single storey oak frame extension. Conditional Permission.

(xvi) CH/2016/1373/FA 4 Wood View Cottages, The Vale, Hawridge, Buckinghamshire, HP5 3NT, Single storey rear extension. Conditional Permission.

(xvii) CH/2016/1578/AGN OS Field 3831 (access Adjacent to Boxtree Cottage), Cholesbury Lane, Hawridge Common, Hawridge, Buckinghamshire, Erection of agricultural storage building. No objection.

(d) To receive notice of appeals.

None.

1998) The Green at Buckland Common

It was agreed that Cllr Matthews would be asked to undertake the final cut of the year.

1999) Springall Hill allotments

Contract renewal notices have been sent out and so far £200 in rents have been received. All tenants were reminded to maintain the necessary path widths and to attempt to minimise weed growth in respect of other tenants.

2000) Highways

Cllr Allen has written again to Mark Averill (Head of Highways) and Mark Shaw (Cabinet Member for Transportation) to ask why the work promised for completion by the end of August is incomplete, with work only being completed on Little Twye, Bottom Road and Cholesbury Road to a good standard. Work was undertaken on Jenkins Lane at the top of Gilberts Hill, but the Parish Council does not deem this to be of a good standard. The Clerk is meeting on 27/9/16 with Rosie Taylor from TfB to inspect the grassed area opposite Laburnham Cottage in St. Leonards to see when that can be cut in the whole, rather than just to the 1m edging done throughout the summer as a vision splay.

2001) Devolved responsibilities

- a) As the only interested party in sign-cleaning did not wish to proceed in the end with quoting for the work, and the level of cleaning needed being relatively low, it was agreed that for the immediate future the Cllrs would clean signs themselves on a volunteer basis, as and when needed.
- b) It was agreed to obtain additional quotes for the siding out of the footpath along Jenkins Lane prior to a decision being made.

2002) To receive an update on SFBB

Cllr Brown reported that Bucks Business First has spearheaded a successful campaign for a further roll-out of SFBB, in 2017-18, to all areas in the Parish that were either not included in the previous roll-out or were included, but did not achieve the Broadband speeds anticipated.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm

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

Date of next meeting: Monday 24th October 2016 at Cholesbury St. Leonards Parish Hall.