

## CHOLESBURY-CUM-ST LEONARDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in St. Leonards Parish Hall on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 8pm

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

Also present: County Cllr Birchley, Mrs Lewis (Clerk) and one member of the public.

2066) To receive apologies for absence

Cllrs Joseph and Matthews and District Cllr Rose.

2067) Matters arising

None.

2068) To receive declarations of interest

None.

2069) Questions from members of the public

County Cllr Birchley reported that she was pushing for further work at Heath End by TfB who currently deem the road to be not in need of further repair. Further assistance was offered to the council in resolution of the state of the triangle at Church Lane, Hawridge, but it was explained that this was not necessary at this point (see 2080). A complaint had been made by a resident in Lanes End about speed along Chapel Lane. County Cllr Birchley will reply that the MVAS will be located there in April. Finally, it was reported that a decision by central government on the opposing plans by the District and County Councils on future structure, which was expected by the end of March, has not been forthcoming. Cllr Brown asked whether the 1.99% increase in Council Tax to fund social care would actually be sufficient to cover costs. It is thought that a deficit is still likely.

2070) Questions to the Chairman

None.

2071) 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 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

2072) Reports

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

(b) Chairman's Meeting with CDC 15/3/17; (Cllr Allen); The meeting covered the District's view on the future shape of local government, there was a speaker from HS2's Community Engagement Team, discussion of Business Rate changes and attendees were informed that there was likely to be a delay to the next consultation stage of the Local Plan, in order to take into account potential forthcoming changes to central government housing and green belt policy. Cllr Allen asked for an update on the Conservation Area Review, which is due to be forthcoming and also raised discussion on Community Right to Bid legislation, which in its current form prevents investors from obtaining a return on such projects, thereby potentially limiting the use of the legislation.

(c) Local BMKALC Meeting 22/3/17; (Cllr Allen); The meeting covered the County's view on the future shape of local government and there was a presentation from Head of Highways, as well as discussion on traffic congestion and traffic levels through villages. Cllr Allen spoke to the meeting about issues the Parish had experienced with poor implementation of TfB projects and the poor level of communication before and after project initiation and completion.

(d) New Local Area Structure – Thames Valley Police 6/3/17; (Cllr Brown); The presentation from the meeting was reviewed with members. TVP will focus activities in three distinct areas; Response; Investigation & Neighbourhood Policing in order to maximise the effect from allocated resources, when previously cross over between the areas had a negative impact on outcomes. Crime in Chiltern district is down 2%. Priorities are dwelling burglaries, violence against the person and safeguarding. Certain locations within the district are identified as places with high incidences of anti-social behaviour and police will be focussing on them. A new Community Forum is to be set-up.

(e) Rural Policing Group; (Cllr Joseph); Cllr Brown reported that Operation Ranger is still in effect in the hilltop villages, patrolling the area.

2073) Finance

(a) Orders for payment were approved for: The Clerk's salary (for March); St. Leonards Parish Hall (Hall hire Jan-Mar 2017) £26.00; Cholesbury Village Hall (Hall hire Jan-Mar 2017) £58.50; Chiltern District Council (Dog Bin Emptying Oct '16- Mar '17) £284.59.

(b) To discuss donations to;

(i) Hawridge and Cholesbury Cricket Club towards new nets; the cricket club has applied to the Playing Field Legacy Fund for the amount outstanding to cover the cost, for which the council agreed to provide a letter of reference, drafted by the cricket club. If the application is successful then there is no requirement for additional funding. The members agreed that a contribution could be made if the application is unsuccessful or funding is incomplete.

(ii) Chiltern Conservation Board towards research, education and conservation activities related to Hillforts; the members agreed a donation of £200.00 as it was felt that increased awareness of Cholesbury's hillfort would be beneficial to the Parish, in particular local public houses.

(iii) Helen and Douglas House Hospice towards their charity work; the members agreed a donation of £200.00 towards the work of this charity.

(c) The Clerk's grade increase, by one point, effective April 2017 was noted.

2074) Planning

- (a) To deal with any planning applications, including those received after the date of the agenda;
- (i) AOC/0022/17 Submission of aftercare scheme in accordance with condition 33 of planning permission Ref; CH/2009/0892/BCC, Land off Arrewig Lane, Chartridge, Chesham. The application was noted by the council.
- (b) To note that the Parish Council agreed not to meet to discuss the following application and that a reply of 'No Comment' was sent to the Planning Department at the District Council.
- (i) CH/2017/0356/KA Milton Cottage, Hawridge Common, Hawridge, Buckinghamshire, HP5 2UH, Crown reduction of four ash trees and reduction of two hollies to hedge height - all within a Conservation Area.
- (ii) CH/2017/0211/EU 1 & 2 Hawridge Vale Cottages, Hawridge Vale, Hawridge, Buckinghamshire, HP5 2UG, Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for an existing use in relation to the use of 1 and 2 Hawridge Vale Cottages as a single dwellinghouse (Use Class C3).
- (c) The following decisions were received by the council;
- (i) CH/2017/0084/FA The Potteries, Broomstick Lane, Cholesbury, HP23 6PF, Single storey oak framed rear extension. Conditional permission.
- (d) To receive notice of appeals.
- (i) CH/2015/2208/FA The Rose and Crown Public House Hawridge Common, Hawridge, HP5 2ZD, Demolition of Rose and Crown Public House and redevelopment of site to provide four dwellings with associated hardstanding, access and landscaping. Appeal dismissed.
- (e) To discuss potential enforcement matters; It was agreed that the clerk would contact Planning Enforcement to request consideration by them of the potential change of use of Little Pressmore Farm.

2075) The Green at Buckland Common

It was agreed by the members to maintain last year's mowing regimen, which was to cut the top section in April; cut the whole common in July; cut the whole common in October and for Mr Baker to maintain a section at the top, cut short throughout the growing season. The council thanked Mr Baker for volunteering to do this again.

2076) Springall Hill allotments

The council thanked P Matthews Agricultural Services for their work to cut the hedge.

2077) Highways

Mark Averill (Head of Highways) has agreed to visit the Parish to tour the road network in the coming month and will attend the April meeting with a representative of TfB. Some additional road repairs have been completed, that previously were said not to meet intervention criteria, such as the pothole at the junction of Rays Hill at Brazier's End and sections of the road outside Hawridge and Cholesbury School and The Full Moon. Notice has been received that the work to resurface The Vale will now cover Hawridge Hill to the start of Pound Lane, further than first thought. The Forestry Commission has cut back the hedge along Chapel Lane.

2078) Devolved responsibilities

Cllr Allen and Cllr Brown will inspect the footpath prior to the next meeting.

2079) To nominate an internal auditor for the 2016-17 financial year

It was agreed to appoint Kevin Rose of IAC Ltd.

2080) To discuss options for kerbing the triangle at Church Lane, Hawridge

Cllr Allen has asked Mark Averill (Head of Highways) to inspect the triangle during his inspection of the parish roads in the coming month. Prior to consideration of options for repair of the triangle, it was agreed that further attempts to gain agreement with TfB for them to finish the job, or at least properly repair the damage caused as a result of the works abandonment, should be made.

2081) To discuss a speaker for the Annual Parish Meeting

Following the absence of a decision on the future shape of local government in Buckinghamshire at this time, a speaker on this subject will not be relevant and therefore Cllr Allen suggested inviting Luke Nipen, Customer Engagement Manager HS2, to speak at the meeting and this was agreed by the members.

2082) To review information on fire hydrants in the Parish

The data has to be found in the archives. All members active on the council in 2003 will search their own archives.

The meeting closed at 9.57pm

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

Date of next meeting: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at Cholesbury Village Hall.